

## ASDA EVENTS CALENDAR

- Dental Anesthesiology Review Course - Part II  
September 12 & 13, 2009  
Doubletree Hotel Ontario Airport - Ontario, CA
- ADBA Written Board Examination  
September 11, 2009  
Doubletree Hotel Ontario Airport - Ontario, CA
- ASDA Mock Oral Board Examination  
September 11, 2009  
Doubletree Hotel Ontario Airport - Ontario, CA
- ADBA In-service Written Examination  
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Correction: In the Summer 2008 Newsletter, we misprinted 2008 Loma Linda resident graduate Rajeev Misra's name. We apologize for the error.

The ASDA Annual Scientific Session and House of Delegates will be held March 13 - 15, 2009 at the Hilton San Diego Gaslamp Quarter hotel in San Diego, CA.

Anesthesia A2C: from Alpha2 Agonists to Crises Management will feature nationally recognized experts in both emergency medicine and anesthesiology.

Dr. Peter Glass, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology at Stony Brook University, Dr. Alex Bekker, Associate Professor of Anesthesiology and Neurosurgery at New York University Medical Center, and Dr. Tom Ebert, Professor of Anesthesiology at the Medical College of Wisconsin will join ASDA members Dr. Ralph Epstein, Dr. James Snyder, and Dr. Megann Smiley to discuss Dexmedetomidine.

ASDA's President-Elect, Dr. Christine Quinn, will discuss neuromuscular blockers. ASDA Director, Dr. James Tom, will share his emergency experience and Dr. Marianne Gausche-Hill and Dr. Marc Eckstein will discuss crises management, including airway management and prehospital procedures.

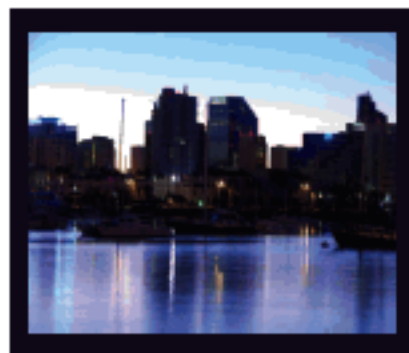
New this year! We have added a two-hour lecture on Sunday, March 15 on asset protection titled "Improved Patient Care Through Lawsuit Prevention." This lecture is presented by Larry Oxenham of the American Society for Asset Protection.

Senior residents from several dental anesthesiology training programs will present their theses during poster presentations.

ASDA will hold a silent Auction Friday, March 13 and Saturday, March 14. Proceeds benefit the ASDA Education and Research Foundation. To donate an item, please complete the donation form on the ASDA website or contact Amy Brown, ASDA's Executive Director.

A complete schedule, hotel and registration information may be found online at [www.asdahq.org](http://www.asdahq.org).

ASDA wishes to thank Hospira for their support of the ASDA 2009 Annual Scientific Session. Hospira is a global specialty pharmaceutical and medication delivery company dedicated to Advancing Wellness™ by developing, manufacturing and marketing products that help improve the productivity, safety and efficacy of patient care.



San Diego Harbor

## **Message From ASDA President, Joel Weaver, DDS, PhD**



I joined the ASDA in the early 1990's near the end of my presidency of the American Dental Society and Anesthesiology (ADSA). Ten years prior to that, the ADSA Board of Directors had committed to the development of the anesthesia specialty and dentistry. They had a nearly-completed ADA specialty application, and had formed a certifying board along with a written specialty examination.

They considered a plan to grandfather anesthesia specialty status for all oral surgeons practicing at that time. Thereafter, they would certify only two-year trained dentist anesthesiologists except for those oral surgeons who might elect to take an additional full year of operating room general anesthesia in addition to our awarding them the approximate equivalent of one year of anesthesia training for the four months of hospital operating room anesthesia plus the minimum of 100 sedations/general anesthetics that they were required to complete for ambulatory oral surgery patients. Many of the older oral surgeons had been required to complete six months of hospital OR anesthesia plus a minimum of 150 ambulatory general anesthetics before the anesthesia training standards were lowered. Obviously, it didn't happen.

Primarily the result of intense lobbying efforts against an anesthesia specialty by the leadership of the American Associate of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS), but not necessarily by individual oral surgeons who were familiar with what we can do for them, the ADSA Board of Directors was convinced by a majority of the ADSA, 70% of whom were oral surgeons, to immediately drop its specialty attempt and that it should maintain a neutral position if the specialty were ever brought forward by another organization.

