

FAPD NEWSLETTER

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2012-2013 FAPD EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

- **President - Dr. Gary Myers**
- **Vice President - Dr. Nick White**
- **Sec./Treas. - Dr. Julie Russo**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Changes are happening so fast. It seems like our modern world changes in the blink of an eye.

Our kids (or grandkids) are growing up right before our eyes. The political landscape seems increasingly hostile. There is the looming question mark of Obamacare. Trends seem to be shifting to more corporate style of dental care delivery. Change has always been the constant, but it seems to be happening so much faster than ever before. It is in times of rapid change that networks like the FAPD and the friendships developed among colleagues are so important. A strong and active FAPD will allow input into the political landscape. It allows us to be advocates for our patients like we were at the last dental board meeting, helping to shape the new sedation regulations and guidelines. The friendships we enjoy allow us to float ideas and overcome obstacles in our practices or even personal lives. We can commiserate in times of difficulty as well as share in the joys of success. The FAPD is working very hard to become that resource to our members. I am thankful that you are all members; it allows our group to be strong and influential. I would encourage you all to be active members, attending meetings and communicating with the board and other members of the FAPD. That is the realm where friendships and professional relationships are forged. These relationships are the backbone of our group and make pediatric dentistry in Florida a community effort.

—Gary Myers



Gary Myers
FAPD President

CHANGING MEDICAID

Recently, FDA members received a letter from Sen. Alan Hays discussing his dealings with the Governor on the new managed care Medicaid rollout. Sen. Hays is encouraging all dentists to contact the Governor to voice your concerns. To read the letter from Sen. Hays and learn how you can help, log onto:

www.floridadental.org/news/2012/10/12/from-the-desk-of-senator-alan-hays

QUICK BITES

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BOD ANESTHESIA RULES UPDATE

The FAPD has been working closely with the BOD as they proposed changes to anesthesia permits. FAPD was represented well at the special Anesthesia Committee Workshop held on August 16th and the full BOD meeting on the 17th. Through the efforts of FAPD members, the privileges of pediatric dentists were protected during the discussions. Several adaptations to the rules were recommended:

- Physician anesthesiologists WILL be allowed to continue sedating patients in offices where the dentists possess a pediatric/conscious sedation permit.
- Non-permitted dentists will NOT be allowed to have physician anesthesiologists sedate patients in their office.
- Non-permitted dentists can treat patients in a permitted dentist's office under sedation, if the permitted dentist remains in the room the entire time of treatment and recovery.
- If a physician anesthesiologist is providing deep sedation, the equipment, supplies and staffing need to be the same as the general/deep sedation permit holder.

NEXT BOD MEETING

November 16, 2012
 DoubleTree by Hilton
 4500 West Cypress St.
 Tampa, Florida 33607
 (813) 998-2211

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATE UPDATE

The trial in federal court asserting inadequate reimbursement and failure to comply with federal guidelines concluded in late spring, with an announcement from the judge that we could expect a final verdict sometime in August, a date that has now come and passed. We believe that we put on a good case, with great testimony to back up our position and we also feel that the law is on our side. We look forward to receiving a favorable verdict.

Meanwhile, on the legislative front, the campaign year is

about over and the new legislature will be sworn in November. There will be new leadership and committee assignments so we don't yet know which legislators will chair or be on the committees dealing with our issues. No bills can be filed until after the organizational session, but once that is over, the bills will fly out of file cabinets and into the filing list. We can expect about 5,000 bills to be filed and about a tenth of them becoming law. We will be analyzing each bill to determine if they contain any issues of

concern to FAPD and will respond accordingly.

The session begins in early March and each of you who are members of FAPD are encouraged to come for a visit, either during Dentist Day on the Hill or at some other time.

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FAPD BUSINESS MEETING UPDATE

The FAPD Annual Business Meeting took place on June 15, 2012 during the FNDC. The meeting was very productive and informative. Highlights of the meeting included the following:

- Installation of the new Executive Board
- FAPD Committee Reports
- Review of last year's legislative action
- Review of upcoming BOD rule changes regarding anesthesia
- Extensive discussion of the managed care Medicaid rollout
- Approved bylaw changes for dues collection with the AAPD
- Review of FAPD's financial health.
- Discussion of upcoming AAPD Annual Session and the FAPD Annual CE Course

For a full copy of the meeting minutes, please log onto www.FAPD4Kids.org and click on the "Newsletter" tab.

CE/MEETING INFORMATION

This year's Annual FAPD CE Course promises to be especially informative. The FAPD has teamed with Dr. Roger Levin to present "The No-Stress Pediatric Dental Practice." FAPD members will get 10 CE credits for only \$99, while staff will cost just \$49!! This is a tremendous member benefit, but seating is limited. See the enclosed flyer and our website for more details!

Our state will play host to the AAPD Annual Session on May 23-26, 2013 at the wonderful Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort. We plan on working very closely with the AAPD to ensure a spectacular meeting. The FAPD is also co-sponsoring several additional meetings in the spring, so mark your calendars! Continue to check our website: www.FAPD4Kids.org for more meeting information.

