

The KENTUCKY MEETING August 14-17, 2025

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Kentucky Dental Association PRELIMINARY PROGRAM GUIDE



PRESIDENTIAL GREETINGS

GREETINGS, ONE & ALL!

Greetings from Western Kentucky! I am excited to welcome everyone to the KDA Annual Session in August. This year brings a change in location. The Crowne Plaza Hotel, a sister property of the Galt House, will host our meeting and related events. Though not as sizable as the downtown venue, it will accommodate our members, families, staff, and anyone else you choose to bring. The recent updates maintained some of the most beautiful features in the meeting areas and ballrooms, created a new indoor/outdoor pool area for families to enjoy, and provided enhancements to the guest rooms and suites. The location is an easy drive to many areas of Louisville, including Jeff Ruby's, for those who have enjoyed an evening of fine dining for the last two years.

We begin the Annual Session with an evening reception in the Exhibit Hall. On Thursday evening, the Hall will open for doctors and staff to visit with vendors and ask questions without the typical time limitations we encounter between educational courses. Plan to arrive on Thursday and bring your team!



The 2025 courses provide a variety of options for each member. We increased the number of speakers from our dental schools this year, as many members provided positive feedback about courses from former and current faculty. Some of the new speakers represent younger faculty members who will present on current and trending topics. The long-heralded update on Bisphosphonates with Dr. Kushner returns on Friday along with the annual oral pathology update with Kushner, Scarfe, Shumway and Kande on Saturday. Dr. Jill Keaton, the inaugural Dean of the University of Pikeville, Tanner College of Dental Medicine, makes her debut at the Kentucky Dental Association, speaking on Non-Odontogenic Orofacial Pain. The meeting offers KASPER Updates with Dr. Becky Mercke, who received fantastic attendee feedback at the 2024 Annual Session. We also welcome the Past-President of the Kentucky Dental Hygiene Association, Mr. Adam Hall, who will speak on Saturday. The CPR recertification course also returns this year. For those accepting Medicaid, this year's course occurs on Saturday, with an updated format that will allow for open discussion of topics each dentist faces on a daily basis. Lunch is provided for this course.

Bring your best 70s wardrobe for Friday Night Fever with the band Velvet Crush! Hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available. Everyone is invited to this FREE event. Tickets are available with preregistration or at the on-site registration desk.

Our meeting occurs concurrently with the Kentucky State Fair. Situated adjacent to one of the entrances to the Fair Grounds, attendees can break from dental education and exhibits to find deep-fried delicacies, admire the agricultural show features, take in a concert, or walk the kids to Kentucky Kingdom to enjoy the rides without fighting for parking.

Let me be the first to welcome you to our Annual Session! Bring your staff and families. Register for courses and reserve your rooms now! I look forward to seeing each of you in August!

Matt Milliner, DMD, MS
President, Kentucky Dental Association



2025 Kentucky Meeting



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Friday Morning JAVA Break in the Exhibit Hall

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Friday Night Fever Welcome Party

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GENERAL INFORMATION

On-Site Registration

Located on the first floor of the Crowne Plaza Hotel, the registration desk is conveniently open during the following hours:

Thursday, August 14, 2025 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

No vendor or course registration, only for badges to attend Thursday night's Reception in the Exhibit Hall

Friday, August 15, 2025 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 16, 2025 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 17, 2025 8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

On-site ticket sales only. Tickets will be sold based on availability.

As a member benefit, registration is free of charge to KDA members.

Registration is also free to the following groups:

- American Dental Association members
(Proof of ADA membership is required upon registration)
- Dental Students
- Spouses who are not dentists
- Auxiliary members of the following groups:
 - Kentucky Dental Hygienists Association
 - Kentucky Dental Assistants Association
 - Kentucky Dental Laboratory Association
 - Auxiliary members who are employed by a member of the ADA

Non-Members Can Attend for Only \$599!

Non-Members can register for the 2025 Kentucky Meeting for \$599. This fee includes entry into the exhibit hall and may apply towards 2025 KDA membership dues.

Ticketing Policy

All attendees who pre-register for the 2025 meeting will have their badge and/or tickets mailed in advance of the meeting. You do not have to purchase tickets in order to pre-register for the meeting. All tickets and badges will be mailed to the address indicated on the order form.

Please note that plastic badge holders will not be mailed and will be conveniently located on-site. Completed forms must be postmarked by August 1, 2025.

Tickets may be purchased by MasterCard, Visa, check or money order. Fees will be assessed, up to the maximum allowed by law, for checks not honored by the bank. Tickets will be sold at the meeting depending on availability. There will be a \$10 per ticket increase if purchased at the door. **No CE course tickets will be sold 15 minutes after the start of any course.**

Ticket payment will not be refunded after 5:00 p.m. (EDT) Tuesday, August 12, 2025.

Please note: The KDA will not replace lost tickets!

KDA Exhibit Hall

Free of charge to all Kentucky Meeting registrants, the KDA exhibit hall features many exhibitors showcasing product lines and services. Take advantage of an opportune time to discover the newest dental equipment and supplies, with exhibitors on site to answer your questions.