At that point in time, I joined the ASDA for the express purpose of supporting a new specialty effort that was starting within the ASDA. After three unsuccessful attempts to convince the ADA House of Delegates that anesthesia should forever be preserved as an integral part of the practice of dentistry by making it a recognized specialty, the ASDA has broadened its focus to include other very important issues of its members.

We have developed a professional Website, but are planning to make it even bigger and better for the benefit of the public and our members. The public deserves to be fully informed of the training that our members have attained and what we can do for them to make dentistry a pleasant, anxiety and pain-free experience at a reasonable price.

We have successfully lobbied the ADA's Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) to accredit our residency programs. Several new training programs came into existence as a direct benefit of our accreditation because it made federal funding available. The ASDA has embarked upon several programs to better inform all dental students and general practice residents that our programs exist and that dental anesthesia is a remarkable emerging field of dentistry.

Since newly trained anesthesia residents are the life-blood of our Society, we must be certain that all of our programs are filled with competitive residents and that each of those residents join the ASDA to support its efforts. Our executive director, Amy Brown, collects the name of all incoming residents and invites them to join the ASDA as resident-members. As resident members, they receive registration and hotel accommodations at our annual review course and an anesthesia textbook, compliments of the ASDA. Retention of current members and successful recruiting of recent graduates is crucial to

our future success.

At the next annual meeting in San Diego March 13 - 15, 2009, my term as president will be completed, and I will leave the ASDA in the very capable hands of my former resident, Dr. Christine Quinn. I'm sure that she will be a dynamite president for all of us as she carries on the work that we have initiated.

Our annual meetings have continued to grow in quality, and this year is no exception. San Diego is the perfect paradise to learn the latest information about new drugs such as Dexmedetomidine in a fun and relaxing atmosphere.

As President of ASDA, I have strived to more tightly follow the Constitution and Bylaws of our society, especially in organizing the standing committees. Significant work has begun on updating the Bylaws, and other committees are also hard at work. The Board of Directors has made a great effort to respond to the concerns of the membership so that we are not viewed as a single-goal oriented society. While our focus on the most important aspects of the strategic plan will continue to dominate, we are expanding the ASDA into also being there for its members in many other equally important areas of our profession.

*Joel M. Weaver DDS, PhD*

## 2009 Annual Scientific Session and House of Delegates - Schedule

### Friday, March 13

- 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 - 8:15 a.m. Welcome Address
- 8:15 - 8:30 a.m. "Personal ER Experience"
- 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. "Controversies in Airway Management"
- 10:00 - 10:20 a.m. Break & Exhibits
- 10:20 - Noon "Prehospital Procedures"
- Noon - 1:00 p.m. Lunch & Exhibits
- 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. "Neuromuscular Blockers Old and New"
- 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Resident Lecture
- 2:20 - 2:40 p.m. Break & Exhibits
- 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. Break & Exhibits
- 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. Leonard M. Monheim Award Presentation & Remarks
- 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. President's Reception

### Saturday, March 14

- 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 - 8:45 a.m. "Mechanisms of Action & Physiological Effects of Dexmedetomidine"
- 8:45 - 9:30 a.m. "Perioperative Applications of Dexmedetomidine"
- 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. "Role of Monitored Anesthesia Care in the Ambulatory Setting"
- 10:15 - 10:35 a.m. Break & Exhibits
- 10:35 - 11:05 a.m. "Anesthesia for Dental Procedures"
- 11:05 - 11:35 a.m. "Role of Dexmedetomidine in Dental Anesthesia"
- 11:35 - Noon Round Table Discussion
- Noon - 1:00 p.m. Lunch & Exhibits
- 1:30 - 5:00 p.m. ASDA House of Delegates

### Sunday, March 15

- 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. "Improved Patient Care Through Lawsuit Protection & Prevention"

### San Diego Highlights



San Diego Nightlife



Hotel Plaza Shopping



San Diego Zoo



Hilton San Diego Gaslamp Quarter Hotel



San Diego Trolley

### Important!

Soon you will receive information regarding an important prospective practice survey to help you better characterize your own practice (anonymously) and at the same time, if everyone participates, the opportunity to publish the resulting collective data to accurately define exactly what dentist anesthesiologists in our organization actually do for the profession and for the public we are privileged to service.

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