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157th SCDA Annual Session

By Dr. Carol Baker, SCDA President



The South Carolina Dental Association once again delivered an outstanding experience at the 157th Annual Session, held at the beautiful setting of the Embassy Suites Myrtle Beach Oceanfront. Our three day event showcased some of the best aspects of organized dentistry, where continuing education, fellowship and fun came together seamlessly.

With a wide variety of CE courses covering everything from patient communication and customer service to cutting-edge topics like artificial intelligence in dentistry, CBCT, esthetic restorations, and airway management, there was something valuable for every member of the dental team. Sessions were engaging, practical and immediately applicable. There was an impressive lineup of speakers that challenged attendees to elevate their clinical skills and rethink the way they approach patient care. With hands-on opportunities, including advanced training courses, participants left not just informed, but truly empowered.

Outside of the class setting, the Exhibit Hall was filled with energy throughout the meeting. Attendees connected with industry partners and explored new products and technologies. Our ever popular SCDA Foundation Silent Auction, which provides scholarships for dental and auxiliary students, blended philanthropy with excitement. There was a steady flow of activity between sessions, which reinforced the SCDA's ability to combine high quality education with meaningful interaction.

When the learning paused, the social fun began. The evening events were nothing short of exceptional. The Dessert & Karaoke Night brought laughter, camaraderie, and just enough courage for some unforgettable performances! The highlight for many was the Yacht Rock Dinner Party. It was a perfect coastal celebration filled with great food, music and the unmistakable spirit of the SCDA fellowship. Saturday's activities, including a fishing tournament and a pickleball tournament, provided yet another opportunity to unwind, connect and enjoy time with colleagues.

Perhaps the most meaningful takeaway from this year's Annual Session was the sense of connection. Organized dentistry thrives on relationships, whether with long time colleagues, new graduates, mentors or industry partners. Our meeting created countless opportunities to strengthen those bonds.

For those who were unable to attend, you were truly missed and you missed out. You missed three days of outstanding continuing education that could immediately impact your practice. You missed the conversations that spark new ideas and the relationships that sustain our profession. You missed a lot of fun with individuals that share so many of your same ideas and experiences. Most importantly, you missed an opportunity to support your SCDA and organized dentistry.

Simply put, the 157th Annual Session was a reminder of what makes organized dentistry so valuable. If this year was any indication, the 2027 meeting, being held at the Hilton Hotel in Hilton Head August 19th - 21st, is one you will not want to miss!

Executive Director's Notes

By Phil Latham, SCDA Executive Director



Last month, several SCDA leaders and dental students joined hundreds of others from across the country to convene on Washington, DC for another ADA Lobby Day.

ADA President Richard Rosato kicked off the event stating that oral health deserves a seat at the table and dentists deserve to be the ones who decide the future of the profession.

He added that "advocacy is central to our mission. It's our responsibility as dental professionals. And when we come together like this, united in purpose, we make a real impact," Dr. Rosato also said. "It's how we've secured victories right here in our nation's capital and how we continue to stand up for our profession and our patients."

The SCDA attendees met with South Carolina Senators and Representatives on several issues, but focused on three main items:

1. Student Loans and Postgraduate Educational Debt to provide interest-free student loan deferment during dental and medical residency. This matters because:
 - High educational debt can affect early-career practice decisions and can be a barrier to serving rural and underserved communities.
 - Recent changes to federal loan programs are increasing uncertainty for graduate and professional borrowers. Transition periods should not impose unintended financial harm on residents who are required to complete postgraduate training.
2. Ensure the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) maintains senior-level dental leadership and technical expertise across key agencies, so federal oral health investments are effectively administered, coordinated, and accountable. This is important because:
 - Federal oral health programs support prevention, infection control, workforce training, coverage policy, and research that improve health outcomes nationwide.
 - Reductions in dedicated oral health capacity increase the risk that oral health priorities are overlooked or managed as fragmented, agency-by-agency efforts rather than as a coordinated national infrastructure.
3. ERISA reform so state dental insurance consumer and patient protection laws apply consistently to patients covered through employer self-funded dental plans, as well as fully insured plans. This is important because:
 - Nearly half of Americans with dental benefits obtain coverage through self-funded employer plans governed by the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA).
 - As self-funded coverage grows, differences in the application of state protections can create inconsistent rules for patients and providers.
 - Insurance carriers argue that ERISA preemption allows them to avoid state insurance laws designed to protect patients and providers, producing a two-tier system of protections based on plan design rather than patient need.
 - The Improving Dental Administration (IDA) Act would require that state insurance reform laws applying to fully insured dental plans also apply to self-funded dental coverage and the carriers administering those plans, closing the ERISA preemption loophole carriers interpret as allowing them to avoid state law.

