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EARLY BIRD Registration is available ONLINE ONLY!

Save money and register online at www.smilenorthdakota.org. Early Bird registration rates expire on Monday, September 8th. Regular Registration rates will begin September 9th.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Badges and Annual Session Programs will be located at the Registration Desk.
- Dentists: Your name badge is your ticket to the Membership Luncheon. You must register for the Membership Luncheon, **seating is limited**.
- NDDA member registration has been prepaid, however you still need to register.
- Name badges are required for admission to the NDDA Jack Pfister, DDS Lecture Series and Exhibit Hall.
- Speaker handouts will be available online only. Please print and bring along, if needed.
- Registration form is available on NDDA website - <https://www.smilenorthdakota.org/meetings-events/annual-session>
 - o Cancellations received 60-20 days prior to the event date will receive a refund minus a \$25.00 service fee.
 - o Cancellations received less than 20 days (August 30, 2025) prior to the event date are not refundable.
 - o A late fee of \$50.00 will be applied to registrations received 7-0 days before the event, late on-site registration fee is \$150.00.
 - o No refunds due to incorrect registration.
 - o Refunds will not be granted for no-show.
- Continuing Education Certificates will be available online and can be downloaded from the NDDA website www.smilenorthdakota.org on Monday, September 22nd.

ANNUAL SESSION EVENTS

WHERE ENTERTAINMENT STRIKES GOLD!

Join us at **KING PINZ**
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH 11A.M.-2P.M.

Dental staff, sponsors, and exhibitors-roll into a midday break full of strikes, smiles, and socializing! Registration begins at 10 a.m. Come and enjoy some laid-back fun with your fellow attendees. Space is limited, get your registration in early!

Join us for... A NIGHT OF LUCK AND LUXURY

**Thursday September 18th from
7:00p.m.-12:00a.m.**

Join us for an evening to come together to connect, unwind and play the odds! Step into our casino-themed lounge, complete with gaming tables, acoustic vibes, great company, and plenty of laughs. No speeches. No pressure. Just good games and great company.

JACK PFISTER, DDS

Lecture Series

Thursday, September 18, 2025

SIM-ND: MOBILE ANESTHESIA SIMULATION FOR DENTAL SEDATION PROVIDERS (1.5 CE'S)

(Sponsored by: UND School of Medicine) Available Sessions (Max of 4 individuals per session)

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Session Full) | 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.



Course Description:

Since 2013, SIM-ND has been bringing hands-on training to healthcare workers throughout North Dakota, from rural paramedics and firefighters to national guardsmen, medical residents, and physicians. This program, Simulation In Motion - North Dakota (SIM-ND), is a statewide, mobile education system using high fidelity human patient simulators to train pre-hospital and hospital personnel. The program does so using four 44-foot mobile simulation lab trucks that offer two separate simulation spaces and provide versatile and unique learning opportunities. With the help of high-fidelity human simulators, SIM-ND can immerse learners in a safe but realistic learning environment.

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SUPPORTING DENTAL PROFESSIONALS: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE NDPHP (1CE)

(Sponsored by ND Professional Health Program) • Presented By: Maggie Seamands, RN

3:00p.m. - 4:00p.m.



Maggie Seamands currently serves as the Executive Director of the North Dakota Professional Health Program. She obtained her Bachelors of Science in Nursing from Medcenter One College of Nursing and a Masters in Nursing from the University of Mary. She holds a nursing certification in both case management and nursing leadership. Maggie has 14 years of leadership experience and a wealth of knowledge in care coordination and case management.

Course Description:

This course provides North Dakota dental professionals with a comprehensive overview of mental health and substance use disorders within the dental field. Participants will explore the unique stressors and risk factors that contribute to these challenges, as well as the stigma that often prevents individuals from seeking help. The course introduces the

North Dakota Professional Health Program (NDPHP), a confidential and supportive resource designed to assist healthcare professionals in addressing mental health and substance use concerns while maintaining public safety. Through education, case examples, and discussion, attendees will gain practical tools to recognize signs of distress, support colleagues, and engage with NDPHP services proactively.

