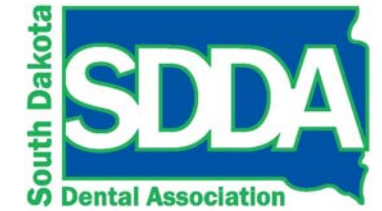


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The Expanded Function Dental Assisting Course at LATI

By Janet Jensen, CDA
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Watertown, SD

The clinical portion of the Expanded Function Dental Assistant course that has been approved by the South Dakota Board of Dentistry to satisfy the educational requirement leading to "verification of competency" is scheduled to be held at Lake Area Technical Institute campus July 12th through the 15th. This course is for dental assistants who have let their licenses lapse as well as for assistants that have at least one year work experience as a chair side dental assistant in a general dental practice and want to obtain their certificate of registration through the State Board of Dentistry to legally perform expanded functions in South Dakota. The individual modules may also be used for continuing education by any team member.

South Dakota is fortunate to be one of several states that will allow the dentist to delegate many expanded functions to a qualified dental assistant. Allowing the dental assistant to perform expanded functions will give the dentist and hygienist the opportunity to concentrate on patients with more specialized needs. The Expanded Function Dental Assistant course is also designed to assist dentists in retraining their staff to perform these duties.

For information please go to www.lakeareatech.edu/efda or e-mail Janet Jensen at jensenja@lakeareatech.edu. A minimum number of participants are necessary to conduct the course. The deadline for registration is June 25th.

19th Annual Graduation Ceremony Held for the Dental Assistant Apprenticeship Program

Patsy Schmidt, WDT Associate Vice President
Corporate Education Center; Rapid City, SD

The 19th Annual Graduation Ceremony of the Dental Assistant Apprenticeship Training Program was held Tuesday, May 18, 2010, at Western Dakota Technical Institute. Dr. Lennard Hopper of Deadwood, the commencement speaker, encouraged the graduates to stay positive in their work and how that relates to providing excellent patient care. Students enrolled in this program complete 144 hours of classroom training and 1500 hours on-the-job training.

Graduates included: Brenda Whetham of Belle Fourche; Leenetta Farwell of Central City; Lindsey Cheesman of Ellsworth AFB; Melissa Goldade, Tish Peterson, and Jennie Rose, all of Rapid City; and Sheila Huck of Sturgis.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CALENDAR Summer 2010

The listing of these programs is provided as a service to SDDA Newsletter subscribers, and does not mean that these programs have been endorsed or approved by the SD Dental Association or the SD State Board of Dentistry. All members are cautioned to evaluate the programs on their own merit.

SD DENTAL ASSOCIATION 2010 ANNUAL SESSION

Contact: Brenda Goeden 605-224-9133
www.sddental.org

May 12-14, 2011 Sioux Falls, SD

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

Contact: Dr. Gayle Nelson 605-338-0884
September 24, 2010

> Dr. Richard Mounce: "State of the Art in Endodontics: 2010"

November 5, 2010

> Dr. Michael Miller: "Performance of Clinical Materials"

January 21, 2011

> Mr. Tom Limoli: "Maximizing Fee for Service with Full Knowledge of Insurance Plans"

March 11, 2011

> Dr. Karen Baker: "Update in Clinical Pharmacology"

WESTERN DAKOTA TECHN. INSTITUTE

Contact: 605-718-2410

June 18 & July 23, 2010

> American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR Class, 8AM-noon

June 18 & July 23, 2010

> American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR Recertification, 6-9PM or 1-4PM

LAKE AREA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

Contact: Rhonda Bradberry
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Home Study Radiology Courses available:

- > Radiology Safety
- > X-ray Production

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Contact: Dept. of Dental Hygiene,
605-677-5379

Home Study Radiology Courses available:

- > Digital Radiography, Advantages & Disadvantages
- > Exposure Errors of Periapicals & Bitewings
- > Processing Errors
- > Occlusal Exposures for Children
- > Oral Effects of Head & Neck Radiation Therapy
- > Panoramic Radiography
- > Radiation Safety
- > Vertical Bitewings
- > Fluoride Varnish, Indication & Application

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The Statewide Smoke-Free Law: How You Can Help Make South Dakota Healthier

By Allison Miller
Media Advocacy Coordinator
American Cancer Society

This fall South Dakotans will have a chance to fight cancer, reduce heart attacks and combat chronic respiratory disease simply by casting a vote in favor of a statewide smoke-free law.

