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Academy of General
Dentistry
Mission Statement

To serve the needs and to represent the interests of general dentists and to foster their continued proficiency through quality continuing dental education in order to better serve the public.



**Twentieth Annual Colonial Conference Set
For November 7th and 8th**

Colonial Williamsburg and the Virginia Academy of General Dentistry welcome everyone back this fall for the Twentieth Annual Colonial Dental Conference. This premiere continuing education event is scheduled to take place November 7th and 8th at the Williamsburg Hospitality House. Last year's Colonial Conference was a huge success, and we are certain that this year the speakers will be just as great!

This year the featured speakers include Dr. Don Lewis discussing "Practice Management/Fraud Issues," and Dr. Gerard Kugel, talking about "Aesthetic Dentistry/Material Update." Once again this year the conference will also include courses for ACLS Re-Certification and CPR Re-Certification.



Left—A birds eye view of a charming residence in Colonial Williamsburg!

In his seminar on November 7th, Dr. Lewis will give all dentists a take-home, proven internal control system to safeguard assets; he also will provide the necessary tools to recognize that embezzlement can take place and will share a step-by-step action plan to correction and well-

Right—Drummers re-enact days gone by as they march through historic Williamsburg.



being. This excellent seminar has been designed and developed for all dentists so they can empower themselves with enough knowledge to reduce the risk of becoming a victim.

On November 8th, Dr. Kugel will review the principles of esthetic dentistry as they relate to tooth form and function. This course will aim to provide high quality education to participants by demonstrating the use of evidence based information and cutting technology to preserve or enhance esthetics, comfort, function and biologic health for the craniofacial complex.

Registration details are included in this issue. You will find registration forms as well as detailed course descriptions.

It's that time of year again! Bring your entire family to enjoy all that Colonial Williamsburg has to offer. Mark your calendar to join us in Williamsburg for the Twentieth Annual Colonial Conference --- November 7th and 8th!

Message from the President...

Cheryl B. Billingsley, DDS, FAGD



Welcome to the Virginia Academy of General Dentistry! One of my goals for this year is to increase the membership in the Academy of General Dentistry. Why should you join this organization? The AGD's Mission statement reflects the

reasons superbly:

"The core purpose of the Academy of General Dentistry is to advance the value and excellence of general dentistry."

Membership in the AGD shows a commitment to professional development, and ultimately quality patient care. The AGD is the only organization that exclusively represents the needs and interest of the general dentist. The AGD offers:

- Commitment to life-long learning through quality education
- Professional development
- Networking
- Award winning Publications
- Advocacy for the general dentist

If you are a sole practitioner, the AGD offers a means of networking with your peers. We all at times need the advice of our colleagues at time relating to staff issues. (What do you pay for health care? What do you pay for sick leave?), dental issues, (What cement works best for you in this situation? What lab do you use and who has the best rate and quality?), retirement issues. (Do you have long-term care insurance? Do you have disability insurance?) The AGD can answer all of these issues and more.

Continuing education is one of the hallmarks of the AGD and talk about a huge "bang for your buck"! The Mastertrack is also continuing at the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry (formerly the Medical College of Virginia—School

of Dentistry). This program has exceeded all expectations. Thanks to Dean Ron Hunt and the continuing education staff at the dental school for all of their hard work. You can still join the program in October. (See registration info on page 6).

The Colonial Conference in Williamsburg in November 2008 (see enclosed registration) offers a means of obtaining all of your Virginia CE requirements for one year and also experience some excellent networking with your colleagues. The courses this year for the dentist and staff will be held in the ballroom at the Hospitality House which is in walking distance to the Colonial Williamsburg area and near the College of William and Mary. Plan to work on obtaining your fellowship this year!

Our utmost thanks go to our Trustee, Dr. Ted Sherwin and our Regional Director, Dr. George Shepley for their excellent leadership. We also would like to thank the VAGD board for the many hours spent in planning and implementing numerous programs this year. Thanks are in order for Dr. Kirk Norbo for initiating the Mastertrack program, and overseeing the Pace program, Dr. Ali Zarrinfar for attending the legislative meetings in Washington DC and meeting with the House of Representatives and Senators, Dr. Pam Stover for her award-winning Virginia Voice, Dr. Betsy Nance for her leadership with the students at the Dental School and re-energizing the dental students in relation to the AGD, Dr. Gloria Ward for her outstanding secretarial duties, Dr. Fred Certossimo for his assistance with the dental school activities, Stephanie Chambers, our superb student leader at VCU, Dr. Stuart Broth, the devoted Dental Care Council leader, Dr. Jack Kayton, our very precise outstanding Treasurer, Drs. Jennifer Howard and Stelios Bredologos for their able leadership planning the continuing education courses, Dr. Mike Healy for his aid in reviewing the Bylaws, Dr. Julie Tran for her award-winning abilities as chair of the Public Information Council, and Frances Kimbrough, our very able executive secretary who oversees the entire organization. Without all of the hard work of these individuals, the VAGD would not have been able to achieve our goals. If you happen to encounter one of these individuals, please let them know we appreciate all that they do for the VAGD.

