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SCDA Annouces New Executive Director

By Erinn Rowe, SCDA Executive Director



Dear SCDA Members,

I am excited to introduce myself as the new Executive Director of the South Carolina Dental Association! As I begin this next chapter, I want to share a little about myself, my background, and, most importantly, my enthusiasm for getting to know you and the work you do every day.

My career has taken me through several industries, including hospitality, banking, entrepreneurship, and nonprofit leadership. Most recently, I served as CEO of Harvest Hope Food Bank, where I had the privilege of leading a talented team serving 20 counties across South Carolina. During my tenure, we expanded our reach, strengthened partnerships, improved operational efficiency, and grew our impact significantly. Before that, my experience with Bank of America and the hospitality industry taught me the importance of building relationships, understanding customer needs, and delivering exceptional service.

While these industries may seem different, one thing has remained constant throughout my career: I believe successful organizations are built around the people they serve.

That belief is what excites me most about joining SCDA.

I recognize that dentistry is a demanding profession and that each of you faces unique challenges, whether you are building a practice, managing a team, navigating insurance and regulatory issues, or planning for the future. My first priority is to listen and learn. I want to understand what matters most to you, what challenges you face, where SCDA is delivering meaningful value, and where we have opportunities to do more.

I believe an association should be much more than an organization you pay dues to each year. It should be a trusted partner, a strong advocate, a valuable resource, and a professional community you are proud to belong to.

My goal is to work alongside our Board, staff, members, and partners to strengthen that value and deliver a premium member experience—one where you feel heard, supported, informed, and confident that SCDA is working on your behalf.

Advocacy will be an important part of that commitment. I look forward to learning more about the issues affecting dentistry across South Carolina and helping ensure your voices are heard by policymakers, community leaders, and other stakeholders. Equally important is creating opportunities for connection, professional growth, and collaboration throughout our dental community.

On a more personal note, I am the proud mom of two sons who keep life interesting! Outside of work, you'll often find me cooking for family and friends, planning my next travel adventure, or enjoying time at the beach. And as a University of South Carolina Gamecock, I have to add that you'll definitely find me cheering on the garnet and black. Go Gamecocks!

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Over the coming months, I hope to meet as many of you as possible—at regional gatherings, SCDA events, practice visits, and conversations throughout the state. I don't want to learn about your profession only from reports or meetings. I want to hear directly from you about your experiences, your ideas, and what you need from your association.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve this organization and build upon the work of those who have helped make SCDA what it is today. I know I have much to learn, and I look forward to doing that together.

My commitment is simple: to listen, to lead with purpose, to advocate for your profession, and to work every day to make your SCDA membership more valuable.

I look forward to meeting you!

Warmly,

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The House of Delegates: Shaping the Future of the SCDA

By Dr. Carol Baker, SCDA President



The end of 2026 brings one of the most important meetings for the South Carolina Dental Association (SCDA). On Friday, December 4, the SCDA will gather at the Hilton Garden Inn in West Columbia for our House of Delegates and General Membership Meeting. This annual gathering provides an opportunity to reflect on where we have been, address the challenges before us, and help shape the future of dentistry in South Carolina.

The morning will begin with our new Executive Director, Erinn Rowe, introducing herself and presenting a State of the SCDA address. This provides an opportunity for members to share perspectives and consider the direction of our association as we move forward. As we dive further into our agenda, we will review the actions of the Board of Governors, consider and approve the proposed 2027 budget, and hear updates on our legislative agenda for the coming year. Advocacy remains essential to protecting our ability to practice dentistry and ensuring that our patients receive the care they deserve. The legislative report will help us prepare for the opportunities and challenges ahead.

We will also consider life memberships and recognize outstanding contributions through our annual SCDA awards. Elections for key leadership positions, including the 2027 Speaker of the House and ADA delegate positions, will also be held. These decisions are important because the leaders we select today will help guide our association tomorrow.

In addition, we will hear reports from the ADA Sixteenth District Trustee, ADA House of Delegates, MUSC College of Dental Medicine, Medicaid, the State Board of Dentistry, and our Donated Dental Services. These reports provide valuable insight into the issues affecting our profession. We will also look ahead to the 2027 SCDA Annual Session and the opportunities it will bring for continuing education, fellowship, and professional growth.