Exhibit Hall Hours

Thursday, August 14, 2025

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Reception for Members

Friday, August 15, 2025

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 16, 2025

8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Closed Sunday

Conveniently located in Crowne Ballroom A on the first floor of the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Please Support Our Exhibitors

Our exhibitors invest extensive resources to attend our meeting. We ask that an extra effort be made to purchase needed supplies and services from them at the meeting!

**Spend \$500 in the Exhibit Hall
& Sign Up for a Chance to Win a \$500
Amazon Gift Card!**

EXHIBIT HALL PRIZE DRAWING COUPON

NAME _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

DROP YOUR COUPON

AT THE KENTUCKY MEETING REGISTRATION DESK.

**DRAWING WINNER WILL BE NOTIFIED BY EMAIL OR PHONE BY
FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2025.**

**YOU MUST SHOW PROOF THAT YOU PURCHASED \$500 WORTH OF GOODS
AND/OR SERVICES FROM OUR VENDORS IN THE EXHIBIT HALL.**

Drop off your completed Prize Drawing coupon at the KDA Registration Desk located on the first floor of the Crowne Plaza Hotel for a chance to win a \$500 Amazon Gift Card! You must show proof that you purchased \$500 worth of goods and/or services from our vendors in the exhibit hall.

The drawing winner will be notified by email or phone on or before August 29, 2025.



GENERAL INFORMATION

CE Credits

Continuing education courses provided by the Kentucky Dental Association are recognized by the Kentucky Board of Dentistry and most other state licensing bodies. Continuing education requirements differ from state to state. Check with your state for specific requirements. Continuing education credit hours are shown on each synopsis.

Board of Dentistry: Continuing education credit hours are earned by attending courses presented at the meeting. Each course synopsis and course ticket lists the hours earned for attending. Members will be provided with a ticket allowing entry to each course, as well as proof of attendance. The course ID # given at the end of the course must be recorded on the ticket for it to be valid for CE credit.

Note: It is the attendees' responsibility to maintain these cards for their records.



Kentucky Dental Association (KYDA)
Nationally Approved PACE Program Provider
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Approval does not imply acceptance by
any regulatory authority or AGD endorsement.
5/1/2023 to 6/30/2026
Provider ID# 219247

See the Kentucky Board of Dentistry website for additional CE information:
<http://dentistry.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx>

Calling All KDA Members



Is there a speaker on our program that you've wanted to meet? We are looking for those members interested in meeting, greeting and introducing the wonderful speakers we have on our program.

We offer any paid course at no charge for the person who introduces the speaker for that course. Some exceptions may apply. Call for details.

Duties include arriving early to the course to hand-out information to the attendees. Once the course is ready to begin, introduce the speaker. During the presentation, be available to attend to the needs of the speaker should any arise and enjoy the course. At the end, provide the course code numbers for the attendees to obtain CE credit and collect the CE cards. These cards are then returned to the registration desk on the second floor of the Galt House East Hotel.

Call the KDA office as soon as possible to get the speaker of your choice!

KDA Office Closing



The KDA Executive Office will close at the end of business on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 and will reopen on Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. (EDT).

CE Course Handouts Will No Longer Be Available on the KDA Website

Due to internet copywrite reprint restrictions, the KDA will no longer post CE course handouts for speakers. Each speaker will be responsible for their own course handouts.

Badge Holders

For your convenience, plastic badge holders will be available in the registration area during registration hours. (Plastic badge holders will no longer be mailed with pre-registration materials.)

Alumni Receptions



The University of Kentucky and University of Louisville will be hosting alumni receptions on Friday, August 15th. This is a perfect time to catch up with fellow classmates.

University of Kentucky Alumni Reception

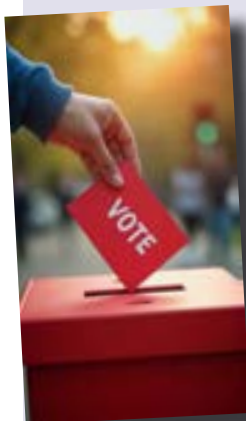
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

University of Louisville Alumni Reception

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

KDA Leadership Positions for which you will be voting during the General Assembly at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Louisville

Dr. Kevin Wall, KDA Secretary-Treasurer, wishes to announce the election of 2025 KDA officers.



Please Note: New KDA election process guidelines dictate that nominations for offices elected in the general assembly are to be made in advance of the meeting. In the past, nominations were made from the floor of the general assembly. Candidates' personal statements and photographs will be published in the May/June 2025 issue of *KDA TODAY*. The elections of the House of Delegates do not come under these new guidelines.

**General Assembly,
2-2:30 P.M. on Saturday, August 16**

KDA positions for 2025:

You must be a KDA member to qualify.

These are the open KDA positions for 2025:

- Second Vice President
- Secretary-Treasurer
(Currently occupied by Kevin Wall/Eligible for Re-election)
- Delegate to the ADA – 2026-I
(Currently occupied by Ansley Depp/Not Eligible for Re-election)
- Delegate to the ADA – 2026-2
(Currently occupied by Andy Elliott/Not Eligible for Re-election)

**House of Delegates,
immediately following
General Assembly at 2:30-4 p.m.
on Saturday, August 16**

Open House of Delegates position for 2025:

You must be a member of the KDA House of Delegates

KDA Speaker of the House (One-year term*)

**As currently stated in the KDA Bylaws*

If you are interested in running for one of these offices, contact Dr. Kevin Wall, KDA Secretary-Treasurer at kevinwalldmd@gmail.com

Join us Thursday Night in the Exhibit Hall & Visit with our Exhibitors! Earn CE points, enjoy some hors d'oeuvres & perhaps an adult beverage while you are there!

