



TENNESSEE
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THE TENNESSEE AGD

HELPING YOU IN THE PURSUIT OF CLINICAL EDUCATION, PRACTICE EXCELLENCE AND ADVOCATING FOR YOU WHEN THE POWERS THAT BE THREATEN YOU AND OUR PROFESSION

AGD Annual Session in Austin, TX June 9-13 2021

Master Track

Grafting course given
by Dr. Walter
Chitwood

April 30th, Interfaith
Nashville campus

TNAGD 2021 Annual Session

SAVE THE DATE

July 16-17, 2021
Mainstay Suites
Conference Center

Legislative update

See below for details on
what your TN AGD
lobbyist is doing for you!

April 30th Master Track course: Implant course/Bone and tissue grafting

REGISTER TODAY!!!

Dr. Walter Chitwood plans an informative course centered around bone and tissue grafting for dental implant placement. This will be a 2 day course that will provide 36 hours of participation credit toward your MAGD.

The course will be held at the Nashville Interfaith office. \$1250.00 registration fee for master track credit and half price for current masters providing 16 hour credit. Lunch will be provided each day.

Don't miss this amazing course with lots of information from one of the experts in the field of implantology. Click below for more information and to register:

https://tnagdmastertrackimplant.eventzilla.net/web/event?eventID=2138815467&inviteID=2138967137&invitation=tGYkKmjJldsRBrC1GTA8PL8EQUcMws2u0Q6hA36%2Fdy95JIErRkfabOGL0-yeR%2FU5YNuEbhh%2FpWgJ48JK8Xfng%3D%3D&fbclid=IwAR2M3LQ0jDTG2YHaPnO8H_uYx_wAQkPYvC1k33AH5R5ft0EkeE0PthYN8uI

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE TN AGD ANNUAL MEETING
HELD ONCE AGAIN IN PIGEON FORGE
BRING THE FAMILY AND ENJOY THE MOUNTAINS, GET SOME CE AND
HAVE SOME FUN!

DATES: JULY 16-17, 2021
MAINSTAY SUITES, PIGEON FORGE TN

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:
Dr. Robert Miller on PRF and Oral Surgery
Dr. Jennifer Cornell on Dental Sleep Medicine

TN AGD AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN

PLENTY OF FREE TIME TO ENJOY THE SITES, GOOD FOOD AND FUN
OF PIGEON FORGE



Stay tuned....



Member Moment

The TN AGD is a wonderful organization to be part of! My membership has meant developing new dental friendships with other high achieving dentists, learning quality level CE, and being a community of professionals that are committed to the betterment our communities, our patients, and our profession as a whole. I can't say enough good things about it! It's wonderful!

Angela Cameron, Johnson City

Legislative update 2021

Our TNAGD Legislative team has been fairly busy this year after last years aborted legislative session. As many of you may already know we have a new Lobbyist working with us Mr. Tony Thompson. Our previous Lobbyist, Mr. Mark Greene, is now working for the TDA. Tony and Mark have been able to work together on this years issues and it appears that we will have a good result.

Two matters really got our attention this year:

One, Legislation that would have allowed Rural Health Clinics to directly employ Dentists. This would have set up an exception for a Dental practice to be owned by a non-dentist. The reasoning was that the RHC could add Dental services to their clinics in underserved areas of the state. Our problem with this bill was that as a non-owner employee the Dentist would not have full autonomy in the treatment of patients. Additionally, there is already a method for RHCs to add a Dental provider by making them a part owner in the clinic. At this time, it appears that this bill is dead in committee.

Two, as per state board rules the TN Board of Dentistry adopted the new ADA specialty of Dental Anesthesiologist. To our surprise the TN Medical Association took offense to the use of the term Anesthesiologist. Their argument was that it would cause confusion in the lay public, and that the training was inferior to the MD Anesthesiologist. Legislation was introduced to limit the use of the term Anesthesiologist to MDs only. With the work of Tony and Mark and the testimony of Matt Yezerksi DDS (one of only five Dental Anesthesiologist in TN) it also appears that this legislation will not get out of committee. You can see his testimony here— https://tnga.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=656&clip_id=24334 at about the 15 minute point.

It all sounds simple when you boil it down to two bills but remember it starts with about a thousand all introduced in a few week period. Many times things that concern us are hidden in some of this mass of information and thanks to the diligence of our Lobbyist we are able to cull things down to a manageable size and take action on the bills that impact our profession.

At the national level the McCarran-Ferguson act was amended to remove the medical and dental insurance exemption for most antitrust laws. It will be a while before we start seeing results of this change but at least now they have to play by the same rules as we do. Representative Paul Gossar DDS from Arizona was very instrumental in this change.

Maine graduated their first Dental Therapists in March. Oregon is deliberating legislation now. Many people in the Public Health sector as well as groups such as Pew and Kellogg believe that the use of therapists will lead to more care in underserved areas. We will eventually face this legislation here in TN. Your continued support of the TNAGD will mean we will be ready when that time comes.

By Keith Gilmore, DDS, TN AGD President Elect, Legislative Chair

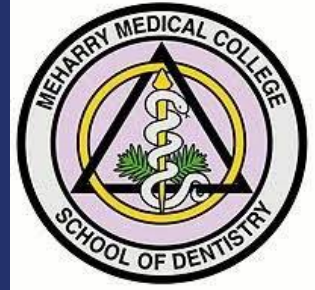
EFDA training courses in TN

Meharry Medical College EFDA program link:

<https://home.mmc.edu/school-of-dentistry/expanded-function-dental-assisting-course/>

UT EFDA program link:

<https://www.uthsc.edu/dentistry/ce/>



Have an interest in Forensics? UT, Graduate School of Medicine offers a wonderful program.

For more information click the link below:

<http://gsm.utmck.edu/dentistry/forensics/cme.cfm?fbclid=IwAR0h6qzUr3Manlj0sEi27XR07niAcv6uUKJkjl10zVjx3-J42EzvpJ2XqdY>



Other Announcements

CE Opportunities

Link to AGD On Demand courses: <https://agdonlinelearningcenter.org/product-category/on-demand/>

Staying connected during the pandemic; <https://agd.org/coronavirus>

Newest Member Benefit

Merchant Advocate, visit their website: <https://merchantadvocate.com>

Check out our website for more information about the TN AGD; <https://www.tnagd.org/>

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Make plans to attend AGD Scientific Session

June 9-12, 2021

Austin, TX

THE PREMIER MEETING FOR GENERAL DENTISTRY

Scott Burros Keynote speaker

Hybrid program available

Course schedule sneak peak:

<https://www.agd.org/agd-meeting/education-information/course-schedule>