As my presidential year draws to a close, I am reminded that the strength of the SCDA has never rested solely with its officers or Board of Governors. Our strength comes from our members, and House of Delegates is a place where those members can help shape organized dentistry. Whether you are a delegate, an alternate, or a member attending to stay informed, your engagement matters.

The decisions made at this meeting will help influence the direction of our association and the future of our profession. I encourage you to review the meeting materials, and let us finish 2026 with meaningful conversation, thoughtful leadership, and a renewed commitment to the organization that represents us all.

I look forward to seeing you in Columbia as we continue working together for the future of dentistry in South Carolina.

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How Unpermitted Sedation Led to a Dental Malpractice Claim

By Marc Leffler, DDS, Esq, MedPro Group Inc. an SCDA Endorsed Company

Dentists will learn how sedation missteps can lead to a malpractice claim and Dental Board action. This case highlights why understanding state sedation requirements, assessing patient risk, and preparing for emergencies are essential to managing malpractice risk.

Key concepts

- Dentist sued after unpermitted sedation led to a medical emergency
- Dental Board action tied to state sedation permit requirements
- Why patient risk factors matter before providing sedation

Underlying facts

K was a 47-year-old man, who has been an asthmatic for all of his life. His medication regimen has changed over the years — to include, at times, corticosteroids, biologics, and rescue inhalers. At the time of his subject series of visits with Dr. F, K's long-time general dentist, he reported taking daily steroids and an occasional need for the inhaler, with asthmatic flare-ups not uncommon. K had skipped seeing any dentist for some time, so Dr. F found 3 carious lesions in the left posterior for which endodontic care was indicated, and he advised his patient of exactly that.

For some reason, K explained, he had developed a fear of dentistry, the reason he had stayed away, and the prospect of root canal therapy, in 3 teeth, was daunting. Dr. F told his patient that, while he does not often do so, he would prescribe an oral sedative to be taken shortly before each of the 3 procedures, as an adjunct to nitrous oxide/oxygen ("laughing gas") given through a nasal hood. K agreed to try that approach, and filled the prescription given to him.

Just before being driven to the dental office on a relatively humid day by his young adult daughter, K took 2 of the tablets — rather than one, as prescribed — and arrived in a surprisingly relaxed state. When Dr. F peeked into the waiting room, he asked "did you take the medication?" "Yes I did." K was soon seated by Dr. F's assistant, who placed the hood and dialed in N2O/O2 at 5 liters per minute and a 70%/30% ratio, all of which was Dr. F's custom.

When Dr. F entered the treatment room, he briefly made small talk with K before delivering a mandibular block and infiltration. K winced and became visibly upset, which led to his beginning to show difficulty in air exchange. Dr. F asked the assistant for a pulse oximeter, but it could not be located. Dr. F switched the gas flow to 100% oxygen, but he had no means of delivering it with positive pressure. K deteriorated, with his lips becoming bluish, and his respiratory efforts becoming more and more futile. The receptionist heard the commotion, came to see what was happening, and called 911; EMS came 17 minutes later, by which time K was breathing poorly and minimally conscious. With telephone instructions from an emergency department physician, a paramedic started an IV line and injected a muscle relaxant while an EMT squeezed oxygen through an Ambu bag, slowly raising the O2 saturation from 73% to 92%.

K was transported to the hospital, where he was admitted for 4 days, undergoing a complete pulmonology work-up and medication regimen modification. K was left with large ambulance and hospital bills, for which no health insurance was in place, owing to his being new to his current job, which he could not attend for another 2 weeks, unpaid.

Legal steps taken

Intimidated by the amount of money he owed, K sought legal advice, and was counseled that suing Dr. F might cover his expenses and lost earnings, as well as money to compensate him for his physical and emotional injuries. The newly retained attorney obtained copies of the records from Dr. F, the ambulance, and the hospital, and sent them to dental and internal medicine experts for their input. The dental expert knew that dentists in that State were required to obtain a permit for providing sedation at any level, including orally, with predicates to obtaining the permit being (1) an office assessment by 2 dentists from the State Dental Board, to assure that resuscitation equipment and drugs were available and functional, as well as (2) basic life support certification for the dentist and at least 1 present staff member (or ACLS for the dentist for deeper levels of sedation), and (3) doctoral or post-doctoral training in sedation techniques. Dr. F was not aware of any of these requirements, so, as the dental expert found on publicly available platforms, Dr. F had never applied for a permit; in fact, neither he nor any staff member was current with BLS certification.