Regional Director's Report
August 2008
George R Shepley, DDS, MAGD
Regional Director, Region 5



The AGD held their Annual Meeting in Orlando, Fl. on July 16-20, 2008. This was another successful meeting, full of exciting continuing education courses, lectures and an abundance of hands on participation courses. Many received their Fellowship, Mastership, and Life Long Learning and Service Recognition Awards. The Exhibit Hall was full, friends from around the country met, and families enjoyed all that Disney World had to offer. All got to hear entertaining talks from Captain James Lovell and former Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz.

Be sure not to miss the next AGD Annual meeting that will be held in Baltimore, Maryland. With a brand new Hilton Convention Hotel right next to Camden Yards, only a few blocks from the new University of Maryland School of Dentistry, a few blocks from the National Dental Museum, and a couple of blocks from the world famous Inner Harbor with the National Aquarium, a world class Science Museum, tons of great restaurants and seafood, and exciting nightlife, this is a meeting not to be missed. So be sure to mark your calendar for July 8-12, 2009 and register as soon as possible for this must make meeting! You may be surprised by who you get to hear.

The AGD Annual meeting also holds the governance for the AGD. In Orlando the House of Delegates passed resolutions that affect the organization. One of the more significant resolutions in the Dental Education area changes the way credit is awarded to GPR/AEGD/GDR residencies. Basically, 150 hours of participation credit will be given for a one year program, and 300 hours of participation credit will be given for a two year program. The credits will be given in full if one is an AGD member within one year of completion of the program and prorated in credit if one becomes a member within a given number of years. Check with AGD for specific details.

One of the most significant resolutions in the Advocacy area is the acceptance of a White paper or position paper on the area of Access to Care. This deals with the increasingly hot subject of Access to Care and Utilization of Oral Health Care Services. This will be an important document to help all Constituents of the AGD deal with this important subject in their states when it comes time to deal with any legislative initiatives that may occur. It will also be important to clarify the Academy's position with other dental organizations, such as the ADA. Stay tuned to the AGD publications and website for more information about this important document. Also thanks to Virginia's Ted Sherwin for chairing the AGD task force that created this document.



Above—Try to match names with faces from the 'cast' of Hairspray in Orlando—Drs. George Shepley, Pam Stover, Susan O'Connor and Cheryl Billingsley—all from Region 5!

I want to remind everyone that the Bi-Annual AGD Leadership Conference is to be held in Chicago on November 20-22, 2008. This is an opportunity for local AGD leaders to receive leadership training and learn about how AGD works. The AGD Legislative/Advocacy Conference will be held tentatively in Washington, DC, on March 9-10, 2009. I encourage all members to consider volunteering for a leadership position in the AGD. It is such a rewarding experience to give back and for growth as an individual. Please let your areas of interest be known on the AGD website in the Call for Volunteers section. I once again want to thank all for the opportunity to serve as your Regional Director and thank all the Region leaders who have contributed to the success of our Region. If anyone has questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Dental Care Update

by *Stuart A. Broth, DDS, MAGD*

One of the responsibilities of the Committee on Dental Care is to keep you abreast of changes that could affect the way you practice. This has been a very active year and it is without doubt that the practice of dentistry, and in particular general dentistry, is going to come under increased regulation in the very near future both at the national and state levels. In Virginia we are witnessing changes mandated by the Legislature. Probably the most notable requires the Board of Dentistry to regulate the practice of dental assistants. It provides that a person who is employed to assist a licensed dentist or hygienist will be able to perform different duties as prescribed in the to be written regulations and dependent on their level of training and certification. There will be two levels of dental assistants and it will be the responsibility of the Board to denote the differences. This law becomes effective July 1, 2008 and to this end the Board has adopted a "Notice of Rule Making" effective on this date. It normally takes approximately 24 months for the hearings, writing, adoption and notification of these rules to go into effect. At this time it is anticipated that level II assistants will have to pass a national accreditation exam recognized by the ADA, and the only one at this time is by the Dental Assistant National Board. Membership in this organization will likely be required.

There are several other bills that could have an effect on dentistry that have either become law or are awaiting the Governor's signature. One bill relates to health care provider limited liability protection when that provider responds to a disaster declared by state or local officials. In addition, it provides for reimbursement of expenses and it also provides immunity for health care providers who abandon patients in order to respond to a disaster. Another bill passed allows licensed practitioners (MD's, vets, dentists, hygienists, etc) in good standing in any other state, to participate in charitable events in the Commonwealth for up to three days without notice to any of the applicable state boards.