ADA Lobby Day is extremely important to keep dental issues in front of those making decisions that affect the dental industry. If you have a close relationship with one of our national or state Senators and/or Representatives reach out to the SCDA to get plugged in.

If you hold a current South Carolina Dental License and are available to provide fill-in or locum tenens work, please contact.

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Award Categories:

George P. Hoffmann, Jr. - Distinguished Dentist Award

This award is the premier and most prestigious award presented by the South Carolina Dental Association. It is to honor a member or former member for years of outstanding service to the SCDA, the dental profession, and the community. Nominees must have practiced dentistry in South Carolina for a minimum of ten years.

Meritorious Achievement Award

The nominee must be a member in good standing of the SCDA who has demonstrated in recent years significant achievement in dentistry in the areas of professionalism, leadership, academics, research, or health care delivery.

James B Edwards Citizenship Award

The nominee must be a member in good standing of the SCDA who has served the citizens of South Carolina in a manner that reflects a positive image of dentistry. Areas of achievement include humanitarian and religious activities, civic affairs, community service, or cultural contributions.

New Dentist Award

The nominee must be a member in good standing of the SCDA who has been in practice ten years or less or who is under forty years of age. The nominee must have demonstrated leadership qualities through service to dentistry.

Dental Team Award

Team members in a private office. The nominee must be from an office of a SCDA member and nominated by an SCDA member. The criteria for evaluation include:

- The nominee demonstrates the he/she holds the profession of dentistry in the highest regard.
- The nominee has five or more years of experience in the dental field.
- The nominee promotes the interest and betterment of the profession through the team concept of dentistry.
- The nominee participates in community activities that bring credit to the dental profession.
- The nominee demonstrates enthusiasm for his/her work and creates innovative ideas about patient relations and managerial modifications that improve the delivery of patient care.

Special Recognition Award

The nominee may be any individual who deserves recognition for special achievement or an extraordinary deed related or unrelated to dentistry. This award provides for special circumstances that do not conform the other awards.

Category of Award

Name of Nominee

Nominee Address

Nominee Email Address

Please attach your typed letter of recommendation and the nominee's CV.

Awards may or may not be granted at discretion of the Board. A sitting Board member may not be nominated.

SCDA Member Nominating Signature

Name (Print)

Date

Phone Number

Do you wish to remain anonymous? Yes ___ No ___

Your nomination form, letter of recommendation, and the nominee's CV must be returned by October 1, 2026 to the SCDA office. Nominator must be an SCDA Member.

These awards will be presented during the 2026 SCDA House of Delegates Meeting.

Spring Semester Updates from the MUSC James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine

By Dr. Sarandeep Huja, Dean, James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine Medical University of South Carolina



As we progress through the spring semester, I am pleased to share updates from the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine.

For our dental students, we continue to enhance our Innovation Lab, a space opened in 2024 in the student clinic where students can participate in the entire digital workflow with dedicated faculty guidance. This year we added a RayFace2 scanner. Students are learning to create full digital models for diagnosis and treatment planning from facial, CBCT and intraoral scans.

In the very near future, I look forward to sharing more advancements in digital and innovation activities in the student spaces, our digital dentistry curriculum, the Innovation Lab, and our equipment.

As always, your engagement in conversations around dental education, workforce development, and access to care remains essential. Thank you for your continued partnership to improving oral health – now and in the future – for South Carolina.

More news from the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine:



State Lobby Day:
Our students in the South Carolina American Student Dental Association joined SCDA leadership at the Statehouse in Columbia on March 17, where they met with our elected officials.

The example you set for the students early in their careers promises a strong voice for our profession for years to come.



