

# WDDS NEWSLETTER

President's Welcome Letter

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#### **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

September 21, 2020. New Dentist Event. "Making the most of your MDA Membership." Live webinar. 1 CEU

October 12, 2020. "Invisalign: Will my Clincheck Work this Way?" Brad Stieper, DDS, MS. Live Webinar. 1 CEU.

November 8, 2020. "An Algorithmic approach to TMJ Disorders.' Sharon Aronovich, DDS, MS. Live Webinar. 1 CEU.

December 1, 2020. New DDS Event. Live Webinar.

January 11, 2021. "Pediatric Sleep Apnea." Dr. Erin Kirkham. 6:15pm. Webers Inn

February 17, 2021. New DDS Event. TBD.

March 8, 2021. "MDA Update & Advanced Communication & Influence Strategies." Steve Meraw, DDS, MS & Michael Jeffreys. 6:15pm. Webers Inn.

May 6, 2021. New DDS Event

I am honored and excited to serve as your 2020 will continue to provide opportunities for den--21 Washtenaw District Dental Society President. As I have become more involved with WDDS, first as a member of the Peer Review Committee and more recently as a member of the Executive Board, I have been continually impressed with and grateful for our dental society. I have gotten to know members in both educational and social settings, and benefited from their knowledge and friendship. In addition, I have gained a deeper understanding of organized dentistry and its significant role supporting our greater community.

The uncertainty of the past few months have highlighted the value of our interconnections in sharing information, processing news, and considering strategies for serving our patients. The pandemic shutdown was incredibly challenging for our community, as well as for me personally. I frequently relied on the advice and support of our dental community to help me navigate this difficult situation. I believe that organized dentistry has never been more relevant or essential to our community.

I would like to thank the WDDS Board of Directors, Executive Director Barb Kolling, and all past board members, for their hard work and dedication. I would also like to thank all of the committee members and delegates for their time and effort over this past year. Our component is recognized for it's leadership, both locally and nationally, thanks to your dedicated service.

WDDS leads by fostering professional excellence in the dental community. This year we tal professionals to develop through our continuing education courses organized by Dr. Eric Brust. A remarkable group of speakers will cover relevant and timely topics such as pediatric sleep apnea, communication and influence, and an algorithmic approach to TMJ disorders. I encourage you to join us for our programs; a complete list can be found on the WDDS web-

As I reflect back over my time as a committee member and member of the WDDS Executive board, I am reminded that I value organized dentistry for the development it provides for us as individual practitioners and as a community of learners and leaders. We rely on you, our members, to bring excellence to our community, through your voices and involvement. I would like to encourage you to continue your membership, and invite you to pursue volunteer opportunities within the society.

Thank you for the chance to serve as your president this year. I'm looking forward to a productive and fulfilling year.

David Schmidt, DDS



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WDDS LIVE WEBINAR: MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020

# Join us from your home or office for 1CEU

# " Invisalign: Will my clincheck work this way?" PRESENTED BY:

# Dr. Brad Stieper

7-8:30pm

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# **\$10** NON-DDS TEAM MEMBER DDS's FEE **\$5** for DENTAL STUDENTS

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### Speaker Bio

Dr. Brad Stieper is a 2011 graduate of the UofM School of Dentistry. He received a master's degree in Orthodontics in 2014. Dr. Stieper is a partner at Stieper and Brust Orthodontics, and an Invisalign Diamond Plus Provider.

## Overview:

What movements are realistic to expect with Invisalign.

How to tell the difference between the digital world or the clinical world.

### Educational objectives:

To instruct on the difference between a digital orthodontic setup and realistically what will happenin the clinical world.





### WDDS LIVE WEBINAR: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2020

# Join us from your home or office for 1CEU

# "An algorithmic approach to TMJ disorders"

PRESENTED BY:

# Dr. Sharon Aronovich

## 7-8:30pm

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#### Speaker Bio

Sharon Aronovich DMD, FRCD(C) is a clinical associate professor in the department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Michigan. He is also the Assistant Program Director of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency program. He obtained his dental degree from McGill University and underwent residency training in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the Hospital of Saint Raphael/Yale-New Haven Hospital & completed a fellowship in Pediatric Craniomaxillofacial Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

Dr. Aronovich is a member of many national associations including the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, the American Cleft Palate – Craniofacial Association, the American Society of TMJ Surgeons, the American Academy of Craniomaxillofacial Surgeons, the American College of Surgeons, the C.J. Lyons Academy, and the Michigan Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons.

