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A banner image featuring the ADHA logo on the left and a photograph of a classical building with a dome and a statue on top on the right. The text 'ADVOACACY UPDATE' is overlaid on the image in a bold, dark blue, serif font.

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ADVOACACY UPDATE

Advocacy Update
MPH

Deb Kappes, RDH,

Our quest for clarity on how existing statutes & rules apply to the administration of Botox & dermal fillers is now in the hands of the AZ Attorney General!

As a reminder, AzDHA has been seeking a definitive answer to the question, “Does current law [[A.R.S. § 32-1281\(C\)](#)] & rule [[R4-11-601\(B\)](#)] already allow dental hygienists to administer Botox® and dermal fillers under certain conditions?”

We requested an answer at the Dec. 2nd BODEX meeting and expected the issue to be continued at its January meeting. When it did not appear on the January agenda, we sought clarification from Executive Director Ryan Edmonson as to what the next steps would be. Mr. Edmonson advised us that the Board chose not to offer an opinion on Dec. 2nd because it was outside their legal duty. Further we were advised that “A legal opinion should be sought from the Attorney General's office, who is really the only one to provide an interpretation of the statutes.” Since BODEX was NOT going to do that, we made it happen.

[Click HERE to see the Complete Advocacy Update](#)



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FEBRUARY 24
5:30 - 6:45 PM
ON ZOOM

**SAVE THE
DATE**

An Advocacy Update Just For RDHs & SDHs

Curious about what's happening at the Capitol or Board of Dental Examiners? Hear the latest and get your questions answered as we prepare for Oral Health Capitol Day. Join us whether or not you are attending the Capitol Day event!

REGISTRATION INFORMATION COMING SOON!

Message from AzDHA President, Valery Brady, RDH

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I am honored and privileged to assume the role of President of the Arizona Dental Hygienists' Association (2023-2024). I acknowledge the leadership and outstanding contributions provided by Jeanette Lalli during her presidency. The work of the Arizona Dental Hygienists' Association (AzDHA) cannot be achieved without the Board of Directors (BOD). These volunteers share their time and energy to fulfill the **mission of AzDHA**. In this endeavor, I am joined by Jeanette Lalli (Vice President), Katy Obert (Secretary), Davy Evans (Treasurer), and Shawn Everingham (Director at Large). On behalf of all of us, I thank our Executive Director Deb Goldman for her commitment to helping us achieve our goals.

The 2023 AZ legislative session is in full swing and AzDHA is remaining engaged. We are steadfast in our ambition to **improve oral and overall health**. We support House Bill (HB)2141 that expands "the list of covered services under the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) [...] to include comprehensive dental care for women who are at least 21 years of age and in any stage of pregnancy." House Bill (HB)2338 expands "the list of covered services under AHCCCS [...] to include preventive dental care."

[Read the full President's Message](#)



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AzDHA QUARTERLY COMPONENT CE

AzDHA and Central Arizona Dental Hygienists'
Association (CADHA)

Continuing Education Brunch

Saturday, February 25, 2023

The HENRY Phoenix • 9:30am-12:30pm

4455 E. Camelback Rd., Suite #B100 • Phoenix, AZ 85018

(602) 429-8020



Topic:

Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF)

Presented by:

Meagan Bodensteiner, RDH

(Preventative Care Consultant at Elevate Oral Care)

2 CE
Credits
+
Brunch!

ADHA + CADHA Members - FREE!

ADHA + Southern/Northern/East Members - \$45 PP

ADHA Non-Members - \$65 PP

THIS IS A LIMITED CAPACITY EVENT!

*We only have 30 spots available! It will be on a first come, first serve basis.
Go to the link below and...*

REGISTER TODAY!

<https://gamc.memberclicks.net/azfeb23>



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[Use this Link to Register for February 25, 2023](#)