Giving 110 kids a smile:
During Children's Dental Health Month, our college welcomed 110 children and their families for our largest Give Kids a Smile Day yet.

The event provided free dental care for families without a dental home or insurance while offering valuable pediatric experience for our students and residents.



Remote Area Medical:
Dozens of our students, faculty and staff volunteered with Remote Area Medical this year, thanks to the leadership of Dr. Joe Gambacorta, assistant dean of clinical affairs. The nonprofit provides free care through volunteer-powered mobile clinics across the U.S. Students continue service trips abroad through the Dental Community Fellowship.

OneMUSC, the enterprise-wide strategic plan, expects MUSC to be ranked among the nation's top 20 academic health systems and South Carolina to be among the top 20 states for health outcomes. For the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine, recruitment of nationally recognized talent is essential as the College advances its strategic plan targets.

We practice what we teach.

Orthodontics has been strengthened through strategic faculty recruitment. This specialty area is poised to be the strongest program in the nation due to the clinical acumen, research portfolio and national recognition that accompany our newest faculty recruitments. This will create enhanced education and clinical care synergies in our predoctoral and residency programs. These new recruitments in Orthodontics add to our existing outstanding faculty. Pictured is Dr. Tim Tremont, who currently serves as American Board of Orthodontics as one of its directors.

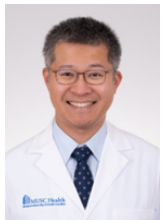
Meet MUSC's newest orthodontists.



Dr. Sumit Yadav is a **board certified distinguished clinician scholar** with over 20 years of experience in clinical teaching. He is a leader in the fields of clinical orthodontics, with an extensive record of over 170 peer-reviewed publications including numerous case reports and case series, authorship of a book on temporary anchorage devices, and substantial research funding from the NIH/NIDCR and American Association of Orthodontists Foundation. His groundbreaking work has earned him numerous honors, including the 2024 UNMC Distinguished Scientist Award, recognizing his exceptional contributions to dental research and education. **He currently is a principal investigator on two NIDCR R01 grants totaling approximately 5 million dollars.**

Equally dedicated to academic and clinical excellence, Dr. Yadav is deeply committed to [mentoring students, residents, and junior faculty](#), fostering interdisciplinary collaboration, and advancing innovative models of specialty care delivery. Beyond the institution, he plays an active role in shaping the future of dental medicine through his service on national and international boards, grant review panels, advisory groups, and leadership positions within professional societies.

At MUSC, Dr. Yadav is the **Endowed Chair for the Department of Advanced Specialty Sciences (Oral Surgery, Digital Dentistry, Orthodontics, Pediatric Dentistry and Periodontics) and the associate dean for research at the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine.** He joined MUSC from the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry, where he most recently served as a professor, the chair of the Department of Growth and Development, the interim program director of orthodontics, and interim associate dean of research. Dr. Chen, Dr. Gandhi and Dr. Yadav resident from Nebraska is the current years [Dr. Gottlieb award from the JCO](#).



Dr. Po-Jung Chen is a graduate of Kaohsiung Medical University in Taiwan, Dr. Chen earned his Master of Dental Science at National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University and completed clinical orthodontic training at Taipei Veterans General Hospital.

After six years of practice in Taiwan, he pursued a fellowship at the University of Connecticut, followed by a research fellowship and orthodontic residency. He became a **diplomat of the American Board of Orthodontics** in 2021 and joined the University of Nebraska Medical Center faculty in 2022 after a year at the University of Connecticut, where he directed the orthodontics residency program. Dr. Chen also **serves as the president of the American Association of Orthodontists Society of Educators.**

Now at MUSC, Dr. Chen leads the Division of Applied Craniofacial Sciences (Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentistry) and the orthodontics residency program.

An active researcher, Dr. Chen has received awards such as the 2022 American Association of Orthodontists Thomas M. Graber Award, the 2023 **Milo Hellman Research Award (highest research award from the AAO)**, and the 2023 American Society for Bone and Mineral Research John Haddad Young Investigator Award. His research focuses on temporomandibular joint osteoarthritis, geroscience, and orthodontic tooth movement, with funding from the National Institutes of Health and the American Association of Orthodontists.