The legislature has also left several items on the table for future consideration. They include establishment of a division in the State Corporation Commission

named the "Bureau of Health Insurance" to administer the Commonwealth's health insurance laws. One proposal that affects only oral surgeons who do cosmetic procedures [but shows the legislature's regulatory authority] requires the Board of Dentistry make available to the public the certifications of oral surgeons who do such procedures. Four different "Smoke Free Air" bills have also been carried over in committees for next year.

One proposal that died in committee relates to the Joint Commission on Health Care to study continuing competency of all health care professionals. Won't that be an interesting list to have to live with?

Our Board of Dentistry in the Commonwealth of Virginia has also been very busy. The regulations regarding the education and training required for a dental hygienist to administer nitrous oxide and administration of local anesthesia under the direction of a licensed dentist have been finalized and are in the process of being implemented. We will receive notification and copies of the regulations from the Board.

Several other proposals being discussed by the Board include changes to the administration of conscious sedation and a rule (on the fast track) to clarify that scaling and root planning may only be delegated to a dental hygienist. Another fast track rule would impose a \$350 fee for an inspection of a dental office pursuant to a disciplinary order. Another proposal that was withdrawn would have required informed consent for virtually all dental and hygiene procedures.

Nationally we see monumental changes in the dental practice in the State of Alaska where they have approved a multi-level dental provider, a level between dentist and hygienist, who will actually be able to perform extractions and other dental procedures. Let me assure you that your leadership in the AGD are no longer only the monitors of your continuing education, but also very actively involved in protecting and preserving the practice and level of general dentistry that we wish to keep.

THE VIRGINIA ACADEMY OF GENERAL DENTISTRY 20TH COLONIAL DENTAL CONFERENCE

Donald P. Lewis, Jr., DDS, CFE
Gerard Kugel, DMD, M.S., Ph.D.
ACLS Re-Certification Course
(Required by the State Board of Dentistry)
CPR Re-Certification Course

Williamsburg, VA

November 7-8, 2008

"We are thrilled to be back in Williamsburg in 2008, and offer such interesting and up-to-date materials."
Cheryl B. Billingsley, DDS, FAGD
VAGD President

"Dr. Lewis presents a course that is vital to all of us. Bring your spouse and your CPA!"
Stelianos Bredologos, DDS
VAGD Continuing Education Chair

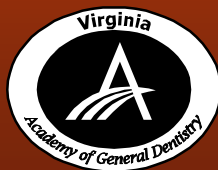
"Dr. Kugel's evidence based information and cutting technology on esthetics is a course you can't afford to miss."
Pamela K. Stover, DDS
VAGD Vice President

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"Be Prepared For The UNEXPECTED! The Prevention, Recognition and Treatment of Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office" - Friday, Nov. 7—8:30 AM—12:15 PM Course



Dr. Don Lewis

Luncheon speakers include Sandra Reen, Executive Director of the VA Board Of Dentistry and Dr. Jeff Levin who will present VA BOD updates!

BRING YOUR ENTIRE DENTAL TEAM!

As patient populations in our private practices continue to constantly change, we as practitioners and staff are obligated to provide a safe environment each and every day! With advances in medicine being made, coupled with longer dental appointments and the increased usage of medications, these can combine to lead to a medical emergency.

This lecture will organize and present various medical emergencies that will mostly likely be encountered in the office. Topics will include: *Preparation and preventative measures; *Basic emergency equipment necessary; *Detection and treatment of a) the unconscious patient: syncope and postural hypo tension; b) respiratory emergencies: airway obstruction, hyperventilation syndrome

and asthma; c) medical conditions leading to unconsciousness: diabetes and cerebral vascular accident; d) convulsive disorders; e) drug related emergencies: allergic reactions and drug overdose; and f) chest pain: angina and acute myocardial infarction. This lecture will focus on these topics from general consideration, prevention, recognition, differential diagnosis and treatment aspect. The seminar attendee will be aware of these potential emergencies and will develop a workable treatment plan to be implanted into their practices to "Be prepared for the UNEXPECTED!"

"Doctor, Your Check Has Bounced Again! - Employee Dishonesty, Theft, Fraud and Embezzlement in the Dental Office" - 1:15 PM—5:00 PM Course

Attacking dental practices with a variety of "Scams and Schemes," white-collar criminals are stealing from dental practices each and every day! On the average, four out of 10 dental offices could be victims of this silent crime.

This seminar gives the dentist a take-home, proven internal control system to safeguard their assets. It also provides attendees the needed tools to recognize that embezzlement can take place and a step-by-step action plan to correction and well-being. The seminar has been designed and developed for all dentists so they can empower themselves with enough knowledge to reduce the risk of becoming a victim.

This course is intended for Doctors, Spouses and Accountants ONLY. Staff members are NOT permitted.

Morning for the entire dental office and afternoon for Doctors, spouses and CPA's only.