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Course Outline:

1. Raise Awareness of Mental Health and Substance Use Challenges in Dentistry

1. Highlight the elevated risk of mental health issues and substance use disorders among dentists, including stress, burnout, and isolation.
2. Share national and North Dakota-specific data, including the fact that dentists rank among the top professions for suicide risk

2. Destigmatize Help-Seeking Behavior

1. Address the cultural and professional barriers that prevent dental professionals from seeking help.
2. Emphasize that seeking support is a sign of strength and professionalism, not weakness.

3. Introduce the North Dakota Professional Health Program (NDPHP)

1. Explain NDPHP's mission to support healthcare professionals with mental health or substance use issues while protecting public safety
2. Describe the confidential, non-punitive nature of the program and how it helps professionals return to safe practice.

4. Outline the Support Services Offered by NDPHP

1. Detail services such as education, monitoring, advocacy, and referrals to treatment.
2. Explain how NDPHP collaborates with employers, licensing boards, and treatment providers to support recovery

5. Encourage Proactive Engagement and Peer Support

1. Provide guidance on how dentists can refer themselves or colleagues to NDPHP.
2. Promote a culture of peer support and early intervention within the dental community.

IMPROVED PATIENT CARE THROUGH LAWSUIT PROTECTION & PREVENTION (MAX OF 48) (NO CE)

(Sponsored by: American Society for Asset Protection) • Presented By: Larry Oxenham

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.



Larry Oxenham is one of America's top asset protection experts, having helped thousands of doctors achieve financial peace of mind by teaching them how to properly structure their assets for lawsuit protection and tax reduction. He has authored and co-authored several articles and books on the subject including *The Asset Protection Bible* and *How to Achieve Financial Peace of Mind through Asset Protection*. His career has been credited with helping thousands of people save millions of dollars. Larry Oxenham is a nationally recognized speaker who has trained thousands of professionals at hundreds of conventions, conferences and seminars across the country.

Course Description:

Is your financial house in order? Discover the tools you can use to become invincible to lawsuits, save thousands in taxes, and achieve financial peace of mind. By the end of the presentation, you will know how to: 1) Protect 100% of your assets from lawsuits. You will learn how to make yourself so unattractive to a plaintiff attorney that they will never pursue a lawsuit against you. 2) Save thousands of dollars each year in taxes. You will learn five tax reduction strategies most dentists fail to utilize, which could save you more than \$10,000 each year in taxes. 3) Avoid probate and eliminate all estate taxes. You will be taken through a checklist of items that are important to every estate and business succession plan. You will learn what you should be doing now to prepare for successful business and estate succession.

Learning Outcomes:

- Maintain focus on improved patient care, rather than lawsuit defense.
- Structure assets for lawsuit protection and prevention.
- Minimize taxes.
- Create a successful estate and business succession plan.

MEDICAID "WHAT'S NEW" (1 CE)

(Sponsored by: North Dakota Human Services) Presented By: Rachael Buchwitz, RN

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Course Description:

- **Dental Manual Redesign:** A look at the ongoing redesign of the Dental Manual, aimed at improving clarity, usability, and accessibility for providers.
- **New Procedure Code Lookup Tool:** An introduction to our new digital tool that simplifies finding and understanding dental procedure codes.
- **Ensure Kids Now Survey:** Updates on the annual survey, which will transition to an electronic format this fall to streamline participation and data collection.
- **Recent Policy Changes:** A brief overview of several important policy updates that impact dental providers.

A HANDS-ON VENEER WORKSHOP: THE ESSENCE OF SMILE DESIGN - (MAX. OF 36) (4 CE'S)

Presented By: Dr. Marc Geissberger

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



Dr. Marc Geissberger was born in San Francisco and raised in Marin County. He attended Marin Catholic High School. He earned his Bachelors of Science degree in Biology from Saint Mary's College in Moraga, California. After completing his undergraduate degree he attended the University of the Pacific, School of Dentistry, earning a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree in 1991. While in dental school he served as class president his first two years and as student body president during his final year. Additionally, he was elected into Omicron Kappa Upsilon and Tau Kappa Omega dental honor societies for scholastic excellence. In 1994 Dr. Geissberger earned a Masters of Arts in Educational Psychology from the University of the Pacific School of Education.