Dr. Vaibhav Gandhi is an upcoming orthodontist, academician, and researcher, recognized for excellence in clinical practice, education, and science. Hailing from Ahmedabad, India, his career bridges clinical work, teaching, and research across various institutions. Committed to improving orthodontic education and evidence-based care, he is a leader in both academic and clinical spheres.

Dr. Gandhi obtained his dental and orthodontic degrees from Gujarat University in India, then earned a postgraduate and a second master's in orthodontics from the University of Louisville, Kentucky. He was an assistant professor at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, involved in resident training, curriculum, and interdisciplinary research. Previously, he was a senior lecturer in India and an instructor at the University of Connecticut.

A diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics and a fellow of the Royal College of Dentists of Canada. Dr. Gandhi was in private practice in Canada prior to moving to the US. His research covers

biomechanics, 3D imaging, finite element analysis, salivary biomarkers, and microplastics in saliva. He has published over 50 articles and presented at many scientific meetings.

Dr. Gandhi is dedicated to advancing orthodontics through innovation, collaboration, and mentoring future orthodontists.

Vision

With 3 new faculty, MUSC Orthodontics **positions itself** as a national leader in digital innovation, clinical excellence, and translational research. The focus is on outstanding clinical training and scientific excellence.

Strategic Priorities

OneMUSC's strategic plan framework strives to (a) empower healthy communities, (b) drive innovation and health transformation, and (c) reshape the future workforce. As our Orthodontics team leans into and leads in these areas, it sets the following targets as strategic priorities:

1. Empower Healthy Communities through Digital Clinical Transformation

- The Section of Orthodontics plans to **deploy AI-driven diagnostics (July of 2026)**, including automated cephalometric tracing, growth prediction, and treatment simulation
- It is working on **establishing a fully digital workflow** integrating CBCT, intraoral scanning, and cloud-based treatment planning
- It **anticipates launching (June 2026) an in-house direct 3D printed aligner program** to improve efficiency, and enhance resident and patient experience

2. Reshaping the Future Workforce

- The program is **implementing a digital orthodontics curriculum** focused on AI, 3D workflows, and CBCT integration
- MUSC will **serve as a national training hub** for next-generation orthodontics
- The department will be organizing two different workshops/mini residency in 2026 and will invite residents, alumni and orthodontist from nearby states
- The department is introducing 4 new graduate level (digital planning, biomechanics and clinical orthodontics) to improve the foundation knowledge of orthodontic residents.
- Alumni Engagement - The section is working on **establishing a formal orthodontic alumni network** to strengthen lifelong engagement, mentorship, and professional collaboration. This network will **facilitate resident–alumni connections, continuing education, and philanthropic support**, while also creating opportunities for clinical innovation partnerships and research collaboration.

3. Drive Innovation and Health Transformation

- The department **prioritizes high-impact research in:**
 - AI and machine learning in orthodontics
 - Craniofacial biology including TMJ biology and orthodontic tooth movement
 - 3D printing and aligner biomaterials
 - Prospective and retrospective studies focusing on treatment outcomes.

The department has current NIH grants on TMJ biology and orthodontic tooth movement and has recently secured grant from AAOF on microplastics and aligner orthodontics.



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ADA Trustee Update: Focused Leadership | Transparent Communication | A Stronger Future Together

By Jim Mercer, DDS, ADA Trustee, 16th District

Leadership Update

At the March ADA Board of Trustee's meeting Nader A. Nadershahi, D.D.S., M.B.A., Ed.D., was selected as our next executive director, effective March 23, 2026. Dr. Nadershahi currently serves as senior vice president of education and professional affairs.

Dr. Nadershahi brings decades of leadership experience to the role. Prior to joining the ADA staff in June 2025, he served for nine years as dean of the University of the Pacific Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry in San Francisco. During his tenure, he oversaw nearly \$100 million in operational, clinical, and academic budgets while maintaining consistent annual net reserves. He also led a team of more than 500 employees and more than 550 students and residents. His leadership included guiding major institutional initiatives, fundraising efforts, and the development of the school's integrated curriculum and competencies.

