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Distinguished Speaker Series

Thurs., Oct. 16, 2025

Normandy Farms



Oral Cancer & Potentially Malignant Disease: An Update

Presented by:

Thomas P. Sollecito, DMD

This lecture will review oral cancer and oral potentially malignant disease (OPMD) that maybe encountered in daily practice. We will review risk factors for oral cancer and OPMD. The lecture will review the complexities in the detection and diagnosis of oral potentially malignant disease, and review current surgical and non-surgical treatment strategies in treating those diseases. Finally, this course will provide guidance on the dental evaluation prior to anticipated cancer treatment and describe the dental management of the oral cancer patient including long-term follow-up.

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**Cocktails - 6:30 PM Dinner - 7 PM
Meeting - 8 PM
See page 16 for Registration form.**



President's Message

Dear Members,

It is with great honor and humility that I begin my Presidency. For the past many years our organization has been blessed with outstanding leaders who were and continue to be passionate about our profession. I am committed to continuing this ***Legacy of Excellence.***

Before I speak about the road ahead, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to our immediate Past President, Dr. Mark Kienle, for his outstanding leadership. I want to thank you for your service and commitment. I also want to recognize and extend my sincere appreciation to our board members; your hard work and contributions have helped and strengthened this dental society in ways that will be felt for years to come. I sincerely want to thank everyone who has accepted a position to serve on the MBDS board.

All of our members and their involvement are vital to the

health of our organization, which includes both social events and CE. This year on Friday September 19, at Valley Forge Casino Resort, we have a FREE event to members of Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lehigh, Montgomery, and Northampton County Dental Societies: ***"The Fantastic World of Pathology!"*** by Dr. Sarah Glass, who is a board-certified Oral and Maxillofacial Pathologist. Also in our Distinguished Speaker Series, we will have Dr. Thomas Sollecito, Professor of Oral Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, on Thursday October 16, at Normandy Farms Conference Center.

I look forward to seeing you all this 2025-2026 year. Your involvement in organized dentistry is a crucial pillar of our profession. As always, the MBDS Bulletin is always looking for member submitted content covering topics of interest.

With Best Wishes,

Dr. Raj K. Shah



Executive Council Meetings:
(held at Normandy Farms Conference Center)
Wednesday, September 17, 2025
Wednesday, November 12, 2025 - Via Zoom

Dinner Meetings: *Cocktail hour beginning at 6:00 & dinner at 7:00*
(held at Normandy Farms Conference Center)
October 16, 2025 – Oral Cancer & Potentially Malignant Disease
November 20, 2025 – TBA

GPVFDC Course
September 19, 2025 – Sarah Glass, DDS, *Valley Forge Casino Resort*

Social Events
October 5, 2025 – Dinner at the Zoo, *Elmwood Park Zoo*
October 9, 2025 – Hot Topics, Cold Brews, *Well Crafted Ambler*
November 20, 2025 – Friendsgiving, *TBA*

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If you have an idea tumbling around in your head that you feel might be interesting to other dental professionals, **MBDS wants to hear from you!**

The MBDS Bulletin is always looking for member-submitted content covering topics of interest to our dental community such as technique tips, case studies, personal victories, etc. All submissions are reviewed, edited, and approved prior to publication.

We'd love to have our members share their perspectives on issues they face in daily practice, insights that they gained through experience, or thoughts about topics faced by dental professionals. Submit your articles to us at either: **MBDSDR@comcast.net** or **DrRachelLewin@gmail.com**

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This event is especially created for dentists and their families

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Dinner in the Canopy Gardens: 5:00 PM

Animal Show in the Canopy Gardens: 5:15 PM

RSVP by Tuesday, September 23rd

Registration required.

Register at www.mbds.org click on “For Dentists” then “Special Events”
(<https://mbds.org/Events.html>)



MBDS Patient Relations Committee

by Dr. Bruce Terry

Did you know that the Montgomery Bucks Dental Society has a Patient Relations Committee? We are the last dental society in the state to have such a program.

For many years patients who had a complaint about dental care could contact the PDA and would be referred to the proper local dental society. Volunteers at the local level would investigate the complaint and then try to mediate between the patient and dentist. This was a win-win situation for everyone. This type of resolution avoids lawyers, courts and the State Board of Dentistry. Most importantly, it was a free member benefit.

Sadly, the world got to be a more complicated place. Not all dentists are members of the PDA.

Patients and dentists were unwilling to compromise. Some locals and their volunteers were threatened with legal action from either party. Slowly the PDA and the locals discontinued their patient relations committees.

Montgomery Bucks Dental Society has discussed this member benefit several times. Each time, the Executive Committee renews the committee and its purpose.

