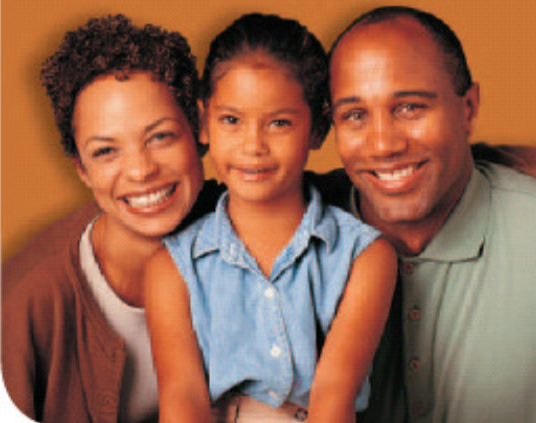




AGD's Resources for the Public

Check out AGD's website, www.agd.org, to search more than 300 oral health topics, post a dental question, sign up for e-newsletters or find an AGD dentist. Or, calling 1.877.2X.A.YEAR (1.877.292.9327) will put callers in touch with an operator who will provide the names, addresses and phone numbers of AGD members.

General dentists who are AGD members are dedicated to continuing education to help them stay up-to-date on the latest procedures to provide patients with quality treatment. Members never stop learning since the AGD requires its members to participate in 75-hours of voluntary continuing education every three years. However, surveys show that members average more than 40 hours each year.



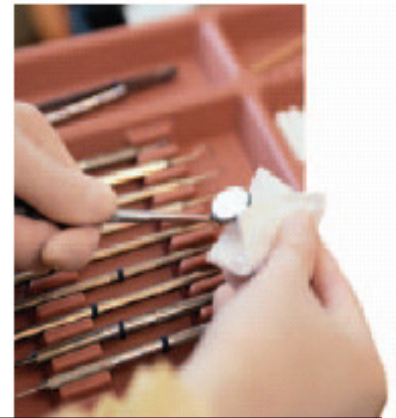
ACADEMY OF GENERAL DENTISTRY

What is the Academy of General Dentistry?

The Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) is a professional association of more than 35,000 general dentists from the United States. Founded in 1952, the AGD has grown to become the world's second largest dental association. It's the only association that exclusively represents the needs and interests of general dentists. AGD's headquarters office is located in Chicago, Ill.

What is a general dentist?

General dentists are the primary care providers for patients of all ages. They care for patients' overall oral health, a crucial component of patients' total health. General dentists take responsibility for the diagnosis, treatment, and overall coordination of services to meet patients' oral health needs. If a specialized dental procedure is needed, general dentists may work with other dentists to ensure that patients get the care they need.



How does dentistry affect the economy?

Dentists are some of America's most highly educated and trained health care professionals. The majority of our nation's dentists practice in a small business environment in local communities, large and small, spread out across the entire nation. Collectively, the direct, indirect and induced impact of dentists is estimated to exceed \$200 billion annually. Over 772,000 persons are employed directly in the field of dentistry. When indirect and induced impacts are accounted for, the total employment attributable to dentistry rises to over 2 million jobs.

Thank you for your support of the more than 2 million jobs attributable to the general dentistry profession.

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