Dr. Nadershahi also brings extensive service to organized dentistry. He previously served as chair of the board of the American Dental Education Association and has held multiple leadership roles within both the ADA and the California Dental Association over the past two decades. In addition to his academic and organizational leadership, he has owned and operated private general dental practices in San Rafael and San Anselmo, California.

Governance and Organizational Health Evaluation

Looking ahead, the ADA is undertaking a comprehensive governance and organizational health evaluation that will be presented to the 2026 House of Delegates. An external firm has been selected to assess several key areas of the Association, including governance structure, management culture, financial oversight, and leadership accountability. The evaluation, conducted with input from a presidential task force, will also provide recommendations for long-term governance and operational improvements. An interim progress report is expected in April 2026.

Connecting with Specialty Groups

The ADA has also launched a new Task Force on Specialty Engagement to strengthen collaboration and communication with recognized dental specialty organizations. The task force will identify opportunities for joint initiatives and explore strategies to enhance specialist membership within the ADA. Representatives from each ADA-recognized specialty organization and the Academy of General Dentistry will participate, and early meetings have already produced productive dialogue and tangible results.

Unified in Purpose Work Group

Another important initiative, the Unified in Purpose Work Group, is focused on strengthening alignment between the ADA and constituent societies. The group is opening dialogue with constituent executive directors to better understand what resources and support the ADA can most effectively provide, while recognizing the strengths and leadership that exist within state organizations. Initial collaboration will occur with the new ASCDE task force, helping foster clearer communication and shared goals.

In Closing

Dr. Nadershahi's leadership comes at an important time for our profession. His experience in academia, organized dentistry, and private practice positions him well to guide the ADA forward as we continue to address evolving challenges and opportunities in oral health care.

Thank you for your continued support, dedication, and trust. This is your ADA, and I welcome your thoughts and feedback.

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Post-Event Recap: A Strong Showing in Asheville

By Mark Brown, CAE, Associate Executive Director

At the end of March, I visited Asheville for a highly engaging and productive meeting that brought together leaders from across the country. With twenty-three states represented by executive directors and key staff, the event highlighted both the strength and diversity of organized dentistry.

Over the course of two days, participants exchanged real-world insights, explored innovative approaches to non-dues revenue, and built meaningful peer connections. From structured sessions to informal conversations, the collaborative spirit was evident throughout the meeting.

The program featured several impactful presentations focused on practical strategies attendees can take back to their associations. A session on strategic content for membership retention and engagement emphasized how associations can better leverage content to deliver consistent value and strengthen member relationships. Attendees gained actionable ideas for aligning messaging with member needs and using content more intentionally to drive engagement.

Another standout presentation focused on modern sponsorship strategy, challenging participants to rethink traditional approaches and identify new opportunities for revenue growth. The discussion highlighted the importance of moving beyond logo placement toward more meaningful, relationship-driven partnerships, as well as structuring sponsorship packages that better align with evolving vendor expectations.

The panel discussion on right-sizing the annual meeting sparked thoughtful conversation around how associations are adapting event models to meet changing financial realities. Panelists shared candid insights into what has worked, what has not, and how to balance attendance, experience, and revenue in today's environment.

A key highlight of the meeting was the open sharing of both successes and challenges. Through the "Golden Exchange" initiative, attendees contributed proven strategies as well as current obstacles, creating a candid and practical dialogue that resonated across organizations of all sizes. This peer-driven format allowed participants to identify common themes, uncover new ideas, and walk away with actionable takeaways they can implement immediately.

Equally important was the opportunity to connect with colleagues representing all states present. These relationships strengthen our collective ability to adapt, innovate, and move forward together in an evolving landscape.

I thought it was an excellent event, but that is not an objective opinion considering I was a member of the committee that formed the conference. Having said this, we did survey attendees and have received positive reviews.

As I reflect on my time in Asheville, the takeaway is clear: when colleagues come together with a willingness to share and collaborate, the entire community benefits. The ideas and connections formed at the end of March will continue to influence and support the work of all attendees for months ahead.





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Three Alternate Delegate At Large positions are open, with a one year term for 2027.

Applicants should demonstrate enthusiasm and support for the **SCDA**, its **mission**, **policies** and **procedures**. Candidates must comply with our conflict of interest policy and maintain objectivity during deliberations, regardless of personal preferences.