KDA will host an evening event to kick off the meeting Thursday night on the Exhibit Hall floor from 6 -7:30 p.m. Meet exhibitors and browse their goods and offerings while gaining CE points for your interactions, which will allow you to be eligible for prize drawings near the close of the event! Finger foods and a cash bar (wine and other adult beverages) will be available for your enjoyment, and this is a free event, so take advantage!

On Friday morning in the exhibit hall, enjoy a JAVA break, courtesy of Delta Dental of Kentucky!

Smoking Policy

No smoking is permitted in any portion of the Crowne Plaza Hotel

New Format for KDA Awards Celebration, Now Prior to General Assembly on Saturday

We have a new format for our William Marcus Randall Celebration, which will now take place prior to our General Assembly. At this event we will be distributing our yearly awards and recognizing our 50-year members! The General Assembly will feature our elections for the coming year and lead into Saturday's KDA House of Delegates.

Scientific Program Disclaimer

The Kentucky Dental Association and the Council on Annual Session and Scientific Session Committee make every effort to present high-caliber speakers in their respective areas of expertise. The speakers' presentations in no way imply endorsement of any product, technique or service presented during these presentations. The Kentucky Dental Association specifically disclaims responsibility for any material presented.

In addition, participants must always be aware of the hazards of using limited knowledge in integrating new techniques or procedures into their practice. Only sound evidence-based dentistry should be used in patient therapy.

Save Time and Register Early for CE Courses!

- Avoid a last minute rush!
- Use your time wisely!
- Because of space constraints, some CE courses may sell out early.
- Get to your class on time!

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Celebration of Life

*Sunday, August 17, 2025
9 a.m.-10 a.m.*

Please join the
Kentucky Dental Association
as we honor members we have lost.

Purchase a KDA Specialty License Plate! It's an easy way to support your KDA Foundation!



Ten dollars from the original purchase and then from each year's renewal go to support the KDA Foundation.

For more information regarding our specialty license plates, contact your local county clerk's office.

KDPAC Donations

Give to Your KDPAC

Student Member **\$10.00**

New Dentist Member **\$25.00**

(After 5 years of practice, individual membership rates apply)

Individual Membership **\$50.00**

Century Club Membership **\$100.00**

Millennium Club Membership **\$250.00**

Pinnacle Club Membership **\$500.00**

This is a voluntary contribution for dental political action and is not limited to the above amounts. No one will be favored or disadvantaged based upon the amount of, or failure to make a contribution. If your practice is incorporated, PAC contributions must be written on a personal check. Contributions are not deductible for federal income tax purposes. Federal law requires political committees to report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer for each individual whose contributions aggregate in excess of \$200.00 in a calendar year.

Make your KDPAC contribution payable to:

Kentucky Dental Political Action Committee
c/o Dr. Darren Greenwell, Treasurer
1920 Nelson Miller Parkway
Louisville, KY 40223-2164

Classroom Etiquette

Please remember to "silence" your cell phones while seated in classrooms. Please step outside to receive/conduct phone calls, so you do not disturb other attendees.

President's Reception and Friday Night Party with the Velvet Crush Band!

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FRIDAY NIGHT FEVER!

BRING YOUR Dancin' shoes, Man!

Friday, August 15, 2025

8 - 11 p.m. in the Crowne Plaza Hotel's Ballroom B&C

Ticket # SE 2

**FREE FOR
everyone, BUT
you MUST have a
Ticket!
Enjoy finger
foods and a cash
bar!**



**EVERYONE IS INVITED!
BE GROOVY AND DRESS THE PART!
THERE MAY BE A PRIZE INVOLVED!**



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Register Early and Save

All course fees increase \$10 (per ticket) after August 1st. Tickets will be sold based on availability.

Use the registration form included in this brochure. Form may be copied. List all staff members, spouses, etc. on the doctor's form. Select CE courses or special event tickets. Complete form in its entirety and mail to the Kentucky Dental Association office by August 1st. Forms postmarked after August 1st will be returned. Forms that are not legible will also be returned. Registrations are processed in the order received. Fees are payable to the Kentucky Dental Association in U.S. funds by check, money order, MasterCard or Visa. Credit card users must supply a new credit card number within 24-hours of denial notification or ordered tickets will be returned to inventory. Fees will be assessed, up to the maximum allowed by law, for checks not honored by the bank.

Tickets **will not** be held.

Register on-line at:

<https://www.kyda.org/ky-meeting-registration.html>

Lost Tickets

Lost tickets are replaced at the original cost based on availability.

Room Capacity

All rooms are set to maximum seating capacity. Space in limited attendance courses is restricted by the speaker to ensure quality instruction.

Please note that room space dictates the number of tickets available and courses could sell out before the meeting begins.

Pre-registration for the meeting does not guarantee a ticket for any particular CE course.

KDA Non-Solicitation Policies

All speakers are contracted by the Kentucky Dental Association. Utilization of said speakers by other persons or groups will not be permitted unless approved prior to the meeting by the Council on Annual Session.