Esthetic Dentistry & Materials Update
Saturday, Nov. 8—
8:30 AM—5:00 PM



This course will review the principles of esthetic dentistry as they relate to tooth form and function: • Tooth Position, contour and shape will be related to occlusal function, lip line and incisal edge location. Esthetics without proper function results in failure. • The choice of materials we can use for our fixed prosthetics has changed dramatically over the past 10 years... We must be aware of what are options are and more importantly the indications and contraindications for their use. This lecture will also review all ceramic materials including Lab processed CAD/CAM crowns such as LAVA, Cercon, Kavo, Cerec In-lab IPS e-max and Procera. An emphasis will be placed on clinical applications including indications, and preparation design. • Advances in adhesive dentistry, especially sixth & seventh generation will be discussed. • The do's and don'ts of Porcelain laminates veneers from prep to cementation, along with potential pit falls and the ways to avoid them are highlighted. • Tooth whitening both in-office, light activated and over-the-counter, how do they work and what is best for my patients. This course will rely on evidence and not hype. It is geared for dentist and their staff.

Educational Objective: The objective of this course is to provide high quality education to participants using evidence based information and cutting technology to preserve or enhance esthetics, comfort, function and biologic health for the craniofacial complex. *(This program is brought to you by a grant from the AGD Foundation made possible by Procter & Gamble.)*

Acute Cardiac Life Support Re-Certification
Saturday, November 8th

(REQUIRED BY THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY IF YOU PRACTICE SEDATION DENTISTRY!)

Advanced Cardiac Life Support (tailored to the needs of the "general dentist") is an American Heart Association certificated program that meets and exceeds the VA Board of Dentistry requirements. It is an objective based course covering basic and advanced airway management: medication; administration; rhythm recognition; and pre and post-cardiac emergency management. Check your ACLS re-certification date—this creeps up on you before you realize it!!!

CPR Re-Certification
Saturday, November 8th, 2008

Registration— 2008 Colonial Dental Conference
November 7 & 8, 2008
Hospitality House, Williamsburg, VA

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Registration Fee:

Course 1	Dr. Don Lewis	Friday, 8:30AM—5:00PM (lunch)
Course 2	Dr. Gerard Kugel	Saturday, 8:30AM—5:00PM (lunch)
Course 3	ACLS Re-Certification	Saturday, 8:00AM—12:30PM
Course 4	CPR Re-Certification	Saturday, 1:00 PM—3:00PM

	Course 1 (AM only)*		Course 2		Courses 1 (AM) & 2	
Staff	\$59	\$89	\$ 99	\$129	\$129	\$159
Student	\$29	\$49	\$ 59	\$ 79	\$ 69	\$ 89

	Course 1 or 2		Courses 1 & 2	
	Early	After 10/4/08	Early	After 10/4/08
VAGD member	\$199	\$249	\$329	\$379
Non-member	\$249	\$299	\$379	\$429

	Course 3	Course 4
	\$350	\$59

*lunch not included
 Return with check made payable to: **VAGD**, c/o Frances Kimbrough,
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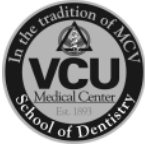
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Cancellation and Refund Policy for All Continuing Education Courses: Must be in writing. Refunds up to two weeks prior to the course. \$35 processing fee after that date. No refunds within 72 hours of course.



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VCU School of Dentistry & Virginia AGD MasterTrack Session Three



Tuition **\$1,295** Esthetics and Basic Science - October 2 – 5, 2008
Material/Supply Fee **\$220** Due before September 26, 2008

MasterTrack Session Three

Embassy Suites Hotel & Executive Meeting Center (EMC), 2925 Emerywood Pkwy (off West Broad Street near I-64 interchange), Richmond, VA 23294

Thursday, October 2, 2008

11:00 am – Noon Lunch

Noon – 5:00 Case Presentations - Endodontics and Implant Restorations

Friday, October 3, 2008

8:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration & Continental Breakfast begin at 7:30 am

Porcelain Laminate Veneers – Two-day course, Lecture and Hands-On

Gregg Helvey, DDS, MAGD, Adjunct Professor of Dentistry, VCU, Middleburg, Virginia (Private Office)

Friday, Lecture session (8 hours)

- Introducing porcelain laminate veneers into your practice
- Components of a desirable smile
- Methods in achieving the desirable smile
- The “mock-up” and the “additive contour technique”
- Managing dentin exposure in tooth preparations
- The science behind indications and contra-indications
- Step-by-step laminate veneer preparations
- Impressions, bite registrations, and face-bow transfer
- Provisional restorations that look like finished restorations
- Laminate veneer insertion

Saturday, October 4, Hands-on session (8 hours)

HELD AT VCU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY – MCV CAMPUS

Woolwine Mannequin Lab – 3RD Floor Lyons Dental Building

8:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration & Continental Breakfast begin at 7:30 am

- Simple laminate veneer preparations
- Complex laminate veneer preparations
- Snap Stone impressions to evaluate the preparations

Sunday, October 5, Lecture session (4 hours total)