Candidates should display active or desired involvement with organized dentistry and a commitment to strengthening the presence and influence of SCDA. SC-ADA Delegates and Alternates are elected during SCDA House of Delegates this December.

Alternate Delegates will be asked to financially support ADPAC. The SCDA will reimburse travel expenses for required meetings.

All interested candidates should submit a letter of interest along with contact information and any questions to the SCDA Executive Director – lathamp@scda.org



SC-ADA Delegates and Alternates participate in approximately three to five Zoom meetings each year.



Delegates and Alternate Delegates are assigned to a Reference Committee, to become knowledgeable about specific resolutions and participating in associated calls and meetings.



SC-ADA Delegates and Alternates attend all meetings related to the 16th District Caucus (NC, SC, VA) and ADA House of Delegates, typically hosted in September and October.

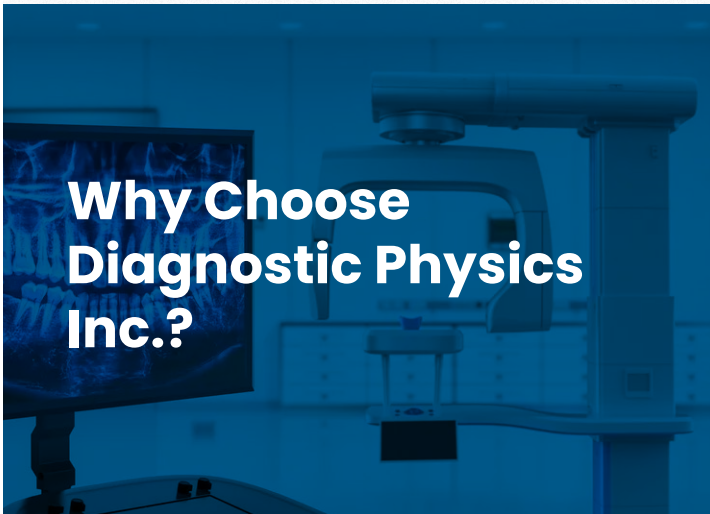




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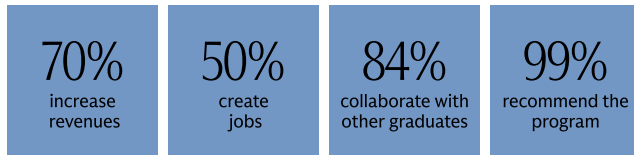
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Intraoral X-Ray Sensor Repair/Sales- We repair broken sensors. Save thousands in replacement costs. Specializing in Kodak/Carestream, major brands. We buy/sell sensors. American SensorTech 919-229-0483 or www.repairsensor.com.

Local Tenens

Fill-In Dentist Available: Leave your practice in good hands. Twenty years GP experience with 10 years of locums work. Covering mainly upstate and midlands. Let your hygienist work while you vacation. Call or text 864-871-4774.

Positions Available - Dentists

St George/Santee/Holly Hill, SC- Looking for dentist to expand our staff at growing dental group. 4-5 days per week. Prefer to live within 25 miles of practice. 10 dental hygienists/23 op practice. Contact 843-560-2226 or drscottgarris@gmail.com.

Come work with us and achieve greatness. We are seeking a PT dentist to join our busy general practice in **Columbia, SC**. Simply Smile is an updated practice with an energetic atmosphere. We offer great benefits, compensation, and the ability to work independently with a supportive and trained staff. Mon-Fri. new grads welcome. Send resume to simplysmile7457@gmail.com.

Flexible job opportunity for dentist seeking PT or FT work. We are a privately-owned general dentistry practice located in the Market Commons area of **Myrtle Beach**. We are seeking a compassionate dentist to work with adults and children of all ages. If interested in joining our team, please contact happyteethmb@gmail.com for more information.

