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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVES

----- by Lesa Byrum -----



Fuel Up for the Journey

Fuel - something that gives nourishment; an energy source for engines; something that sustains or encourages.

Synonyms - ammunition, sustenance, impetus, stimulus.

Whether it's for your car, your physical body, your mind, or your spirit...we all need it to continue to operate and keep moving.

As I step back into this role I want you all to know that every step I make, every word I speak, and every decision made will be deliberate and with the future of our profession in mind. It is not by accident that I find myself here. As many of you know me personally and professionally, you know my heart and hopes for the profession of dental hygiene. You, as well as my family, know and have witnessed the sacrifices I am willing to make.

Many of you know my belief that TDHA has potential...You have potential!

TDHA's last 10 years have been phenomenal and have created a momentum that must be maintained. We recognize the many dental hygienists who have contributed to the profession using their time, talents, passion, and finances. I applaud each of you!

We should also remember the earlier hygienists whose insights and contributions have helped pave this road we are on. I applaud each of you!

Many of you are potential members of TDHA contributing everyday to the profession of dental hygiene in your community. TDHA represents the 3,554 hygienists licensed in Tennessee. I applaud each of you and challenge you to consider membership in the professional organization that works to preserve and advance the practice of dental hygiene as we know it today and as we look to the future.

As for the future of dental hygiene, I would like to recognize the many men and women who have chosen an education in dental hygiene. During our 2007 annual session we had a fabulous representation of Tennessee's dental hygiene student body. I look forward to seeing you at local and state meetings in the months to come. The cliché may get old but it would not be more accurate - you are the future of the profession. I applaud each of you who are committed to working hard everyday to learn the profession of dental hygiene. I encourage you to follow through with your commitment as you graduate by continuing your membership with the professional organization that aids in the protection of your investment.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lesa Byrum, RDH, BS
TDHA President

What's New with ADHA

The ADHA Brand and What it Means to You



ADHA: Telling Our Story

Since our inception, the American Dental Hygienists' Association has

believed that the surest way to build our profession is to support the careers of our members. It's a focus that's codified in our mission statement and borne out in the work we do every day.

Both as an advocate for our field, an ambassador to the wider dental profession and the public, and as a resource of knowledge, experience and employment opportunities for individual members, our commitment to our professionals has remained steadfast.

However, a nationwide research study conducted last year indicated that the story of the ADHA was not being told as accurately or as clearly as we had hoped. Put simply: Our brand image did not reflect our reality.

Drawing on the conclusions of our research, the ADHA is now launching an extensive branding initiative, one that will bring our message in closer contact with the needs, aspirations and desires of our membership, and present a consistent public face that better articulates our efforts on behalf of dental hygienists and the oral health of the American public.

The ADHA Brand

Who is the American Dental Hygienists' Association? What do we stand for? What is our reason for being? And what is the brand promise we are making to our members, to the dental profession and to the public?

In the course of our research, we talked to all of those constituencies, identified our perceived strengths and weaknesses, and pairing our findings with our association's mission, we built the ADHA brand on these key fundamentals.

Our core principles:

- Dedication to the dental profession
- Long-standing supporter of dental hygienist
- Commitment to the personal/professional success of our members

Our approach to our mission:

- A collaborative mindset
- A passionate patient advocate
- An accessible source of knowledge and experience

Our reason for being:

- A proven resource in an expanding field
- An assertive standard bearer
- A trusted mentor and partner

The bottom line? The ADHA brand looks like this:

By giving our members the tools, information and support they need to build their careers, we position dental hygiene as a champion of oral health and as a valuable partner of the dental industry.

What the ADHA Brand Means to You

Our new brand focus means the ADHA is more committed than ever before to helping you build your career and maximize your impact as a dental hygienist. Toward that end, our goal is to remain a valuable and irreplaceable asset in your professional, and personal, life.

That means you can count on us as a source of results-oriented, tangible member benefits. Benefits like our comprehensive continuing education curriculum. Timely, information-packed research journal and magazine. An expanded nationwide employment assistance program. And networking opportunities available through state Constituent and local Component organizations.

And you can count on the American Dental Hygienists' Association to continue our efforts as the single most powerful voice for the profession's collective goals, advocating for advancements that result in better care – and more rewarding careers.

ADHA Institute for Oral Health

The ADHA Institute for Oral Health (IOH) is the foundation created by dental hygienists' for dental hygienists to provide funding for educational scholarships, fellowships, research grants, and community service grants to dental hygienists throughout the United States.

All Institute programs are funded directly by individual and corporate donors. As a non-profit 501(c)3 foundation, the ADHA Institute for Oral Health relies on the continued support of ADHA members and organizations, SADHA (student members and chapters, dedicated oral health professionals, and corporate supporters.

Visit the Institute Board of Directors webpage at <http://www.adha.org/institute/index.htm>. I would like to thank you in advance for visiting our website; your interest and support of the profession of dental hygiene is greatly appreciated.

Deadlines: Research Grant: Feb. 28; Rosie Wall Grant: Feb. 28; Healthy Start for Texas Teeth: Feb. 28; Scholarships: May 1; Thiel Fellowships: May 1

Margaret Lappan Green, RDH, MS
Chair, ADHA Institute for Oral Health

Hygienists for Progress - what is it?