With the exception of exhibitors operating with designated booth spaces, no attendee may solicit business on the exhibit floor or in any other Kentucky Dental Association convention space. Violation of this policy will result in expulsion from the meeting.

The Kentucky Dental Association does not promote any products that may be recommended by speakers, nor do the speaker's views necessarily represent those of the Kentucky Dental Association.

Refund Policy

Refund Deadline: August 12, 2025. Send written request for refund with badges and tickets to the Kentucky Dental Association, Attn: Todd Edwards, 1920 Nelson Miller Parkway, Louisville, KY 40223. No refunds will be given after the stated deadline regardless of the reason. Refunds are processed after the close of the meeting.

Your Comfort is Important!

We all have different ideas of the ideal indoor temperature – you may find the temperature in lecture rooms and the exhibit hall “too hot” or “too cold” for comfort. Try as we might, we can't guarantee the temperature will be “just right” for everyone, so please come prepared: dress in layers and bring a sweater or light jacket to the meeting.



Per fire codes, once a course is full, attendees will not be allowed to sit on the floor, bring chairs in from another room or stand in the back.

Registration Materials

Badges and tickets are mailed to those who pre-register prior to the meeting. Registration materials will be mailed around the end of July to those who pre-register. It is the responsibility of the attendees to bring all necessary items with them to the meeting. Obtain a plastic badge holder and **Quick Reference Guide** at the registration desk during registration hours.

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A Message From Your Meeting Planner

Dear KDA/ADA Member, I would like to encourage you to share this program with your staff members and your families as programs are mailed only to KDA/ADA members. We have events on our schedule in which family/staff members may like to participate. Bring your whole family and join us for the fun!

Sincerely, Janet Glover, KDA Director of Meetings

All program information has been compiled by Janet Glover, Director of Meetings.

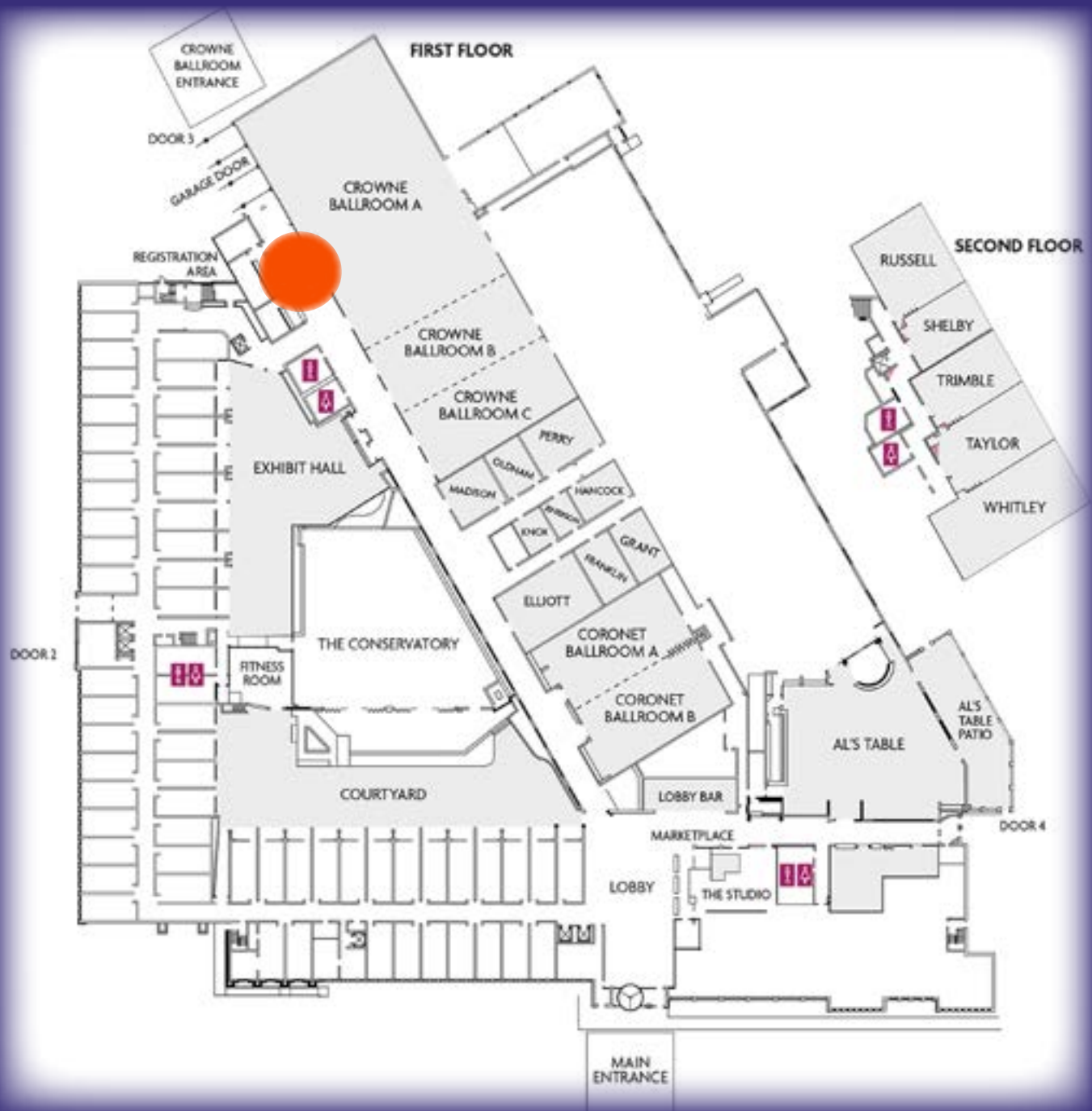
LOUISVILLE CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL

