

Middlesex County Dental Society

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Values of Being a Member

The Source for Your Professional Development

1. Share strategies and information amongst colleagues for improving business practice and patient care
2. Network with colleagues at monthly meetings and obtain CEU credits for lectures
3. Continuing education seminars: *All Day and Short Evening programs*
 - A. High Quality, Low and/or No cost; Conveniently Close to this area
 - B. CEU's for AGD & Satisfy State Board licensure of 40 credits/two years
 - C. Topics include Scientific Technologies, Business Practice & Management; skills to enhance the dental services you provide
 - D. Week-end / Morning NJDA- CEU seminars at NJDA Building
 - E. Mentor programs for OSHA certification and topics of special interest
4. Participate in our new MCDS study club with members to enlighten each other
5. MCDS Newsletter, NJDA Capsule & ADA News
Timely reports of vital information on laws, regulations & CEU programs
6. Access to MCDS Peer Review Program: objective & expeditious resolutions
 - A. Patient care and Third party insurance company issues
 - B. Participation is voluntary for this alternative dispute mechanism
 - C. Non-Punitive: Adverse, worst case decisions-return of fee paid for TX
 - D. All peer review matters are Confidential
 - E. All consenting parties will cooperate and accept the committees' decision as binding and enforceable under NJ law. All parties waive their rights to have the dispute settled in a court of law
7. Free entrance to NJDA Annual Convention in June in Atlantic City
 - A. CEU programs at a reduced fee
 - B. Opportunity to interact with dental supply and equipment companies
8. NJDA Law Line; Free legal advice by NJDA attorneys on any dental issue
 - A. Business practice; Interpreting the Dental Practice Act
 - B. Aid in complying with employment, labor laws and insurance issues
 - C. OSHA compliance issues
 - D. Insurance issues – patients and insurance companies

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9. NJDA Director and staff – Direct access by telephone
 - A. Assist in drafting letters to patients, insurance companies and other business entities with which you do business
 - B. Assist with problems and answer questions related to Third Party payment programs or Managed Care claim and contracting issues
 - C. Advice regarding any aspect of insurance claims submissions and a resolution program for individual claim and payment problems
 - D. Issues relating to Dental Health, Education, Legislation, Regulations
 - E. Dental Insurance programs:
 1. Contract review and analysis at no cost
 2. Explanations that you can understand before you consider participating
 - F. Advice and assistance on State Board of Dentistry issues
 1. Complaint review, assistance in drafting a response and follow-up
 2. Recommendation for hiring independent counsel in disciplinary matters
10. NJDA Employment Exchange:

Assistance in finding a professional position or obtaining staff positions
11. Reduced fee structure for new membership and payment options for everyone
12. MCDS, NJDA and ADA are only as strong as its members. Participation in organized dentistry is paramount to maintain this strength!
 - A. We recognize that it is our members who understand the needs of dentists and their patients. Our volunteer members' input is crucial to the success of our dental societies.
 - B. Volunteer on councils and committees that provide opportunities for personal and professional development while serving your profession
 - C. Help shape the future of our profession