This is the Tennessee Dental Hygienists Association's name for our PAC. The PAC, or Political Action Committee, was established in 2005 to support candidates for elected positions who have supported the profession of Dental Hygiene. "Hygienists for Progress" is the only nonpartisan PAC that represents the dental hygiene profession in the state. "Hygienist for Progress" is solely funded through generous donations from dental hygienists, spouses, and citizens at large who are dedicated to promoting dental hygiene.

The TDHA greatly appreciates your support of "Hygienists for

Progress," as we work to strengthen the PAC and ready for the upcoming elections in 2008. Contributions are accepted at any level.

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Or go online to donate at www.tndha.org and click on "Hygienists for Progress." For candidate information contact the TDHA lobbyist at mebivens@comcast.net



Submitted by:
Donnell Arrington
Hygienists for Progress Treasurer

Supervision of Dental Hygienists

The Board of Dentistry's Administrative Office has been receiving inquiries regarding general supervision of dental hygienists. The rules regarding practice of dental hygienists and the requirements to practice under general supervision are:

T.C.A. 63-5-108. (c) Any person is deemed to be practicing dental hygiene who engages or offers to engage in those clinical procedures primarily concerned with the performance of preventive dental services not constituting the practice of dentistry, including removing all hard and soft deposits by scaling or curettage from the surfaces of the human teeth to the depth of the gingival sulcus, performing clinical examination of teeth and surrounding tissues for diagnosis by the dentist, and performing such other procedures as may be delegated by the dentist, including subgingival scaling, root planing, gingival curettage and polishing consistent with the provisions of this chapter and in accordance with the rules and regulations of the board, under supervision of a licensed and registered

dentist. No person shall practice dental hygiene in a manner that is separate or independent from a supervising dentist, or establish or maintain an office or a practice that is primarily devoted to the provision of dental hygiene services. A dental hygienist shall perform, under direct supervision only, root planing and subgingival curettage. Under general supervision a dental hygienist may provide to patients, for not more than fifteen (15) consecutive business days, all other dental hygiene services not otherwise limited to direct supervision by this chapter or rules adopted by the board, if all the following requirements are met:

- (1) The dental hygienist has at least one (1) year, full-time, or an equivalent amount of experience practicing dental hygiene;
- (2) The dental hygienist complies with written protocols for emergencies that the supervising dentist establishes;
- (3) The supervising dentist examined the patient not more than seven (7) months prior to the date the dental hygienist provides the dental hygiene

services;

(4) The dental hygienist provides dental hygiene services to the patient in accordance with a written treatment plan developed by the supervising dentist for the patient; and

(5) The patient is notified in advance of the appointment that the supervising dentist will be absent from the location and that the dental hygienist cannot diagnose the patient's dental health care status.

The statutes also address how many dental hygienists are allowed to work under general supervision at any one time. The statutes do not limit the number of dental hygienists who can work under direct supervision of a dentist, only limit the number who can work under general supervision.

T.C.A. 63-5-108. (f) A licensed dentist may not allow, under general supervision, more than three (3) dental hygienists to work at any one (1) time.

You can view all statutes (laws) and rules of the Tennessee Board of Dentistry on the Board's Web site.

Support the Profession of Dental Hygiene in Tennessee

Show your support for the profession of Dental Hygiene in Tennessee by attending these Dental Hygiene sponsored events:

- TDHA Annual Meeting, April 18 - 20, 2008
- Your Local Component Continuing Education & meetings

• **REMEMBER:** Dentist sponsored events like the Hinman actually support dentistry, not Dental Hygiene. Don't be misled by an "Auxiliary Membership" offered by the TDA with no vote or voice. The "Auxiliary" category was created years ago and is not new. Auxiliary Membership does not represent Dental Hygiene.

ADHA Delegate Update

The Big Easy, aka New Orleans, was the backdrop for ADHA's annual session. The hotel was beautiful and many of the downtown businesses had been renovated and were open.

ADHA opening session kicked off with the group "After Burner". They are men and women fighter pilots who develop strategies for companies to execute a "flawless execution" and become a winning team. They helped ready the stage for the unveiling of the branding campaign ADHA has been working on this past year. ADHA is actively looking for suggestions and comments about the new campaign. Send emails to: communications@adha.net. Director Jeff Mitchell would love to hear your input.

I had the privilege of judging table clinics this year and they were awesome! I also served as a student mentor in SHOR, Student House of Representatives. This was a house of delegates that held elections for the Speaker of the House and one student to sit on the house floor as a voting member of ADHA. This was a great experience for the students an awe-inspiring to watch. Our future in the dental hygiene profession is bright if these students are any indication. The House of Delegates defined the following terms and they will be added to the glossary in the ADHA policy manual: evidence based, credentialing, cultural competence, and linguistic competence. Several policy statements have been added to the policy manual that include: the use of evidence based approaches for prevention and treatment; educating the public and other healthcare professionals in the risks of external and intra-oral piercing; the licensure and regulation of those establishments; the building of coalitions; the collaboration with organizations dealing with substance abuse; and the avocations of cultural and linguistic competency.