DUES CHANGE

Just a reminder that starting July 1, 2012, annual dues for the FAPD were to be paid in conjunction with AAPD dues. When you received your 2012 AAPD dues statement, the FAPD dues were assessed on the same invoice. Please note that the AAPD membership cycle runs from July - June, whereas, the FAPD billing cycle was January - December. Allowing the AAPD to assist us in dues

collection should allow us to reach more members and increase the organization's budget. As this occurs, we are optimistic that we may be able to reduce the dues amount in the upcoming years. As always, we thank you for your membership and support. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Beginning July 1, 2012, FAPD dues were collected along with AAPD dues. A reminder that AAPD bylaws require that you also maintain membership in your State association.

LEGISLATIVE

There were several Legislative matters that were passed this session that can have an affect on our profession. SB 1040 was approved allowing dental hygienists to administer local anesthesia. In addition to needing 30 hours of clinical and 30 hours of didactic training, the patient must be non-sedated

and at least 18 years of age. Many of you are already well aware of the problems with the roll-out of the managed care plans for Medicaid. With the assistance of Sen. Alan Hayes, the Legislature has approved proviso language that will allow dental providers to contract directly with the

state Medicaid office or with the managed care plan (Miami-Dade county is excluded). This legislation will be effective until July 1, 2013. The Governor has stated that come July 2013, he plans to go forth with the managed care rollout. If you are a Medicaid provider, please look over your man-

aged care contract carefully.



Save the Date!!

2013 FAPD CE Course

November 29-30, 2012

Orlando, Florida

2013 AAPD ANNUAL SESSION

May 23-26, 2013

Orlando, Florida

WDW Swan Dolphin Resort

Additional Dates to remember:

March 22, 2013 PeditoGator CE Course - Update on Dental Traumatology with Dr. Dennis McTigue, Gainesville, FL

April 4-7, 2013 SSPD Resort Meeting, San Destin, FL

April 18-21, 2013 Sedation/ACLS Recertification CE Course, Gainesville

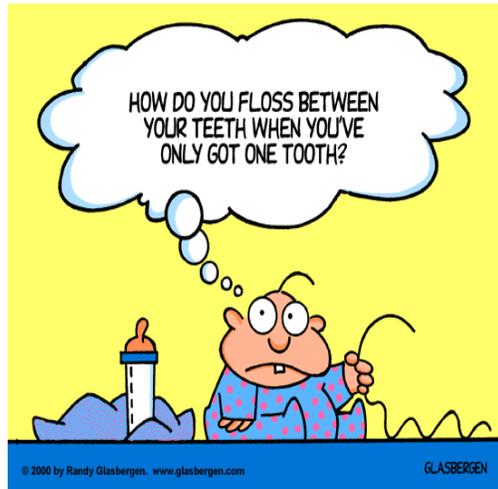
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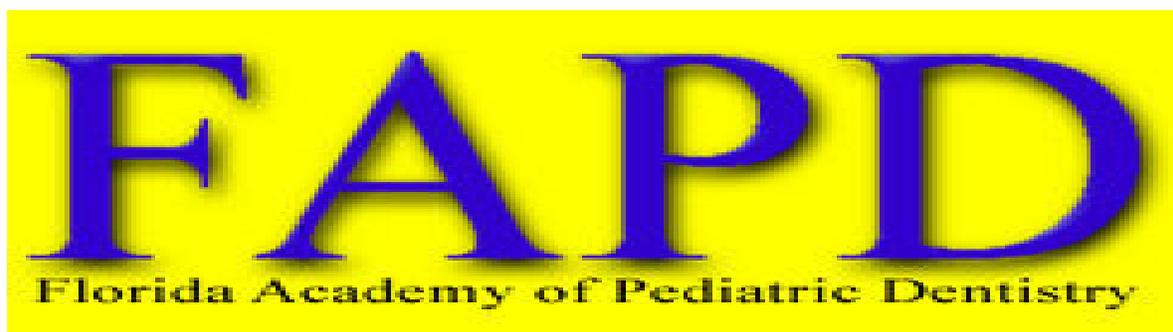
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The mission of the FAPD is to practice the art and science of Pediatric Dentistry and promote optimal health care for infants, children, and persons with special health care needs. The FAPD advocates professional development and continued education of the health professions and remains a liaison to other health caregivers and the public.



Editor's Corner - Reza Ardlan, DMD

I am honored to continue serving the FAPD as the Newsletter Editor. I hope to continue bringing our members important news about their organization in an easy to read format. As always, the FAPD is open to any comments or suggestions that you may have, and we highly encourage members to get involved. Feel free to email me at RezaHeel@aol.com with any thoughts or concerns. Finally, I would like to personally thank the FAPD Executive Board and all of our wonderful FAPD dentists that have been working behind the scenes to help keep our profession intact. Thank you for continuing to put our profession first and bringing integrity and hard work to the FAPD!