8:00 am – 12:00 Registration & Continental Breakfast begin at 7:30 am

Wound Healing Processes – 2 hours

Robert F. Diegelmann, Ph.D., Professor of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, VCU Medical Center

At the completion of this presentation, participants will be able to:

- Outline the essential cellular, biochemical, and molecular components of normal tissue repair
- Identify the sequence of events required for normal tissue repair
- Discuss the unique components of the wound • microenvironment and their role in normal & delayed tissue repair
- Define the underlying pathophysiology responsible for chronic non-healing ulcers & periodontal disease

The Use of NSAIDs in Dental Treatment – 2 hours

B. Ellen Byrne, DDS, PhD, Professor of Dentistry, VCU

At the conclusion of this session the participant should be able to:

- List actions of NSAIDs on target tissues
- list major drug interactions associated with the NSAIDs
- list major side-effects associated with the NSAIDs
- Identify low, medium and high risk NSAIDs based on side effect profile

To register please go to http://www.dentistry.vcu.edu/professionals/ce/documents/mastertrack_registration_form.pdf .
For further information call 804-828-0869.

Bland Ministry Center Dental Clinic "Trip to Appalachia" by Cheryl Billingsley, DDS, FAGD

One day in the spring of Dr. Billingsley's Junior year in Dental School a dental instructor by the name of Dr. Felix Sheppard was speaking about a trip he had just taken to the mountains of Virginia and he enthusiastically spoke about providing much needed care for the people in this area. Dr. Billingsley thought immediately, "This



Above—Dr. Billingsley sees many patients at the Bland Ministry Dental Clinic.

is the mission trip I would like to do!" In the month of July, 2008, Dr. Cheryl Billingsley led a dental group from Richmond, Virginia to the Appalachian Mountains' Bland Ministry Center Dental Clinic for the sixth year in a row.

The group provided dentistry for many residents from this area. Dr. Sam Woolwine, a retired Richmond Dentist and Dr. Billingsley provided dental care consisting of extractions, endodontics (root canals), fillings, etc. Many of the patients do not have plumbing or heating in their homes and basically "live off the land". On the day Dr. Billingsley's group arrived a farmer had dropped off a load of sweet potatoes for the needy in the community. Throughout the day people stopped by and loaded bags of potatoes for their hungry families. Most of the patients just expect to lose their teeth and get dentures. Education is essential in the treatment of this segment of the population. Once they understand that they can save their teeth, most are receptive to treatment with restorative care. Once Dr. Billingsley saw a patient who was washing his teeth with a washcloth and had never seen a toothbrush. He was 23 years old and all teeth were decayed to the gumline. Dr. Billingsley extracted all of his teeth and made him a set of dentures. He said, "These are mighty fine dentures and I can smile now."

The rewards received are great from volunteering in this dental clinic. If you are interested in

volunteering and taking a group to the clinic, please call Dr. Billingsley at 804-740-4485 and Bland Ministry Dental Clinic at 276-688-4701. Housing is provided for small groups. The clinic is well stocked and only minimal supplies are needed. There are 2 functional operatories with a large assortment of oral surgery instruments. We definitely need more volunteers as the needs are truly great!



Above—Community Sweet Potatoe Donation for the needy in the Appalachians near the Bland Ministry Center Dental Clinic.

Dental Students Get Into The Swing Of Things!

The VAGD was in "full swing" this past April as we sponsored VCU Dental School's 3rd Annual Student/Alumni Golf Invitational as student and "Eagle" sponsor. VAGD continued to make face time at VCU Dental School's Clinic day where we handed out CE flyers and gained even more student membership!



*Stephanie Chambers,
VAGD Student Rep*

We are excited to continue our presence at the Dental School this fall during another Lunch and Learn, as well as several upcoming student -run events.

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“The Voice of the General Dentist”

AGD Lobbies in Washington D.C.

by: Ali Zarrinfar, DDS, President Elect, Chair Legislative Affairs and Advocacy



Left—Dr. Ali Zarrinfar, the Virginia AGD President Elect as well as Chairman of Legislative Affairs and Advocacy, represented the VAGD at the second annual advocacy conference in Washington, DC.

The Academy of General Dentistry’s second annual **advocacy conference** was held in Washington D.C on March 10th and 11th, 2008.