In addition to filing a dental malpractice lawsuit against Dr. F, K, with his lawyer's help, filed a Dental Board complaint. In his response to the complaint, one of the arguments posed by the attorneys provided to Dr. F by his malpractice insurer was that Dr. F had not intended to do more than simply "take the edge off," and it

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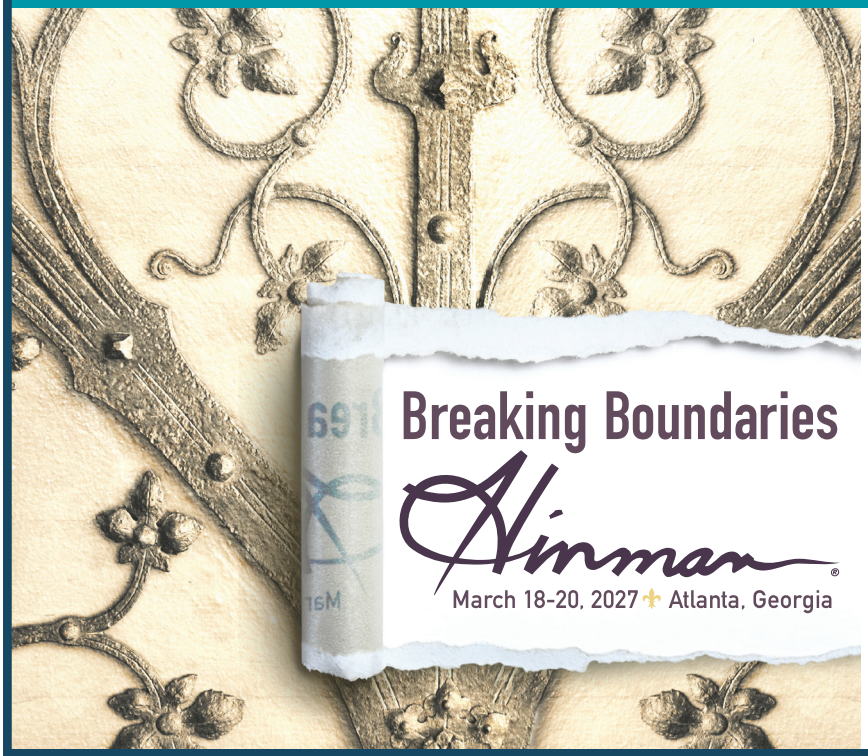
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was K's own action, by taking a higher medication dose than prescribed, that led to a deeper level of sedation and the apparent laryngospasm that flowed from that. The Board was unmoved: the statute set out strict requirements, for any level of sedation, with the dose provided by Dr. F falling into that category; Dr. F had violated that statute. The Board levied monetary sanctions and a stayed 6-month suspension from practice.

The Board's findings and actions, which would likely make their way to a trial jury in that jurisdiction, made the malpractice defense a steep uphill battle. A settlement followed, compensating K for both economic (medical costs, lost income) and non-economic ("pain and suffering") damages.

Takeaways

The old adage that "ignorance of the law is no excuse" clearly applies here. While dentists are not expected to have the degree of understanding of laws that lawyers do, they are expected to know and abide by the parameters of their State's Dental Practice Act; there is simply no getting around that. With this is mind, had the case proceeded to trial, it is foreseeable to believe that a legal principle known as negligence per se would have come into play: in basic terms, when a person violates a statute which is intended to protect the public safety, and that violation causes an injury, there is essentially a presumption of negligence/malpractice. Here, Dr. F's failure to obtain the needed permit is quite readily argued to have caused K's injuries, based upon the facts that his training was inadequate and his resuscitative inventory was lacking, leading directly to the inability to protect K's safety. Legally, negligence per se provides what amounts to a short cut for plaintiffs, yet one which is avoidable.

Readers might wonder whether K's own improper action, namely taking twice the prescribed dose, could have alleviated Dr. F's liability, or at least a portion of it. The answer is maybe. When a settlement is made, as it was here, all of the potential legal arguments go away. But if the litigation had proceeded, and depending upon the State and locality involved, a jury might have been able to consider K's impropriety and reduce, or even possibly eliminate, Dr. F's liability. Taking that approach at trial is viewed by some lawyers as risky because jurors might see it as trying to blame the victim; but that does not mean that such a tactic does not ever occur, because it most certainly does. It ends up as a judgment call on trial strategy, left for lawyers to discuss with their clients, with a typical risk-benefit analysis playing a major role.