Charleston area, SC practice seeking PT/FT Associate Dentist- Opportunity in highly visible, established, busy, advanced digital practice located near Charleston SC. Must be proficient in all phases of general dentistry. Experience or GP residency preferred but not required. Competitive pay, 401k, high growth potential, with owner/equity possibility. Focus on patient care delivering excellence. Send CV gillytooth@gmail.com

Looking for a General Dentist to join our amazing 5 star team in **Florence, SC**. Strong patient flow in a family focused, established practice. Top notch benefits including health, retirement, paid malpractice, in house CE's including an implant residency. Quick path to partnership. Send resume to kasey.huber@guardiantdentistry.com.

We are looking for a FT General Dentist to provide quality, comprehensive dentistry in a busy, well established FFS private practice in **Florence**. Potential partnership opportunity. Mentorship in endo and implants. Send CV for compensation and benefits packages practice.manager1693@gmail.com.

Join our team as an Associate Dentist! Lead patient care, promote oral health, and drive a positive office culture. Collaborate with office managers, guide staff, and provide top-notch dental services in a supportive, patient-centered environment. Must have DMD/DDS, valid license, and CPR certification. Located in **Columbia, SC**. lauren.nann@brushandfloss.com

Myrtle Beach- This is your perfect job! Unlimited potential! \$400k++ Only the best candidates with compassionate care need apply. All premier technology... scanning, milling, CBCT. We need a laid back dentist competent with implants, endodontics, surgery, large fixed/removable, and general dentistry. Working days M-TH. Achieve high production levels, without the pressure!!!! craigmilburndmd@gmail.com.

Fantastic opportunity for high earning potential in an established, highly visible, privately owned, growing advanced general dentist office. **Seneca Family Dentistry** is seeking a PT or FT Associate Dentist. Located steps from Lake Keowee and 10 minutes from Clemson. Experience preferred. Contact dmdword@gmail.com or 864-423-9190.

Large and established private general practice in **York, SC** seeking PT Associate Dentist. Opportunity to go FT. Must be proficient in all aspects of dentistry. Send resume to office@yorkdentalgroup.com.

We are a well established, mostly FFS with Delta exclusive only office. Seeking a **PT associate** to join our team for 2-3 days a week. Hours are 7:30-4:30. We have Itero, CBCT. We're looking for a dentist who values patient relationships, quality care and supportive team environment. Ideally at least 1 year of experience is required. Please send your resume to pc@southlakedentistry.com.

We are seeking an experienced FT or PT Associate Dentist for our growing privately owned, multi-specialty dental practice in **Irmo**. This is a fantastic opportunity to step into a high producing, patient-centric practice with excellent compensation/benefits package. Please send resume to heather@irmosmiles.com.

Small private office located in **Irmo, SC** looking for a General Dentist PT or FT. We offer a daily guarantee of percentage of adjusted production whichever is greater. You have a lot of autonomy in this office. We would love someone who wants to enjoy dentistry and not worry about the stress of running the office. Email CV to sodacitydental@gmail.com

We're a private practice just outside of Charlotte, NC looking to add another **associate dentist**. We consistently are seeing 90+ new patients each month, all are PPO insurance and fee for service patients. We have a great team and great hours. Please contact us if you might be interested info@bridgemilldentalcare.com!

Associate Dentist- High growth opportunity. Join a respected 50-year dental brand as an Associate dentist with clear \$300,000+ earning potential. Enjoy a fee-for-service patient base, strong new patient flow, high case acceptance, advanced technology, and mentorship with autonomy. Ideal for a growth-minded doctor seeking to build skills in restorative, cosmetic and implant dentistry. Victoria@smilecarolinasc.com.

We are looking for a General Dentist to come in to work one day per week. Pediatric office looking for someone to see our teenagers and possibly some parents. We offer guarantee or percentage of production whichever is greater. We are located in **Rock Hill, SC**. Please email sodacitydental@gmail.com if you are interested.

Lexington SC-High end FFS only office seeking a PT or FT dentist to join our outstanding team. This is a great opportunity to join a highly respected, patient-centric practice with excellent compensation & benefits. Please send CV to gina@columbiadentalhealth.com

Coastal SC dental practice with 2 locations seeking full time associate. Come join our awesome team: competitive pay, qualifies for loan repayment, minutes from beach, great atmosphere! Email smiles@gentledentistrysc.com or call 843-520-4746.