Kentucky Meeting Registration



Crowne Plaza
1st Floor

Across from Crowne Ballroom A (Exhibit Hall)



HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

For your convenience, we have a room block at the Crowne Plaza Expo Center Hotel

For reservations, please contact the hotel directly, visit our website at www.kyda.org for the link to making on-line reservations or go to: Crowne Plaza Expo Center Hotel (Louisville Airport)

<https://book.passkey.com/event/50992099/owner/2812/home>

Crowne Plaza Hotel

Reservation Deadline:
Monday, July 14, 2025

Room Rate: \$164.00
Deluxe Guestrooms
(2 Double Beds or 1 King Bed)

Check In: 3:00 p.m.
Check Out: 11:00 a.m.

Reservation Line:
(866) 888-0620

Note: There is no code to use this year, just indicate that you are with the KDA group.



Parking is Free.
You will be given a parking pass when you check in.

When making reservations by phone, please indicate affiliation with the Kentucky Dental Association.



Helpful Links for Louisville Information:

GoToLouisville.com

<https://www.gotolouisville.com/meeting-planners/destination-services/>

Louisville Downtown Partnership: Strengthening and Informing Downtown Louisville

<https://louisvilledowntown.org/>

Louisville Downtown Hospitality Map

<https://louisvilledowntown.org/hospitality-maps/>

Louisville Downtown Walking Map

<https://s3.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/louisville-2019/images/Louisville-Downtown-Walking-Map.pdf?mtime=20220510162830&focal=none>

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Booth Pricing

Corner Booths
\$1,800

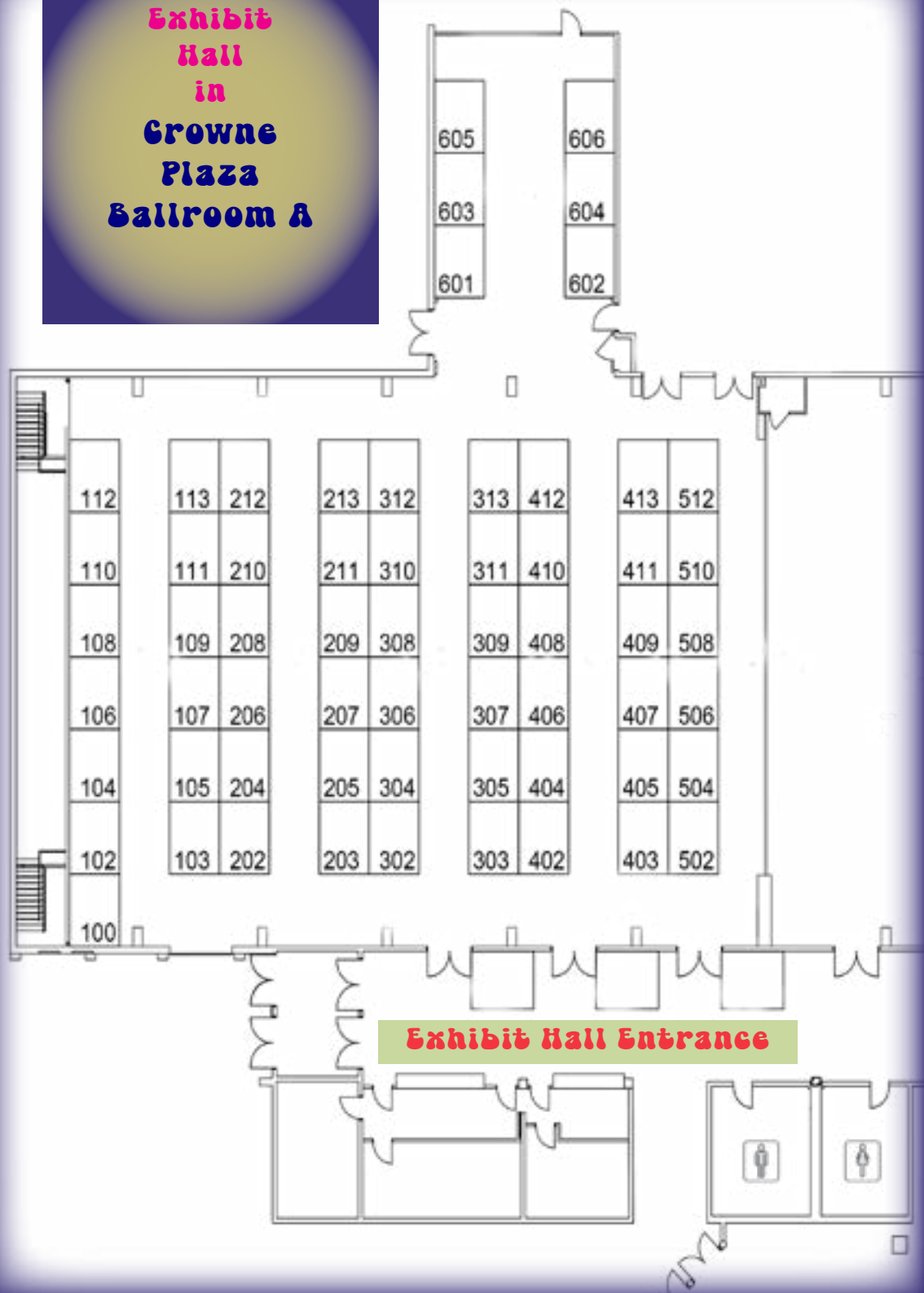
All other
\$1,600

Exhibit Hall is located in **Ballroom A** on the **First Floor** of the **Crowne Plaza Hotel**.