A total of 58 AGD dentists from 30 states joined forces on the Capitol Hill to visit their respective congressmen and senators. This year’s agenda was to focus on three major issues:

Deamonte’s law {HR-2371}

This bill was named after a young Maryland boy who died when a tooth infection spread to his brain. Representative Elijah Cummings (D-MD-7) introduced this bill and it is designed to increase the amount of dental services to mostly low-income children in the community health care centers and train individuals in Pediatric Dentistry. An estimated 42% of community health care centers have gaps in their capacity to provide dental care. This measure would help address some of these shortages. Specifically the bill includes the following provisions:

- Authorization of a \$5 million a year grant program for five years to expand and improve the provision of pediatric dental services to medically underserved populations by recruiting dentists to provide services; purchasing/renting equipment used for dental care; constructing and expanding physical space for the provision of dental services; and allowing contractual relationships between federally qualified health centers and private dental providers to increase access to dental care for adults and children.
- Authorization of a \$5 million a year grant program for five years to schools of dentistry to increase the number of individuals who pursue academic programs in pediatric dentistry. Funds can be used for the establishment or improvement in pre- and post - doctoral academic programs in pediatric dentistry; recruiting and training dental students to pursue

training in dentistry; and more training in pediatric dentistry within advanced education general practice dentistry and continuing education programs.

Children’s dental health improvement ACT of 2007-{S-739/HR-1781}

Introduced by Senator Jeff Bingaman {D-NM} and John Dingell {D-MI-15}. This Bill would provide disadvantaged children with access to dental services, including allowing states more flexibility in covering dental services through SCHIP. The bills contain many provisions that will extend dental care to low-income children. They expand school-based dental sealant programs, encourage dental schools to train more residents, improve Medicaid and SCHIP payment rates to dentists, and provide incentives to dentist willing to work in underserved parts of the country.

Meth Mouth Prevention and Community Recovery Act {HR 3186/ S1906}

Senator Max Baucus (D-MT) and Representative Rick Larsen (D-WA-2) have introduced this bill, which would provide for a school based prevention program to educate students about oral health risks associated with meth use.

The condition known as “meth mouth” is characterized by teeth that are blackened, stained, rotting, and crumbling or falling apart. The damage is often so severe that extraction is the only viable treatment option.

The provisions would provide for a school-based prevention program that will educate students about the oral health risks associated with meth use:

- Grants to schools for educating 12 to 17 year olds about meth mouth;
- Expand and intensify the Department of Health and Human Services’ clinical, health services and public health research on associations between substance use disorders, oral health, and the provision of dental care;
- Authorize a study to determine whether and to what degree meth use affected the demand for dental care; and
- Promote a series of continuing education

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activities for dentists to learn about substance abuse disorders and their relationship to oral health and the provision of dental care.

After a full day of briefing and training sessions on March 10th, I joined Dr. Ted Sherwin {Trustee, Region 5} to visit the offices of senators James Webb {D-VA}, John Warner {R-VA} and Representative Frank Wolf {R-VA 10} Tuesday, March 11, 2008. During our meeting we outlined each bill, and why we felt



Left—Dr. Ted Sherwin, Academy of General Dentistry Trustee, Region 5, accompanied Dr. Zarrinfar to visit Senators James Webb and John Warner and Representative Frank Wolf.

that the legislators should co-sponsor and support each piece of legislation.

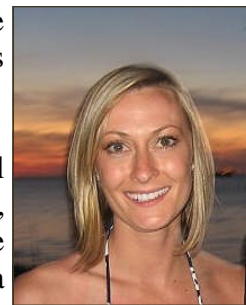
This was also my second year of participation at this event. It was my privilege to have had the opportunity to take part in such an important conference. I gained valuable legislative knowledge and it was extremely rewarding to be able to educate and lobby the legislatures and their staff on issues that can make significant improvement in the dental health of our citizens.

We all need to become involved wherever we can, at our local communities, with local and state constituents, the state dental board, and other dental organizations. Every issue brought to the state legislator or the VA board of Dentistry that may impact our ability to treat our patients requires careful consideration. As individual dentists and members of organized dentistry, we need to voice our opinions and share our experiences on every single one of these issues with our lawmakers. After all no one is better equipped with the proper knowledge and experience to do so. Remember if we do not show interest and if we are not the spokespeople for our profession, others will be.

At Virginia Academy of General Dentistry we take our roles very seriously and we believe that through collaboration and opportunities to exchange ideas we can positively impact the practice of dentistry and our profession.

VAGD Welcomes our Second Student Rep!

We welcome Danielle Hoexter to our board as our second student rep.



Danielle Hoexter, VAGD Student Rep

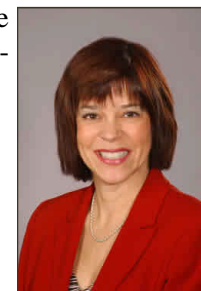
Danielle is a third year dental student, who grew up in Richmond, VA. She earned her undergraduate degree from Virginia Tech, with a BS in Business Information Systems. She then completed the prerequisite course work to apply to dental school while working as a dental assistant and was accepted to VCU in 2006.

She is excited to become an active member of the VAGD, and is looking forward to all of the upcoming events.

VAGD Welcomes New Members

The Virginia AGD would like to welcome the following 22 members who joined between April, 2008 and July, 2008:

L. Jackson, Brown, DDS, PhD, Ashburn
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*Elizabeth Nance, DDS
Membership Chair*

We encourage you to become involved with the AGD and take advantage of the many benefits you now have with your membership.