The law, which would prohibit smoking inside all workplaces, including bars, restaurants and video lottery establishments, would ensure every worker has the right to smoke-free air no matter where they work.

As a medical professional, you know the dangers and disease caused by smoking and by secondhand smoke. Cigarette smoke contains more than 4,000 chemicals and at least 60 known carcinogens. Hundreds of studies and dozens of distinguished scientific and medical organizations have concluded that secondhand smoke causes lung cancer, heart disease and serious respiratory illness in nonsmokers.

Yet, each day in South Dakota thousands of workers are exposed to this health risk as part of their job. They face a greater risk of dying from lung cancer, having a heart attack or suffering emphysema simply because of where they work. This is unacceptable. No one should have to choose between their job and their health.

In 2009 the South Dakota State Legislature took action to eliminate all workplace smoking by passing a strong statewide smoke-free law. This law was the result of more than a decade of education and constituent contact with lawmakers about the issue. Support for the law was overwhelming, and bipartisan.

Unfortunately, this legislation was not enough. Opponents to the smoke-free law quickly began work to refer the law to the state ballot, forcing a vote in November 2010.

These opponents, led by video lottery interests, argue going smoke-free will hurt business. However, these claims are unfounded. Numerous independent and scientifically valid economic studies have all concluded regardless of variables smoke-free policies have either a neutral or positive economic impact.

Regardless, opponents will surely run a strong and well-financed campaign to defeat this important public health law.

The South Dakota Dental Association, along with more than 50 other health, business and public safety organizations, is dedicated to help making South Dakota smoke-free.

Your status and support as a member of the medical community is especially important in this effort.

As a South Dakota Dental Association member we ask that you help make South Dakota smoke-free. Your involvement may be something as easy as attending an event or speaking with your neighbors about the benefits of going smoke-free or it may be writing a letter to the editor of your local newspaper, knocking on doors and getting involved in the rewarding work of a grassroots campaign. You can also donate to the cause.

Your efforts will make a significant difference in reducing the amount of needless death and suffering from tobacco-related illness in South Dakota.

There are now 28 states that have passed comprehensive smoke-free laws. These states include Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and Montana. South Dakota needs to be next. The people of our state deserve the right to smoke-free air in public and at work.

Visit www.smokefreesd.com for more information and to get involved.



Black Hills Summer Seminar “The Key Essentials to a Successful Practice”

Friday, July 16, 2010
9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. (Mountain Time)
Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, Rushmore H Room
Rapid City, SD

Dr. Rhonda Savage began her career in dentistry as a dental assistant in 1976. After four years of chair-side assisting, she took over front office duties for the next two years. She loved working with patients and decided to become a dentist! Dr. Savage is a noted speaker who lectures on practice management, women’s health issues, periodontal disease, communication and marketing, and zoo dentistry.

Registration forms for this course have recently been mailed to dental offices. Registration forms may also be printed from the SDDA web site at www.sddental.org under Annual Session/CE, Black Hills Summer Seminar. Return your registrations by July 9, 2010, in order to reserve a seat.

SDDAA NEWSNOTES

We had a great turnout at the Lunch-N-Learn that we sponsored again this year. Thank-you to all the people who were able to attend a wonderfully, informational radiology lecture given by Mrs. Beverly Kennedy.

I would like to encourage all assistants to partake in a new type of membership with the ADAA. It is an E-Membership. For renewing your membership you can get 4 hours of free CE and many other benefits. If you just become an E-Member you get 2 hours of free CE. This site is free and is very worthwhile checking out!

Delegates who were voted to represent the South Dakota Dental Assistant Association at the National Convention in Orlando, FL this October, will be Stacy Andernacht and Luann Brownson.

At Annual Session, the following new officers were elected:
President: Stacy Andernacht
Secretary: Pat Dicus
Treasurer: Barb Phillips



Ken and Shirley Asheim are pictured with Sara Ingalls of Sioux Falls, the 2010 recipient of the Stephanie Asheim Young Scholarship

2010 Annual Session Exhibit Hall Cash Prize Winners

Ashley Casperson.....	\$50.00
Dr. Donald Nemer	\$50.00
Kathy Larsen.....	\$100.00
Peggy Zebroski	\$200.00