An issue underlying the facts in this case is the existing medical condition of K, as of the time of the procedure. He was a known, disclosed asthmatic, whose various medication regimens signaled a significant level of disease. Most practitioners would likely agree that such patients pose a higher risk profile when it comes to sedation, to any degree, such that a host of factors need to be considered beyond the "usual." In terms of strict ASA classification, K would be viewed — based solely on his asthma condition — as a Class II (if the asthma was judged to be well controlled with management of it on an as-needed basis) or Class III (if the asthma was viewed as not being well controlled, with frequent episodes and constant treatment required) patient. Of course, there is subjectivity involved with assigning patients into these groups, but objective assessments ought to be used to guide the conclusion.

Finally, we address a defense that Dr. F raised with the Board, namely the level of sedation that was intended for K, rather than the one achieved. In some States, that difference might be determinative, but in the State of Dr. F's practice, that difference was irrelevant. Either way, it is a universal given that dose X of drug Y will necessarily produce different sedative results in different patients, even if nominally but potentially largely so; dentists are prudent to realize that sedative end points are unpredictable, that patients might become more deeply sedated than intended, that patients might have side effects generally associated with the deeper level, and that the dentist must be appropriately trained and otherwise prepared to handle even low likelihood, but severe, risk manifestations. There is often little room for error when a patient's state of consciousness is altered.

Summary of takeaways

- Dentists are expected to know and follow their state's sedation requirements.
- Patient-specific risk factors can increase sedation-related liability.
- Sedation outcomes can be unpredictable, so emergency readiness is essential.

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Located on the MUSC Health Florence Medical Center campus, the new clinic reflects MUSC's commitment to improving oral health, increasing access to care, and integrating dental services in the Pee Dee region.

The clinic will provide state-of-the-art comprehensive dental care and serve as the future home of the MUSC Dental General Practice Residency Program, which is expected to welcome its inaugural class of four residents in July 2027.



"This is an important investment in the health of our region," said Jason Cox, CEO of the MUSC Health Pee Dee Division. "Our goal is simple: to provide additional dental care for our community. Oral health is an essential part of overall health, and this new practice will help bridge gaps in access to dental care for individuals and families throughout the Pee Dee."

The opening represents a historic milestone for MUSC. It is the institution's first dental clinic and first dental graduate medical education program located outside the Charleston area. By extending dental education and training opportunities into the Pee Dee, MUSC is helping address critical workforce shortages while creating a pipeline of highly trained dental professionals who can provide care in rural and underserved communities throughout South Carolina.



“We are very excited to be able to offer dental services in the Pee Dee region,” said Vicki Chung, DMD, MUSC Health (Florence) Dental and Oral Care Residency Program Director.” Now, we can help underserved people in this area and help support what Charleston's been able to do on a larger scale.”

The clinic has been thoughtfully designed for residents to serve a wide range of patient needs, including a dedicated treatment room equipped with advanced technology specifically for patients with special healthcare needs. The space supports accessible, safe and dignified care for individuals who may require additional accommodations during treatment.

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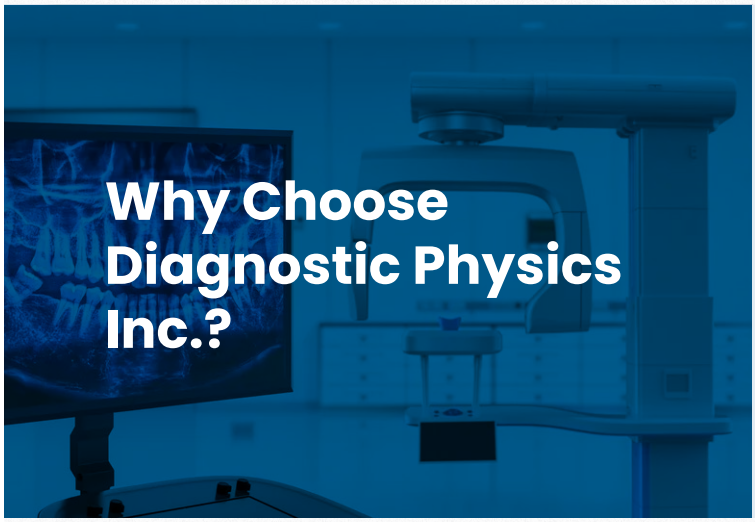
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Health Coverage Designed for South Carolina Dental Practices

By Mark Brown, CAE, SCDA Associate Executive Director



Running a dental practice means taking care of people every day, your patients, your staff, and your business. Finding reliable health coverage for your team should not feel complicated or overwhelming. That is why the South Carolina Dental Association created the SCDA Group Trust Plan specifically for dental practices across South Carolina.