Dental Hygiene Seniors Lead in Local Anesthesia and Nitrous Oxide

By Martha Bushong

This year all graduates in the Dental Hygiene Class of 2008 completed competencies in maxillary infiltration injections, mandibular block injections, and nitrous oxide and became some of the first dental hygienists in the Commonwealth certified to administer local anesthesia to patients.

A two-year process in which the Virginia Dental Association obtained General Assembly approval of statute changes and the Virginia Board of Dentistry developed guiding educational and practice regulations was completed when they were signed by Governor Kaine in February 2008. "Even though the statute and regulations took a long time to become law, it was important for our students to be certified on graduation day. It made no sense to make them come back after graduation when we had the

opportunity to teach them the skills ahead of time," said Ms. Kim Isringhausen, Director of Dental Hygiene. It is impossible to overemphasize the importance of education and competence. "These injections not only require clinical hands-on skills, but also an understanding of the anatomy in question, contraindications for local anesthesia for a particular patient, areas of anesthesia necessary to perform a specific procedure, and proper documentation," said Rachel Greene (DH'08).

While students were excited to enter this new area of dental hygiene practice, some registered dental hygienists in the community seem unsure whether this is an area they would like to undertake. Despite mixed feelings expressed by some dentists and some hygienists, many believe the new role will require cooperation, a

The School of Dentistry sponsors a 36-hour, two-weekend CE course on local anesthesia and nitrous oxide for dental hygienists. To date, three courses have been conducted, with 77 dental hygienists successfully completing the course. Three more courses accommodating 150 participants are scheduled for this summer and fall.

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Dentists who graduated from an accredited school of dentistry more than four years ago, or who successfully completed an accredited general practice residency (GPR) or advanced education in general dentistry (AEGD) program in the U.S. or Canada, or hold a license to practice dentistry in any state or territory in the United States or province of Canada. Dentists who are practicing in a country outside the U.S. or Canada are eligible for active general dentist membership if they meet these criteria.

Associate

Dentists who are graduates of accredited dental schools, or hold a license to practice dentistry in any state or territory in the U.S. or province of Canada, but are practicing as specialists rather than general dentists.

Affiliate

All persons not eligible for any other type of membership in the AGD, but who support the aims and objectives of the AGD.

In recognition of the financial challenges faced by students and recent graduates, the AGD provides reduced annual dues for the following membership categories:

Recent Graduate

Dentists who have graduated in the past 4 years from an accredited dental school in the U.S. or Canada.

Resident

Dentists currently enrolled in an accredited advanced education in general dentistry (AEGD) or general practice residency (GPR) in the U.S. or Canada. Other types of residencies (i.e., post-doctorate, masters) do not qualify for the residency discount. Proof of residency enrollment needs to be provided to AGD on official program letterhead. Upon completion of a qualifying residency program, AGD members who submit proper verification may qualify for up to 250 hours of continuing education credits towards pursuit of the AGD Fellowship Award.

Student

A pre-doctoral student of an accredited dental school in the U.S. or Canada.

Official accreditation is given by the Council on Dental Accreditation (CODA) in the U.S. and the Council on Dental Accreditation in Canada (CDAC) for all Canadian provinces.

ANNUAL AGD MEMBERSHIP DUES

	U.S.	CANADA (In Canadian Dollars)	PUERTO RICO
Active General Dentist	\$334.00	329.00	279.00
Associate	\$334.00	329.00	279.00
Affiliate	167.00	164.50	139.50
Resident	67.00	66.00	56.00
2007 Graduate	67.00	66.00	56.00
2006 Graduate	134.00	132.00	112.00
2005 Graduate	200.00	197.00	167.00
2004 Graduate	267.00	263.00	223.00
Student	15.00	15.00	15.00

Find the dues amount appropriate for you and enter it under "2008 Dues Information" on the front of this form.

AGD constituent dues support programs sponsored by your local AGD.

Please also note that AGD constituent dues are typically reduced for members who are in their first year out of dental school, as indicated below.