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Course Description:

The focus and awareness of esthetic dentistry has never been greater. Today's patients have heightened expectations and desires. Understanding the desires and meeting patient's demands has become increasingly complex and challenging. Case design and case presentation will be an integral portion of the course. This course will review the principles of facial esthetics, smile design and provide practitioners with the tools necessary to deliver remarkably beautiful results. Participants will apply esthetic principles and philosophies to design an esthetic result with a variety of different techniques. Anterior veneer and crown design will be reviewed. Provisional restorations and bonding techniques will be explored. Final delivery and finishing will be discussed and practiced. During the hand-on portion of the program clinicians will:

Learning Outcomes:

- Learn how to fabricate and deliver a smile design and simulation.
- Learn and practice various veneer preparations and when to use them clinically.
- Practice provisional fabrication and placement techniques.
- Learn how to adjust and bond final restorations using state-of-the-art materials.

INTRODUCTION TO CBCT - (2 CE'S)

(Sponsored by: Bisnett Oral Radiology) • Presented By: Dr. Derrick Bisnett

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



Dr. Bisnett grew up in Bismarck, North Dakota, and completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. He earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Bisnett then pursued a master's degree in Oral Science and a certificate in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology from the University of Iowa, where he served as chief resident during his final year. He is board-eligible by the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology.

Recently, Dr. Bisnett has relocated to the Minneapolis metro area, where he owns and operates a private practice in oral and maxillofacial radiology, collaborating with dentists in the community for their radiology needs. He is an active member of the American Dental Association (ADA), the Iowa Dental Association (IDA), the Minnesota Dental Association and the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (AAOMR).

Course Description:

In this two-hour lecture, Derrick will cover the basics of imaging, techniques, and common questions regarding CBCT. He will explore the daily use of CBCT in dental practice, providing insights into the fundamental technology behind this imaging method. The first hour will focus on imaging basics, including common viewing techniques and practical tips to enhance your confidence and proficiency with CBCT. In the second hour, Derrick will delve into anatomical structures, common imaging mistakes, and potential pitfalls, ensuring that you can avoid these issues and maximize the benefits of CBCT in your practice.

DON'T LET PRACTICING DENTISTRY BREAK YOUR BOD! - (2 CE'S)

(Sponsored by: Lumadent + Premier & Crest) • Presented By: Stephanie Botts BSDH, RDH, CEAS

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



Ms. Stephanie Botts has been a clinical dental hygienist for over 16 years. She is a Certified Ergonomics Assessment Specialist providing both in-office and virtual ergonomics consulting and coaching to dental professionals. She also provides CE to dental and dental hygiene associations on the topic of ergonomics. Her experience as a clinical dental hygienist and ergonomics expert has allowed her to recognize the unique challenges of practicing pain-free in the dental setting. Stephanie believes that by learning effective strategies to optimize proper ergonomics both inside and outside the operator, dental professionals can practice pain-free and ensure career longevity.

Course Description:

Knowing and practicing ergonomics is crucial for anyone working in dentistry. We all know we should be sitting up straight and protecting our bodies while working, but how do we do that when working on patients? This course will offer practical guidance on incorporating basic ergonomic principles into the operator. Patient positioning and operator positioning are crucial elements to focus on while in the operator, and this course will offer a deep dive into both topics. It will also cover the differences in operator design with the unique benefits and challenges specific to each. Finally, we will learn how to reduce our stress and risk of injury with activities such as breathing, exercise, and diet. Practicing dentistry is tough, but it does not have to break your bod!

Learning Outcomes:

- Understand foundational ergonomic strategies and how to achieve proper ergonomics in the operator.
- Identify proper operator positioning depending on the task or treatment area.
- Utilize different patient positions to assist in ergonomic dental practice.
- Compare and contrast different operator layouts.
- Comprehend different strategies to downregulate the nervous system and reduce the risk of future injury.

Friday, September 19, 2025

PERI-IMPLANT DISEASE & IMPLANT MAINTENANCE: ETIOLOGIES & RISK FACTORS - (6 CE'S)

(Sponsored by: ZimVie) • Presented By: Dr. Jason Naud

8:15 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.