The plan was built to give SCDA members access to quality coverage, flexible options, and dependable support while helping practices manage costs and reduce administrative headaches.

One of the biggest advantages of the SCDA Group Trust Plan is access to the largest network of medical providers in South Carolina, along with nationwide and worldwide coverage. Whether employees need care close to home or while traveling, they can feel confident knowing they are covered.

The program also offers flexibility that works well for practices of all sizes. Members can choose from eighteen medical plan options, including four HSA-compatible plans. Practices may offer two deductible options, allowing employees to choose the coverage that best fits their needs and budget.

All copay plans include a free annual eye exam, and optional dental and expanded vision coverage are also available. Every plan includes built-in life insurance, adding another layer of protection and peace of mind for employees and their families.

The copay plans are designed to make healthcare costs more predictable while still covering a wide range of everyday services, including office visits, consultations, X-rays, lab work, allergy injections, hearing evaluations, medical supplies, and minor office surgeries.

The SCDA Group Trust Plan also helps simplify the administrative side of benefits. COBRA administration is fully included, which means practices do not have to spend valuable time managing that process internally.

For practices considering a switch from another health plan, there's good news. In many cases, deductible carryover credits are honored, even when moving from a different insurance carrier. That means employees who have already met part of their deductible under their current group plan may receive credit toward their new deductible with the SCDA Group Trust Plan.

Many employers also assume they must wait until their current medical plan renews before making a change. The SCDA Group Trust Plan allows practices to begin coverage on the first day of any month, making the transition much more flexible and convenient.

According to Dan Pennella, DMD, the plan gives dental practices access to benefits that are often difficult for smaller organizations to secure on their own. "The South Carolina Dental Association Group Health Insurance Program gives my practice access to high-quality coverage at competitive rates typically reserved for much larger organizations. It's a smart, stable benefit that helps me take better care of my team while allowing me to stay focused on patient care."

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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.

General Dentist offering temp services. 30 years experience, will provide temp services in your office. Restorations, C&B, endo, implants, removable and hygiene exams. No children or medicaid. Daily rate of $1,300 within 60 miles of Summerville. Outside 60 miles is negotiable. Contact Shawn drshawnt@yahoo.com.

Your skills can change a smile- and a life in the Lowcountry. Volunteers in Medicine Clinic- HHI is seeking volunteer dentists, hygienists and dental assistants to provide compassionate dental care to our medically underserved neighbors. Share your gift of dentistry and help someone smile with confidence. jemmett1@comcast.net.

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.

Charleston area practice seeking PT/FT Associate Dentist- in highly visible, established, busy, advanced digital practice. 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@guardiandentistry.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.

We are seeking an experienced FT or PT Associate Dentist for our growing privately owned, multi-speciality 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

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

Very busy and well respected office seeking a PT or FT dentist to join our incredible team in **Sumter.** This is a great opportunity to join our well established, patient focused practice with excellent compensation & benefits. Please send CV to gina@columbiadentalhealth.com.

Join an established **Camden, SC** dental practice offering full-scope care for all ages. Enjoy a 4-day week, modern technology including CBCT, and a supportive long-term staff. Earn $300K-$425K. Fee-for-service model 80-100 new patients monthly, mentorship and a clear partnership to ownership pathway today. abrakefield@ammonsdental.com

Associate Dentist – Full-Time **Myrtle Beach, SC** | Carolina Forest Pearly Whites Dental is seeking a full-time Associate Dentist to join our growing Carolina Forest practice. Enjoy a modern facility, supportive team, strong patient base, clinical autonomy, and excellent earning potential. Future partnership/ownership opportunity available. Pearly Whites - Dental Carolina Forest, Myrtle Beach, SC Apply today! dental.ecompass@gmail.com

Dentists Needed for **School-Based Dental Program**. Are you passionate about children's oral health? We provide preventive and restorative services to children in K4-12th grades. We have locations in Allendale, Dillon, Clarendon, and Hampton counties. We can work around your schedule during school hours. Pay is competitive and mileage is provided. We have a full team of dental assistants and hygienists. Contact Georgia Famuliner (803) 300-7028 or gfamuliner@welvistasmiles.org

We are seeking a licensed dentist to provide care at our dental clinic on Fridays. This is a paid position. Our services include evaluations, cleanings, basic restorative and extractions to residents of **Georgetown** County who are uninsured. tjones@helpinghandsofgeorgetown.org.