2 ANNUAL AGD CONSTITUENT DUES

	REGULAR	FIRST YEAR DENTAL SCHOOL GRAD	REGULAR	FIRST YEAR DENTAL SCHOOL GRAD
Federal Services:				
U.S. Air Force	\$15	\$15		
U.S. Army	15	15		
U.S. Navy	18	18		
U.S. Public Health	15	15		
Veterans Administration	14	14		
United States:				
Alabama	30	0		
Alaska	50	24		
Arizona	35	35		
Arkansas	45	10		
California	95	5		
Colorado	40	10		
Connecticut	15	10		
Delaware	20	10		
District of Columbia	55	5		
Florida	70	15		
Georgia	75	25		
Hawaii	40	40		
Idaho	25	20		
Illinois	34	0		
Indiana	50	15		
Iowa	70	10		
Kansas	55	8		
Kentucky	40	5		
Louisiana	38	10		
Maine	20	15		
Maryland	60	25		
Massachusetts	36	10		
Michigan	50	50		
Minnesota	60	10		
Mississippi	30	20		
Missouri	33	8		
Montana	25	25		
Nebraska	50	15		
Nevada	40	25		
New Hampshire	20	15		
New Jersey	65	10		
New Mexico	50	20		
New York*	70	10		
North Carolina	\$45	\$2		
North Dakota	20	0		
Ohio	45	45		
Oklahoma	30	30		
Oregon	50	5		
Pennsylvania	70	15		
Puerto Rico	15	0		
Rhode Island	20	20		
South Carolina	35	15		
South Dakota	35	5		
Tennessee	65	20		
Texas	140*	54		
Utah	45	25		
Vermont	15	5		
Virginia	52	27		
Washington	65	15		
West Virginia	25	15		
Wisconsin	25	15		
Wyoming	15	15		
Canada (In Canadian Dollars):				
Alberta	30	30		
Atlantic Provinces New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Is	30	30		
British Columbia	30	30		
Ontario	30	30		
Quebec	30	30		
Unorganized:				
Canal Zone	0	0		
Civil Service	0	0		
International	0	0		
Manitoba	0	0		
Northwest Territories	0	0		
Peace Corps	0	0		
Saskatchewan	0	0		
Virgin Islands	0	0		

* Texas members joining July 1 through September 30 pay only \$70 in constituent dues. Recent graduates in Texas pay reduced fees as follows: \$54 (1st year out/Residents); \$78 (2nd year out); \$110 (3rd year out). Recent graduates and residents in New York pay \$10 constituent dues. For information on AGD component dues in California, Indiana, Florida, and Texas, please contact the Membership Services Center at 888.AGD.DENT (888.243.3368), ext. 5300.

Note: Dues rates effective until 10/01/08. Contact the AGD or visit www.agd.org for updated rates.

Individuals joining between July 1 and September 30 pay one-half the annual membership dues.

(Half-year dues do not apply to student, resident, or recent graduate member types or constituent/component dues.)

Individuals joining between October 1 and December 31, 2008, enjoy membership through the end of 2009. Paid dues will be applied to the upcoming year.

Membership Information

\$12.50 of the Membership dues covers a subscription to AGD Impact, and \$15 covers a subscription to the journal, *General Dentistry*, official publications of the AGD. Members may not deduct the amount(s) from annual dues.

Per the Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1993, please note that a portion of your membership dues payment, 1.2%, is not deductible as a business expense because it is allocable to lobbying activities of the organization. Please check with your accountant or tax advisor for detailed information.

Our members are dedicated to lifelong learning and quality patient care. The AGD supports this commitment by requiring that each member complete 75 hours of continuing education every three years, as part of maintaining membership.

The AGD adheres to and abides by the American Dental Association's Code of Ethics.

The AGD advocates membership in all aspects of organized dentistry and encourages its members to join the ADA, NDA, or CDA, and other dental organizations.

AGD Privacy Information

The AGD knows that you value your privacy, and we appreciate your trust. The AGD treats the handling of your personal information very seriously. To that end, the AGD has systems and procedures in place to protect your privacy in relation to the handling of your personal information.

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2009 Proposed Slate of Officers

The Virginia Academy of General Dentistry nominating committee has proposed the following slate of officers for 2008 and Delegates:

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President-Elect	Pamela Stover, DDS	Ali Zarrinfar, DDS
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Editor	Nomination from floor	Kirk M. Norbo, DMD, MAGD

These will be voted on at the annual meeting which will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2008, at noon during the Twentieth Annual Colonial Dental Conference, being held at the Williamsburg Hospitality House at 415 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185.

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Twentieth Annual Colonial Dental Conference Registration Enclosed!

Virginia Academy of General Dentistry 2008 Continuing Education Calendar

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| Oct 2 | Dr. Karen McAndrew, Implantology (report), VCU School of Dentistry (MasterTrack), Richmond (5 CE Hrs.)* |
| Oct 3 | Esthetics, VCU School of Dentistry (MasterTrack), Richmond (8 CE Hrs.)* |
| Oct 4 | Esthetics (hands-on), VCU School of Dentistry (MasterTrack), Richmond (8 CE Hrs.)* |
| Oct 5 | Basic Sciences, VCU School of Dentistry (MasterTrack), Richmond (4 CE Hrs.)* |
| Nov 7-8 | Annual Meeting, Williamsburg Hospitality House, Williamsburg, VA |
| Nov 7 | Dr. Don Lewis, Practice Management (8 CE Total Hrs.) |
| Nov 8 | Dr. Gerard Lewis, Esthetic Dentistry and Materials Update (8 CE Hrs.) |
| Nov 8 | ACLS Re-Certification (8 CE Hrs.) |
| Nov 8 | CPR Re-Certification (4 CE Hrs.) |

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