Exhibit Hall in Crowne Plaza Ballroom A

Booth Sizes

All booth sizes are 8' x 10'



CE COURSE QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Friday, August 15, 2025

Category	Code	Time	Title	Presenter	Audience	Page
Implants	FM1	8-Noon	Dental Implants	Nation/Kuric-Moreno	ALL	14
Wellness	FM2	8-Noon	WellnessTools	Collatz	ALL	14
ONJ	FA3	1-2	Osteonecrosis of the Jaws	Kushner	D ST H A	14
Orofacial Pain	FA4	1-2	Beyond the Toothache	Keaton	D H A	15
Pathology	FA5	1-4	Biopsy Made Simple	Ison	D A	15
Cancer Mgmt	FA6	1-4	Focus on Head and Neck Cancers	Blevins	ALL	15
Implants	FA7	1-4	AI Shapes the Future of Dental Implant	Kutkut	D H A LT	16
Caries	FA8	1-4	Future of Caries Management in Children	Perez	D H A	16
Wellness	FA9	1-4	How to Create & Live an Authentic Life	Nijhawan	ALL	16
Emergencies	FA10	2-5	Complications in Dentistry	Kushner	D ST H A	16

Saturday, August 16, 2025

Category	Code	Time	Title	Presenter	Audience	Page
Sleep Apnea	SM1	8-11	Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA)	Hasan	D A ST	20
Aesthetics	SM2	8-11	Facial Aesthetics & Modern Practice	Hughes	ALL	20
Oral Cancers	SM3	8:30-11:30	The Other Oral Cancers	Ison	D H A	20
Team Building	SM4	9-10:30	Mindfulness/Transformative Leadership	Collatz	ALL	20
Oral Surgery	SM5	9-5	Oral Surgery for the General Dentist	Greenwell	D ONLY	21
Medicaid	SM6	11:30-1:30	Medicaid Forum/Luncheon	Robertson, Moderator	D ST	21
Sleep Apnea	SA7	2-5	Treating Apnea/TMD Using Alt. Methods	Radfar	D A	21
Oral Cancer	SA8	2-5	I've Found This Lesion...Now What?	Kushner/Shumway/Scarfe/Kande	ALL	22
Systemic Disease	SA9	2-5	Autoimmune/Immune Mediated Conditions	Hasan	ALL	22
Perio/Aesthetics	SA10	2-5	Periodontal Aesthetics	Flynn/Ravisankar	D H A	23
Cervical Lesions	SA11	2-5	Non-Carious Cervical Lesions	Santamaria	D H A	23
OSHA	SA12	2-5	OSHA and Infection Control	Hall/Myers	ALL	23

Sunday, August 17, 2025

Category	Code	Time	Title	Presenter	Audience	Page
KASPER	SU1	9-Noon	Dentistry & KASPER	Mercke	ALL	24
CPR	SU2	9-Noon	CPR Certification	Livers	ALL	24
Emergencies	SU3	9-Noon	Medical Emergencies in Dental Office	Kushner	ALL	24

AUDIENCE & COURSE CODE KEY

D - Dentist **ST** - Dental Student **H** - Hygienist **A** - Assistant **SP** - Spouse **OS** - Office Staff **LT** - Lab Technicians **ALL** Attendees
FM - Friday Morning **FA** - Friday Afternoon **SM** - Saturday Morning **SA** - Saturday Afternoon **SU** - Sunday



Dr. Mark Nation & Dr. Katelyn Kuric-Moreno
Ticket #: FM1

Friday, August 15, 2025
8:00 a.m. – Noon

“The Things You Don’t Think About When It Comes to Dental Implants”

Sponsored by Straumann

4 Continuing Education Hours
FEE: \$135.00
AUDIENCE: ALL

This course will explore the often-overlooked complexities of implant dentistry that can significantly impact clinical success and patient satisfaction. Through real-world examples and practical strategies, we will tackle common implant complications such as screw loosening, fractured components and soft tissue challenges. Attendees will gain insight into how systemic health, digital planning and speech design influence outcomes, especially in full-arch cases. We will also highlight common pitfalls in implant planning, including malocclusion and improper prosthetic positioning, with prosthodontic solutions to avoid “daily dumpster fires.” The course will incorporate contemporary tools such as AI and digital workflows that enhance precision and efficiency. By the end, clinicians will walk away with tangible techniques to elevate their implant care and avoid the preventable problems we do not often think about—until it’s too late.