Dr. Naud was born in Honolulu, Hawaii. He grew up in a small waterfront town, Port Orchard, WA. He attended the University of Washington for both his undergraduate and dental school training. He followed this with his residency in Periodontics at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN before settling in Duluth to open his Periodontal Practice. Dr. Naud successfully challenged the American Board of Periodontology and is Board Certified in Periodontology and Dental Implant Surgery. Dr. Naud also actively participates in research regarding Gum Grafting techniques and material development. He lectures on Gingival Recession, Implant Surgery and Restoration Planning, Implant Complications and Management, and Periodontal Therapy. He has published two peer reviewed scientific articles and is an advisory consultant for surgical material development. Outside of work, Dr. Naud and his family enjoy outdoor activities including camping, hiking, and fishing. During the winter, he and his family enjoy downhill skiing. He and his wife have four young children whom they have shared this journey with. They are excited to be part of the Northland community and look forward to serving the community for years to come.

Course description:

This course explores the current understanding of peri-implant diseases, including peri-implant mucositis and peri-implantitis. Participants will learn to identify key etiologies, local and systemic risk factors, and clinical signs associated with implant complications. The course covers diagnostic criteria, non-surgical management strategies, and long-term implant maintenance protocols. Emphasis is placed on early detection, risk-based recall intervals, and the use of adjunctive therapies in preserving implant health.

Learning Outcomes:

- Differentiate between peri-implant mucositis and peri-implantitis using current diagnostic criteria.
- Identify etiologic factors contributing to peri-implant disease, including plaque biofilm, occlusal overload, prosthetic design, and implant surface characteristics.
- Assess systemic and local risk factors such as smoking, diabetes, history of periodontitis, and poor oral hygiene.
- Recognize clinical and radiographic signs of early and advanced peri-implant disease.
- Implement appropriate non-surgical interventions, including mechanical debridement and adjunctive therapies.
- Develop individualized implant maintenance plans based on risk assessment, patient compliance, and disease history.
- Educate patients on at-home implant care and maintenance strategies to minimize disease progression.
- Evaluate emerging therapies and technologies in peri-implant disease management.

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THE ORAL CAVITY UNDER ACID ATTACK...IDENTIFYING, UNDERSTANDING AND TREATING CARIES, EROSION AND OTHER ACID RELATED DISEASES - (3 CE'S)

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Course Description:

As a dentist, personal trainer and fitness nutrition specialist, Dr. Geissberger brings a unique perspective to the subjects of caries, diet and the oral environment. Through this enlightening program, Dr. Geissberger will discuss various disease conditions that plague the entire dental population and identify several at risk populations. The importance of oral pH will be discussed and strategies for altering an unfavorable oral environment will be outlined. Additionally, the dental team will learn progressive strategies to help their patients achieve oral balance and curb their disease processes. Nutrition and diet control will be discussed extensively. At the completion of this program, clinicians will:

Learning Outcomes:

- Understand the difference between a balanced oral environment and one that is susceptible to disease.
- Develop strategies which can be implemented in practice to help patients achieve oral balance.
- Develop a program for caries eradication that can be easily implemented into private practice.
- Develop strategies to begin to discuss the oral implications of poor eating strategies and provide some tips.
- Learn which materials should be used and how to properly restore dentitions plagued with the effects of erosion, abrasion, GERD and bulimia.

MAKING SENSE OF THE WHITENING CRAZE AND BATTLING HIGH CARRIES RATE IN AN UNCONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT? (3 CE'S)

Presented By: Dr. Marc Geissberger

1:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Course Description:

The Whitening Craze continues. What materials will you advocate for your patients? Should practitioners offer a variety of options to their patients? This program will attempt to make sense of all the products and techniques available in today's marketplace. The lecture will focus on materials and their applications as well as cost analysis of various systems. Laser bleaching, light assisted bleaching, power bleaching, over the counter bleaching, take-home bleaching and other systems will be discussed at length. Strategies on how to increase the whitening component of private practice will be discussed. During this program, practitioners will:

Learning Outcomes:

- Understand the differences between over-the-counter bleaching products and dentist dispensed products.
- Be able to weigh the pros and cons of in-office whitening vs. home whitening.
- Garner a better understanding of the effectiveness of all whitening techniques.
- Learn how to control post operative sensitivity for their whitening patients.
- Develop enhance this component of their practices.