Dr. Bruce Terry is the long-time Chairperson replacing Dr. Robert Singer. Dr. Terry gives a report on recent activity at each executive committee meeting. In the past year he has helped with three cases.

Each case was brought to the committee by a patient. Patients may hear about us after calling or emailing the PDA or Dr. Howley directly. The patient may have transferred to a new dentist and upon hearing the patient's story the dentist may refer the patient to Dr. Howley.

Each patient has a similar story. Dental work was provided, and the outcome was either not what the

patient expected, or it may not have met with their satisfaction. It is more often about communication and poorly aligned expectations between the patient and the dentist. It's almost never about standard of care; those types of cases will usually go to the State Board of Dentistry or to a lawyer.

The committee has no weight and cannot fine, compel or sanction a dentist. We have no authority other than to act as an arbitrator. Most often we listen. We will gather the information from the patient and the dentist. If needed, we will ask the patient to come to a third-party dental office for an examination to determine what might be needed to help the patient. Other times we discuss the situation with the dentist, and they may be able to help the

patient directly. This may be accomplished by redoing work or refunding the patient to have work done elsewhere. All of this is again voluntary and if the dentist does not want to participate, they can decline. It's always our recommendation the dentist and patient communicate and try to resolve their differences.

The Montgomery Bucks Dental Society will continue with this program because we see it as a valuable member benefit. We feel that patients deserve to be heard without having to file a lawsuit, and if we can prevent legal action, we have done a service to the dentist and the patient.

Next time you encounter a patient who has unkind things to say about a prior dentist and asks you if they should hire a lawyer, encourage them to contact Montgomery Bucks Dental Society and request help with a dispute regarding their dental care.



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Hot Topics, Cold Brews

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Hosted by MBDS

November 20, 2025

More details to come!



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StartUp Social Series

Brian Madden from Car Real Estate
presented
*"Real Estate Essentials for
Your Dental Start Up"*
at the Great American Pub
on July 30, 2025



MEMBER *Events!*

StartUp Social Series

Save the Date

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

6:30 - 8:30 PM

Great American Pub

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Please register by emailing
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**2025 GREATER PHILADELPHIA
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Step into the fascinating realm of oral pathology with a dynamic, case-based presentation designed to sharpen your diagnostic acumen and broaden your differential diagnoses. Explore the most common soft tissue and radiographic pathologies, discover emerging entities, and gain practical management strategies. This engaging session will equip you with the knowledge to deliver exceptional patient care and the confidence to tackle even the most complex cases with precision and poise.

Learning Objectives:

-  **Identify and Describe**
Identify and describe oral pathology entities while refining diagnostic criteria for select conditions.
-  **Strengthen Skills in Differential Diagnoses**
Develop comprehensive and thoughtful differential diagnoses through the analysis of illustrative case examples.
-  **Develop Evidence-Based Management**
Formulate and discuss evidence-based management recommendations for a variety of conditions.

Speaker: Sarah Glass, DDS

Dr. Sarah Glass is a board-certified oral and maxillofacial pathologist. She attended Virginia Tech for her undergraduate degree and obtained her Doctor of Dental Surgery from Virginia Commonwealth University. After dental school, she completed a three-year Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology residency at New York Presbyterian/Queens. Today, she works as an assistant professor at VCU School of Dentistry. Her job responsibilities include teaching learners in various programs, directing the VCU Oral Diagnostic Services Laboratory and conducting research.



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ADA NEWS

Dental workforce transitioning to younger, female dentists

New HPI report shows nearly 2 in 5 dentists are female

The face of dentistry is changing to a younger and more female workforce, according to a new report from the ADA Health Policy Institute.

In 2024, nearly 2 in 5 dentists in the U.S. were female, according to The U.S. Dentist Workforce – Update 2025. The share of dentists who are female has more than doubled since 2001, increasing from 16% to 39%. In addition, about half of dentists ages 35 and under are female as of 2024.

“A younger and more diverse workforce means that the shift from solo practice to group practice and dental support organizations, a trend that has been underway for a decade, will continue. Younger dentists are delaying practice ownership and are more frequently practicing in group practice after graduation,” said Marko Vujicic, Ph.D., ADA chief economist and vice president of HPI.