Course Objectives:

1. Identify and manage common screw-related complications in single and full-arch implant restorations.
2. Evaluate systemic and oral health factors—such as xerostomia and systemic disease—that may contraindicate or complicate implant therapy.
3. Analyze digital tools and workflows, including AI and facially driven planning, to improve implant positioning and restorative predictability.
4. Diagnose and plan for malocclusion and biomechanical factors that can compromise implant-supported prosthetics, particularly in full-arch cases.

See their bios on pages 31 & 32.



Dr. Laura Collatz
Ticket #: FM2

Friday, August 15, 2025
8:00 a.m. – Noon

“Reclaiming Your MAGIC: Wellness Tools for Dental Teams”

4 Continuing Education Hours
FEE: \$135.00
AUDIENCE: ALL

Join us for a refreshingly real and restorative session where science meets soul. Using her original MAGIC framework—

Mindfulness, Authenticity, Gratitude, Intention and Connectedness—Dr. Laura Collatz will guide you through practical tools to manage stress, reconnect with purpose and reignite your personal magic.

Through laughter yoga, guided journaling, interactive breakout sessions and a little bit of sparkle, you will gain immediately usable practices to improve well-being—for yourself and your team. Expect science-backed strategies, unexpected joy and a chance to breathe deeper than you have in weeks.

This session is designed for dental professionals at all levels who are feeling stretched thin and ready to reclaim their energy, clarity and joy. You will leave feeling lighter, more connected and recharged—ready to bring the best of yourself back to your practice and life.

See her bio on page 28.



Dr. George Kushner
Ticket #: FA3

Friday, August 15, 2025
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

“Bisphosphonates, Osteonecrosis of the Jaws (ONJ) and Dentistry - Where Are We Now and What Do We Know?”

1 Continuing Education Hour
FEE: \$50.00
AUDIENCE: D ST H A

There has been a new pathologic entity which was identified in the literature in 2003. Patients were found to have painful exposed bony areas of the jaws which occurred after simple dental procedures such as extractions. There were also reports of spontaneous exposures of bone in the jaws which were symptomatic. The common link was to the drug class of bisphosphonates. Bisphosphonates were given intravenously to cancer patients to combat the hypercalcemia often seen in multiple myeloma and metastatic cancers. This new condition was named osteonecrosis of the jaws (ONJ).

There are also oral forms of bisphosphonate drugs such as Fosamax, Actonel and Boniva. Although there is a higher incidence of osteonecrosis associated with IV administration of bisphosphonates, we have seen cases of ONJ associated with oral bisphosphonates that were prescribed to treat osteoporosis.

The lecture will review what we currently know about bisphosphonates, including recommendations for dental management and prevention of ONJ. We will also discuss what is uncertain at this early stage of the new pathologic entity.

Learning Objectives:

- The participant will understand the new pathologic entity named osteonecrosis of the jaws (ONJ) and the link to bisphosphonate drugs.
- The participant will understand how modifications may have to be made in the treatment plan to accommodate bisphosphonate patients.
 - The participant will understand the current recommendations in prevention, management and treatment of ONJ.

See his bio on page 31.



Dr. Jill Keaton
Ticket #: FA4

Friday, August 15, 2025
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**“Beyond the Toothache:
Diagnosing and Managing
Non-Odontogenic Orofacial Pain”**

1 Continuing Education Hour
FEE: \$50.00
AUDIENCE: D H A

Not all orofacial pain originates from the teeth. This presentation explores the common etiologic factors contributing to non-odontogenic orofacial pain, with a focus on accurate diagnosis and evidence-based management strategies. Attendees will gain insights into differentiating myofascial, neuropathic and other non-dental pain sources to improve patient outcomes through a multidisciplinary approach.

Learning Objectives:

By the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Identify key etiologic factors contributing to orofacial pain of non-odontogenic origin.
2. Differentiate between odontogenic and non-odontogenic sources of orofacial pain using clinical assessment and diagnostic tools.
3. Recognize the role of myofascial pain, neuropathic pain and referred pain in orofacial conditions.
4. Develop a systematic approach to managing non-odontogenic orofacial pain, incorporating interprofessional collaboration and multimodal treatment strategies.
5. Apply evidence-based principles to improve patient care and reduce misdiagnosis in cases of persistent orofacial pain.

See her bio on page 30.



Dr. Jennie Ison
Ticket #: FA5

Friday, August 15, 2025
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**“Biopsy Made Simple: Everything You
Wish You Learned in Dental School”**

3 Continuing Education Hours
FEE: \$105.00 Dentists \$85.00 All others
AUDIENCE: D A

In “Biopsy Made Simple”, Dr. Ison will discuss the entire process: from identification of pathology, biopsy procedure, submission and beyond. Case presentations, special scenarios, biopsy approaches/adjuncts, and ancillary testing will be covered.

See her bio on page 30.



Dr. Emily Blevins
Ticket #: FA6

Friday, August 15, 2025
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**“Management of Dental Patients
Before, During and After Cancer
Treatment: A Focus on Head and
Neck Cancers”**

3 Continuing Education Hours
FEE: \$105.00 Dentists \$85.00 All others
AUDIENCE: ALL

Lecture Overview:

As the general population is aging and advancements in medicine continue to improve cancer survival rates, dental professionals are increasingly encountering patients undergoing cancer treatments. This lecture will provide essential knowledge and clinical strategies to help dental providers confidently manage these patients at every stage of their treatment journey—before, during and after therapy.