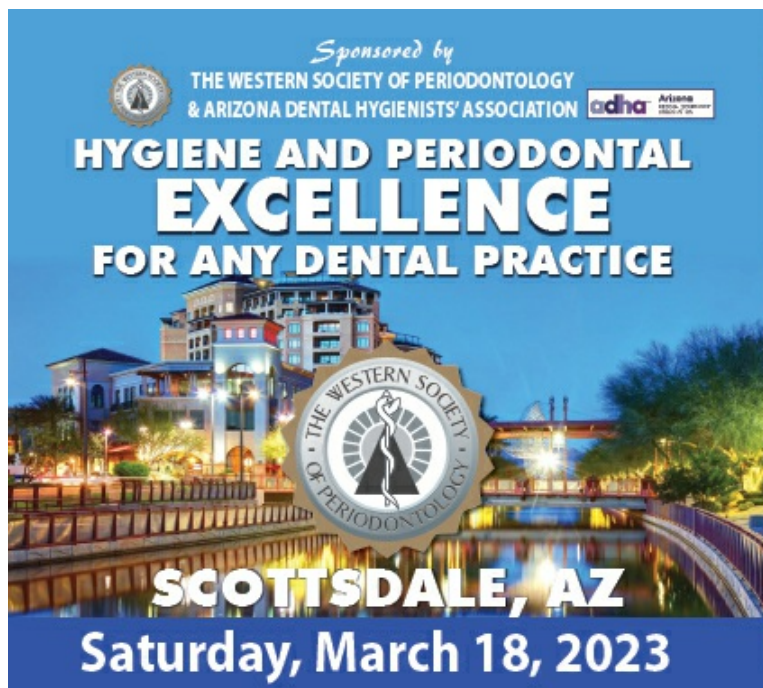
Children's Dental Health Month

Laurie Clark RDH, BADH, AP

During Children's Dental Health Month, it is a good time to reflect on our knowledge and approach with children and young families. As oral health preventive specialists we are well versed with providing information on the caries process, nutritional counseling, home care instruction to our families with children starting at age one. But are we taking the time to share and educate our pregnant or first-time moms with new babies? If not, I think it is a valuable opportunity to up our professional game.

As a dental hygienist with Dignity Health's First Teeth First Program, I work with babies, toddlers, preschool children and expectant mothers. Oral screenings, fluoride varnish treatments, oral health education, appointment setting, and care coordination are the free services provided to children, birth to age 5 and pregnant women. The program currently works in partnership with pediatrician's offices practicing medical dental integration and at childcare facilities within Maricopa County. Funding comes from Arizona's tobacco tax and goes to First Things First (FTF) early childhood agency, committed to the healthy development and learning of young children from birth to age 5.

[Read the Full Article on Children's Dental Health Month](#)



**Courtyard Scottsdale
Salt River**
5201 N Pima Rd,
Scottsdale, AZ 85250

Join AzDHA members with a special code, AZDHA23 for \$20 off
[Use this Link to Register for March 18, 2023](#)

ADHA Annual Session and 100 years Celebration

Friday, July 7 – Sunday, July 9
Chicago, IL

The American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) 2023 Annual Conference invites you to celebrate 100 years of driving excellence in dental hygiene.

Registration is now open for ADHA23.

We are celebrating 100 years of ADHA with the premier dental hygiene education event of the year. This is our moment to come together as one incredible community to showcase our passion for oral health and earn 22+ CE in a single weekend.

Join us for three+ days of industry-leading keynotes, passionate speakers, insightful education sessions, product demos and friendships with fellow hygienists who keep us motivated and inspired to never stop learning and laughing!

EXTRA SPECIAL OFFER:

Join ADHA and Register for ADHA23 to Be Entered to Win a Free Flight to Chicago!

ADHA members always save \$200 on Conference. When you become a member and register for ADHA23 before March 15, you'll save that \$200 PLUS be entered to win a free flight to ADHA23. Click to [JOIN first](#) and THEN register for ADHA23 to pay the lowest rate and enter to win!

[Link to ADHA23 Annual Conference Registration](#)

Arizona News

Flagstaff Citizen of the Year: dental champion Jenny Zamora-Garcia
Congratulations to Jenny Zamora-Garcia for this well-deserved recognition.

Jenny has spent decades serving the people of Flagstaff and Coconino County as a dental hygienist, teacher, volunteer, and leader.

[Read more about Jenny's incredible journey!](#)



Welcome to our New and Returning members

Verity Denham
Roxanne Flores

Tami O'Connell
Andrea Patane

Cynthia Perez



Happy Birthday to All our Members who have birthdays in February!

[\(Click here if your birthday should have been listed\)](#)

Michelle Archuleta
Maegann Bailey
Wendy Bannon
Jacqueline Batross
Mary Busch
Shawn Everingham
Sarah Fisher
Shannon Gatewood-Smith
Jessica Hartman
Melissa Herman

Jocelyn Hovan
Lyn Hughes
Shawna James
Ella Johnson
Daniella LaDolce
Bonnie LaRussa
Lisa Manson
Dawn McGlasson
Linda Meech
Elisa Montanez
Rebecca Potter

Winifred
Quartermaine Linda
Ragsdale
Gilia Rethman
Susan Roberts
Angela Smith
Heather Smith
Anne Thompson
Jana Vida
Angela White
Jennifer Wright

Oral Health News

If Saliva Were Red.

From the Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention (OSAP).

A 5-minute digital video that uses real dental healthcare personnel (DHCP)

to highlight:

Common dental infection-control and safety flaws

The cross-contamination DHCP would see if saliva were red

How controlling contamination by using personal barrier protection,

safe work practices, and effective infection control products,

reduces

the risk of exposure.

The video demonstrates cross-contamination during routine dental procedures. The patient's "saliva" contains a food-grade red dye to show

how contamination occurs on instruments, the clinician's hands, and

through droplet/spatter generated in certain procedures. OSAP.org

[Link to watch video: OSAP - If Saliva Were Red](#)

World Health Organization (WHO)

WHO's Global Oral Health Status Report (GOHSR) provides the first-ever

comprehensive picture of oral disease burden and highlights challenges

and opportunities to accelerate progress towards universal coverage for

oral health.

[Link to Global Oral Health Status Report](#)

Do you have something to share with other AZDHA members,
contact our executive director, Deb Goldman,
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Talk to us Today

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