Full time opportunity in Spartanburg! A dentist who enjoys plenty of time off. Along with 8 weeks vacation and free days you can average a 2.5 day work week but paid for 5 days. Competitive salary, paid malpractice, license and DEA renewals, plus offering health insurance and 401K. 706-284-9581.

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.

We are seeking a **RDH** for our privately owned, multi-specialty dental practice. Flexible hours with an excellent compensation/benefits package. If you are eager to step into our high-producing, patient centric practice with an amazing team, send resume to resumes@irmosmiles.com.

Privately owned dental office in **Fort Mill**, seeking a talented & enthusiastic dental hygienist team member to join our team! Fast growing-privately owned office environment. Flexible hours with outstanding morning & evening shifts available. Competitive salary and benefits. cbmcdonalddds@gmail.com.

Take your **dental hygiene** career beyond the chair. At ReGenesis Health Care, you can serve underserved communities across dental clinics, schools, mobile settings, medical-dental integration, and community outreach. Join a mission-focused team bringing oral health care closer to the people and communities who need it. Www.myrhc.org/careers

Practices/Office Space Available

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

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 yrs of community trust. Located within walking distance of historic downtown Laurens. This practice sits in the heart of a charming southern community. Office offers 2 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.

Eastern SC: Established general practice. Collecting $2.2M a year. Stand alone building with 7 ops. Room to grow. Real estate available. Highly profitable doing only bread and butter dentistry. Contact Ben Stewart at benjamin@bridgewaytransitions.com or 614-402-2936.

Murrells Inlet, SC dental practice for sale. Turnkey Coastal practice with 4 equipped operatories, CBCT, trio scanner and a 5th operatory plumbed for expansion. Affordable lease at $3,662/month. Ideal for a first time owner or growing dentist. Asking price $495,000 Brad Simpson 910-465-1990, brad@encompass-ihc.com.

Myrtle Beach, SC Private Practice for Sale Market Common Dentistry – Established 3,934 sq. ft. private practice featuring 9 fully equipped operatories, $2.5M in annual collections, and no PPO participation. Prime Myrtle Beach location with outstanding visibility. Seller will assist with transition if needed. Serious inquiries only. Jemillsdds@aol.com No brokers, please.

General Dentistry practice for sale, FFS, 6 ops, A++ location. Perfect satellite office in center of **Pawleys Island**. Currently open 1-2 days a week. Refer out all endo/surgery/ortho. Asking price 182K. Land/building for sale or lease. doctorholladay@hotmail.com.

North Mt. Pleasant - Turnkey Office for Sale or Lease: 2,770 SF office fully built out for Periodontics practice in 2024, located within Ivy Hall dental park. Can be periodontic, prosthodontic, or orthodontic practice per regime for protection against duplicate onsite operators. Contact Ben Perrone ben@factotumrealestate.com

Upstate South Carolina endodontic practice - five treatment rooms, including four fully equipped operatories. This fee for service practice completed 540 root canals over the last twelve months and reports $1.251 million in collections with $545,000 in SDE. Real estate is available. Contact Professional Transition Strategies for details: bailey@theptsgroup.com. Reference #SC82626.

Oral Surgery Practice for sale. Established OMS office in **Summerville's** Nexton area with a strong referral base, modern facilities and an experienced team. $1.6M annual collections. Turnkey opportunity with flexible transition. Confidential inquiries: Rob Bennett 706-267-8359, rob@shelbourneface.com.

Chapin, SC: vacant freestanding, 4-operatory, 2,430 sq ft dental office for lease available. Great location, professional campus. Perfect for specialist; huge perio need exists. Endo also. Good buy on dental equip for tenant. $5,500/month NNN. Slam dunk opportunity! Perio or endo preferred. If interested email admin@lakemurraysmiles.com.