According to the report, while the dental workforce is changing in terms of demographics and practice

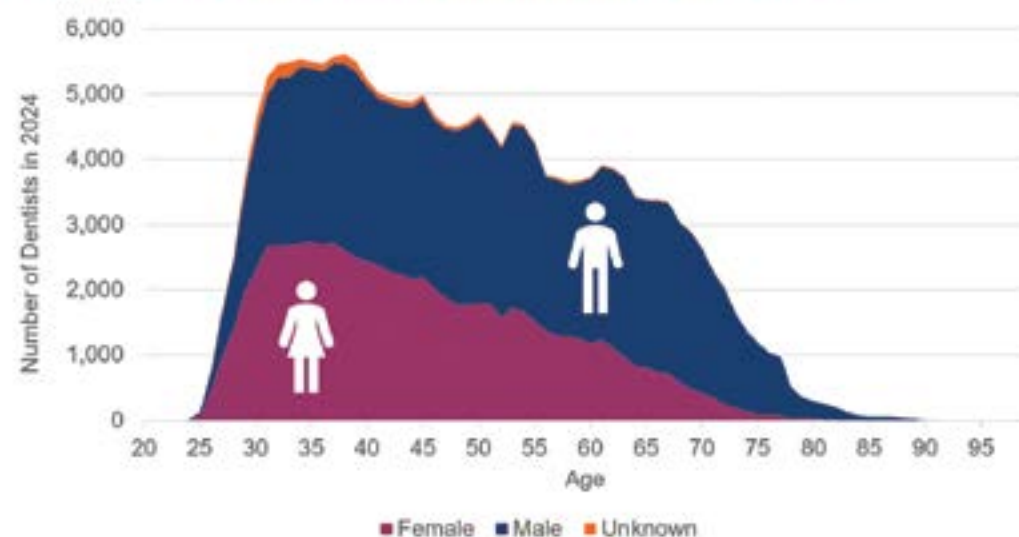
modality, established dentists are experiencing a “fiscal squeeze” that is driving income down across all specialties and career stages. Dentists are also retiring later than they used to.

The supply of dentists has been stable for the past few years but is about to grow, Dr. Vujicic said. The retirement “surge” among baby boomer dentists is nearing its end while dental school enrollment is at an all-time high.

The new HPI report explores trends in four domains: who makes up the dentist workforce, how and where dentists work, how practicing dentists are doing economically, and the future of the dentist workforce. It also includes state-level trends.

HPI will continue to monitor these trends and what they may mean for the dentist profession and the dental care delivery system. Read the full report at ADA.org/hpi.

ABOUT HALF OF YOUNGER DENTISTS ARE FEMALE



Source: ADA Health Policy Institute



Women's Center of Montgomery County / A Woman's Place Domestic Violence Project Domestic Violence 101

Date: Tuesday, October 21st, 2025

Time: 7:00 pm

- Learn about the dynamics of domestic violence.
- Learn how to provide a trauma informed response to a survivor.
- Learn about resources available in Montgomery and Bucks County for survivors.

RSVP to Dr. Tom Howley at
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The Member Engagement Committee has been meeting regularly to help process member feedback and develop novel programming and offerings for MBDS members. This committee discusses and creates programs and offers recommendations to the Executive Committee in an effort to try and revamp the offerings of MBDS in order to stay up-to-date with what our members tell us they want. **Participants of the Member Engagement Committee are present at nearly all Hot Topics, Cold Brews events. If you would like to join us planning CE and social events, please contact us at MBDSR@comcast.net or attend one of our upcoming events. Join us to contribute your thoughts and help shape our dental society's future!**

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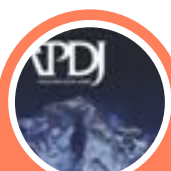
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Upon completion of this course, participants should be able to:

- Evaluate the oral cavity and diagnose oral cancer and oral potentially malignant disease.
- Understand risk factors and epidemiology for oral cancer/oral potentially malignant disease.
- Discuss the current rise of HPV and its impact on the prognosis and management of oropharyngeal cancer.
- Discuss surgical and non-surgical treatment strategies of oral cancer/oral potentially malignant disease.
- Manage appropriate pre cancer treatment referrals.
- Describe the management and long term follow up of the oral cancer patient.

Dr. Thomas Sollecito is the Professor and Chair of Oral Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, School of Dental Medicine and Professor of Oral Medicine in Otolaryngology: Head and Neck Surgery, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He is also an Attending in Oral Medicine at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and a University Associate at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. He completed his DMD degree program at the University of Pennsylvania, School of Dental Medicine. He is a Fellow in Hospital Dentistry and a Diplomate in Special Care Dentistry and a Diplomate in Oral Medicine. Formerly, he was the Director of the Oral Medicine Residency Program and formerly served as the Interim Dean at the University of Pennsylvania, School of Dental Medicine. He is a Section Editor of the *Compendium Journal*, a reviewer for the *Journal of the American Dental Association* and served on the ADA Council of Scientific Affairs. He has authored numerous papers and chapters related to various topics in Oral Medicine.

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