He has been involved in global outreach programs serving children with conditions such as cleft lip and palate in India, China, and most recently Mexico, where he has partnered with Smiles International Foundation.

#### Overview:

An overview of common TMJ disorders, their causes, initial management, and algorithm for surgical management will be discussed

#### Educational objectives:

Understand causes of TMJ disorders

Learn how to evaluate common TMJ-D

Learn about diagnostic modalities

Learn about systemic conditions associated with pain conditions

Initial treatment for jaw pain conditions

When to refer patients to an orofacial pain specialist or an oral and maxillofacial surgeon  $% \left\{ \left( 1\right) \right\} =\left\{ \left$ 

When we use surgical modalities and what are the expected outcomes





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# \$8.55 Million in COVID-19 Workplace Safety Grants will help employers protect workers

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July 23, 2020

With employers across the state working to keep their employees, customers and communities safe during the COVID-19 pandemic, the State of Michigan has launched <u>Michigan COVID-19 Safety Grant Program</u>. These grants will provide small businesses matching funds of – up to \$10,000 – to decrease the risk of COVID-19 spread through safety and health-related equipment purchased and training in response to COVID-19.

The initial grant application window will be open from Monday, July 27 through Friday, August 7, 2020, with awards given shortly thereafter. Grants received after August 7, 2020 will be held pending a potential second phase, if funds remain available.

"Employers continue to do their part to ensure workers, customers and communities are safe from COVID-19," Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said. "These grants will help make that job a bit easier, ensuring every Michigander returns home safe at the end of the day."

Small businesses interested in applying must have fewer than 250 employees, provide a copy of their COVID -19 safety plan and description of how funds will help improve workplace safety for employees, customers and their communities. Additional information on grant funding can be found in the program brochure.

"These new grants support Michigan's small businesses in efforts to protect Michiganders from coronavirus and keep our economy operating," Michigan Labor and Economic Opportunity Director Jeff Donofrio said. "This is an extraordinary funding opportunity for Michigan employers to invest in measures that will help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in workplaces."

Examples of how grant funding may be utilized:

- Purchasing engineering controls and other supplies/materials such as sneeze guards, physical barriers, face coverings and hand washing/hygiene stations.
- Purchasing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including gowns, gloves and eye protection.
- Training to educate employees about the spread and dangers of COVID-19.

To apply, businesses may complete the Michigan COVID-19 Safety Grant application.

Grants are provided through recent passage of SB 690 appropriation of federal CARES Act funding and will be awarded until grant funding is expended. This is a reimbursement program. Grant awards are limited to one per company.

Learn more about MIOSHA efforts to protect Michigan's workforce during the pandemic and for information on the latest workplace safety guidance at Michigan.gov/COVIDWorkplaceSafety.

Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at <u>Michigan.gov/Coronavirus</u> and <u>CDC.gov/Coronavirus</u>.

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# **COVID-19 Tax Provision**

Washington — The ADA and other health care stakeholders are urging lawmakers to clarify a provision in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act so that providers will not be required to pay taxes on money they receive from the provider relief fund.

In a June 25 letter to leaders of the U.S. House and Senate as well as members of the House Committee on Ways & Means and Senate Committee on Finance, the groups asked for "Congressional action to clarify and correct" what the groups believe are the unintentional tax consequences of policies meant to provide vital funding to health care providers through the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund (also known as the Provider Relief Fund) and other programs.

They noted that lawmakers raised a similar concern with the Paycheck Protection Program and introduced legislation that is currently under consideration.

The groups are urging Congress for clarification to ensure the following for tax-paying health care providers:

- The Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund and similar funding provided in response to COVID-19 is not tax deductible.
- Entities receiving these funds maintain tax deductions attributable to these funds.

"It is essential that these provisions are enacted together to avoid the situation that occurred with the Paycheck Protection Program," the groups wrote. "Without such a correction, tax-paying health care providers lose at least 21% of the benefit of these funds and are treated unequally as compared to non-tax-paying providers. We do not believe Congress intended such a consequence in enacting the CARES Act and other COVID-19-related legislation."

The deadline for dentists to apply for provider relief is Aug. 3. To learn more and apply, visit, cares.linkhealth.com.

For more information about the ADA's advocacy efforts during COVID-19, visit ADA.org/COVID19Advocacy.