Catherine Ellington is our District VI Trustee and worked tirelessly to ensure the Tennessee delegation had a great time.

Submitted by: Donnella Arrington

ADHA Seeks Your Input

ADHA seeks your input on the Draft Competencies for the Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioner.

Developed as a response to disparities in access to oral health care across the United States as highlighted in the Surgeon General's report (2000), the Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioner (ADHP) is a midlevel practitioner proposed by the American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) as one solution to the access to dental care issue. Modeled after the successful nurse practitioner and nurse midwife, the ADHP requires a masters' degree and would be responsible for delivering primary dental care within a multidisciplinary health care model. Institutions of higher education will develop the ADHP graduate curriculum based on this national framework of competencies. ADHA will be distributing this document to the broad communities of interest for review and comment prior to finalization.

For the latest information on the ADHP, visit www.adha.org

Please email or fax completed feedback forms to: education@adha.net or (312) 467-1806.

TDHA Annual Session Awards

Congratulations to the 2007 Award winners!

DENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION AWARD
q Donna Maria Board

TDHA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
q Susan Melton

MARY LOU MIRABITO AWARD
q Cindy Godfrey

TDHA SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD
q DeLorraine Zimmermann
q Nell Rast
q Jerrie Moffat

OUTSTANDING DENTAL HYGIENIST
q Victoria Richards

Do you know of a dental hygienist who gives of his or her time to educate others about preventive oral health? Educates students in a classroom, expectant moms, teens other health care providers? There are many talented and giving individuals across Tennessee.

Contact Tina Ashford, TDHA Director, at TDHADirector@gmail.com or (615) 777- TDHA

As science changes so must the prudent practitioner

- Stay abreast of new science in the profession
- Change methods of practice as evidence-based information provides guidance

Major research finding are being published every month, it seems! LOG ON to www.friedapickett.com and listen to podcasts describing new research findings on the role of periodontal treatment in preterm birth and low birth weight babies; a summary of the 2007 American Heart Association guidelines for antibiotic prophylaxis to prevent infective endocarditis and the British Antimicrobial Society's guidelines on the same topic published a year earlier. New podcasts will summarize significant research that may impact the daily practice of oral healthcare.

Pickett Professional Presentations has several new course offerings this year, including the 2007 American Heart Association Guidelines; Bisphosphonate-induced Osteonecrosis of the Jaw; New Drug Products in Dentistry and The Top Twenty Drugs in the U.S. All courses reflect the most current evidence-based information on the topic and relevance to the practitioner is a main focus. A recent participant described the courses as "I can put these things into practice on Monday morning!"

Proctor & Gamble invited Frieda Pickett to join it's **Guest Lecture Board**. Log on to www.dentalcare.com to see other board members and opportunities for continuing education presentations.

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS (www.friedapickett.com)

The Medical History: Clinical Implications and Emergency Prevention in Dental Practice Settings. This clinical reference text has no competition as it is the sole text in dentistry to provide essential elements for each question on a thorough medical history. Appropriate follow-up questions for all items on the history are presented and guidance suggested based on the patient reply. Those items that carry a risk factor for a medical emergency are identified with information for both preventing and managing the emergency. Every dental office should have a copy of this text.

Dental Drug Reference with Clinical Implications. This text was extensively reviewed in the April 2007 issue of the Journal of Dental Hygiene. The reviewer concluded it should be in every dental office and provides essential information to guide the oral care plan for

- Medically compromised conditions
- Clients with oral infection
- Clients with oral pain
- Clients taking medications (a CD allows drug information to be printed, placed in record)
- Drugs prescribed or used in dentistry

Other chapters provide guidance on management of dental emergency situations and common medical emergencies.

Basic Pharmacology with Dental Hygiene Applications. This textbook focuses on applications of drug information not included in past pharmacology texts. If you have wondered why you needed a course in pharmacology in dental hygiene school, you might want to get this book. Publication date: Fall 2008.

Tennessee Academy of Dental Hygiene

To provide a formal structure for recognizing dental hygienists who are graduates of an accredited dental hygiene program, are licensed to practice dental hygiene, and who strive to maintain and elevate their professional competence through participation in continuing education.

To encourage and promote participation in continuing education activities by conducting or sponsoring workshops, lectures, panels, seminars, or other similar programs beneficial to the public or dental community.

To establish and maintain scholarship funds for Tennessee dental hygiene students who have completed their first year of dental hygiene education and/or for Tennessee licensed dental hygienists desiring to study for an advanced dental related degree.

Contact: Judy Mabe, RDH, MS, jmabe0814@comcast.net

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Everyone Welcome

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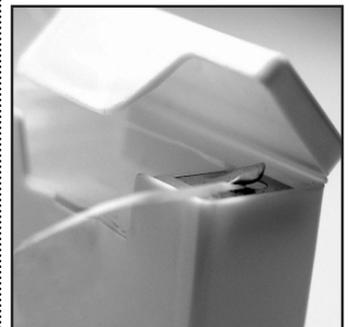
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