Positions Available- Staff

Busy private Greenville, SC dental office looking for a FT or PT **RDH**. The ideal candidate will have a professional image and excellent communication skills. Infiltration cert is a plus. Must be committed team player and dependable. 34 hours, excellent pay and work schedule and benefits tailored to your needs. office@julianthomasdmd.com.

Bella Vista Dental in **Greenville SC** is seeking Full Time Associate Dentist. We are a multilocation dentist owned group with an emphasis on high quality patient care. All offices are located within 10 miles of downtown Greenville. Modern state of the art facilities along with IV Sedation and in house implant placement are performed. Mentorship opportunity may be available if desired. Kennedy@bellavistadentalsc.com.

Practices/Office Space Available

Million-Dollar Opportunity: **Beaufort County** GP located in a retail center with great visibility and ample parking. There are 5 ops in 1,600 sq. ft. with digital X-ray and Pan. This practice has 2,700+ active FFS/PPO patients. The practice operates on a 4 doctor and 8 hygiene workweek. Contact: AFTCO 800.232.3826

For-Sale **well established GDP** (between Charlotte and Greenville) Annual collections 1.27M (3 days Tues/Wed/Th) fee for service (no network). Experienced/certified staff willing to stay. 9 operatories stand-alone building-real estate also available. Modern well-equipped facilities-all digital. coopdent69@gmail.com

Located near **Charlotte, NC** this established general dental practice features four operatories, 875+ active patients, and strong referral-driven growth. With \$580K in collections and \$102K+ take-home, it's ideal for first-time buyers or expansion. Contact PTS at 719.694.8320 or bailey@professionaltransition.com

Pediatric Dental Practice for sale with collections of \$1,056,785 located in **Greenville County, SC**. Fee for service practice with owner looking to retire and transition the office to another pediatric dentist. Practice utilizes Eaglesoft and has prime real estate available for lease or purchase. Asking price is \$850,000. Contact Jesse Koski at jkoski@rosentaltransitions.com.

For Sale: 410 Pelham Rd, **Greenville SC**. 6,000 sq ft 2 story building (3,000 sf first floor- 3,000 sf second floor) dentist office layout. .92 acres with free on-site parking. Contact: lnicholson@windsoroughtry.com/ 864-270-2706.

Specialist- New modern dental office in **Rock Hill** has two equipped treatment rooms available for sublease includes utilities, internet, one doctors office and one front desk. 24/7 access and space is shared with a general dentistry practice. Please email dan@webberdentistry.com.

Coastal South Carolina Dental Practice for Sale- Established general dental practice located within two hours of Charleston, serving a desirable coastal market. The practice features nine operatories, approximately 2,860 active patients, and averages 30 new patients/month. Collections total \$1.042 million with \$380,000 in SDE. Contact PTS to learn more: 719.694.8320 or bailey@professionaltransition.com

Available for sale is a profitable periodontal practice in the **Greenville-Spartanburg** area of South Carolina. 2025 collections were nearly \$1 million on a four-day schedule. The 2,200 sq. ft. stand-alone building includes four operatories and updated technology, including a CS 8200 3D Neo Edition. Seller will assist post-sale transition. transitions@mcgillandlyon.com.

Laurens SC- Turnkey dental practice below market value. Over 2,100 sq ft dental office with over 75 years of community trust. Located within walking distance of historic downtown Laurens, SC. This practice sits in the heart of charming southern community. Office offers two ready to use operatories, 4 rooms primed for expansion and a digital panoramic x-ray. Walk in hang your degree and start practicing. www.518harper.com.

Greater Greenville, SC Dental Practice for Sale- Upstate South Carolina dental practice within an hour of Greenville. Five operatories in a free-standing building with real estate available. 760 active patients, 10-15 new patients/month. \$925K collections and \$270K SDE. Four-day week with growth potential. Contact bailey@headwaterstransition.com. Reference #SC31126H

Well-established **GP in SC** generating \$3.5M+ in annual collections. Ten operatories in use, and space for expansion. The practice employs multiple associates. Flexible real estate options: purchase, lease, or future purchase agreement. Robust practice with steady growth and efficient 51% overhead rate. Excellent, profitable opportunity for a seasoned professional. transitions@mcgillandlyon.com.