Learning Objectives:

By the end of this lecture, participants will:

- Understand the pre-treatment dental evaluation process to minimize complications during cancer therapy.
- Learn how to manage oral health challenges in patients actively undergoing chemotherapy, radiation, or surgical interventions.
- Recognize and address the long-term oral health effects of cancer treatments, including xerostomia, osteoradionecrosis and increased caries risk.
- Develop evidence-based treatment plans to optimize oral health outcomes and improve overall patient care.

Why This Topic Matters:

With an aging population and increasing cancer survival rates, general dentists will inevitably encounter many patients undergoing cancer treatments throughout their careers. Understanding how to effectively prepare, treat, and maintain these patients' oral health is essential to providing comprehensive and compassionate dental care. This lecture equips dental providers with the confidence and expertise needed to support patients through these complex medical treatments.

See her bio on page 28.



Dr. Ahmed Kutkut
Ticket #: FA7

Friday, August 15, 2025
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

“AI Shapes the Future of Dental Implant Treatment”

3 Continuing Education Hours
FEE: \$105.00 Dentists \$85.00 All others
AUDIENCE: D H A LT

Prosthetically driven implant placement is a crucial factor for successful implant therapy. Artificial intelligence “AI” offers an additional tool for treatment planning, surgical placement and prosthetic rehabilitation in an interdisciplinary team approach. In addition, continuous technological improvement in computer-based development and dental manufacturing processes ensures new opportunities in the digital clinical workflow.

AI, CBCT, CAD/CAM and digital dental implant technology are developing quickly. Participants can be on the cutting edge of these technologies by attending a comprehensive overview of innovative and forward-thinking lecture focusing on AI and digital workflow in implant dentistry to shape the future of dental practice. Attendees will be able to learn a treatment plan and implement AI in patient treatment from start to finish with digital technology in economic, simple, predictable and safe techniques.

Objectives:

- To be able to treatment plan implant cases based on AI implementation.
- To learn how to use CBCT, intraoral and/or dental model surface scans.
- To learn AI computer-based implant planning software.
- To understand the benefit of a 3-D printed surgical guide and 3-D printed model.
- To Learn AI-assisted guided implant surgery techniques.
- To learn digital implant impressions and use AI to design and CAD/CAM fabrication of implant restorations.

See his bio on page 31.



Dr. Cristina Perez
Ticket #: FA8

Friday, August 15, 2025
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

“The Future of Caries Management in Children: Prevention & Minimally Invasive Dentistry”

3 Continuing Education Hours
FEE: \$105.00 Dentists \$85.00 All others
AUDIENCE: D H A

Learning Objectives:

1. Understand Emerging Trends – Explore the latest advancements in caries prevention and minimally invasive pediatric dentistry.
2. Optimize Fluoride & SDF Use – Learn evidence-based guidelines for

fluoride, silver diamine fluoride (SDF), and their role in non-invasive caries management.

3. Maximize Sealant Effectiveness – Review updated protocols for sealant placement and their impact on caries prevention.

4. Apply Minimally Invasive Techniques – Discuss atraumatic restorative treatment (ART), Interim therapeutic restoration (ITR), Hall technique, partial caries removal, resin infiltration and other non-invasive approaches to managing early caries.

5. Improve Patient & Parent Education – Develop strategies to communicate preventive care recommendations effectively to parents and caregivers.

See her bio on page 33.



Karan Nijhawan
Ticket #: FA9

Friday, August 15, 2025
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

“The Upgraded Dentist: How to Create & Live an Authentic Life”

3 Continuing Education Hours
FEE: \$105.00 Dentists \$85.00 All others
AUDIENCE: ALL

Help dentists and their teams reconnect with who they really are beyond the drills and appointments, so they can lead with more presence, purpose and power—without burning out or feeling like imposters.

See his bio on page 33.



Dr. George Kushner
Ticket #: FA10

Friday, August 15, 2025
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

“Complications in Dentistry”

3 Continuing Education Hours
FEE: \$115.00
AUDIENCE: D ST H A

As practitioners in the field of dentistry, we need to be aware that complications can and will occur during our treatment of patients. Fortunately, most of the complications that occur are not life threatening. However, many complications require extensive additional treatment and some complications can be life threatening. In years past, complications were not routinely discussed in the dental community. By evaluating a series of clinical complications, we can analyze the etiology and make practitioners aware of possible adverse sequelae. The management of these complications will be discussed. By studying complications, we can hopefully decrease the potential complication rate in our own patient population.

See his bio on page 31.

COURSE REGISTRATION FORM

Deadline for return is August 1, 2025

Registration/ticket order form MUST be postmarked by August 1, 2025. Any forms postmarked after this date will be returned. No faxes will be accepted.

Course/Event Registration Information

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Daytime Phone + Area Code _____ Fax _____

ADA # _____ Email _____

Dentists only

Registration ID Letter

- K** KDA Member
- V** Visiting ADA (Please attach a copy of 2025 ADA card)
- A** Assistant
- L** Laboratory Technician
- E** Exhibitor
- H** Hygienist
- S/F** Spouse/Family Member
- A/S** Auxiliary/Staff
- ST** Dental Student

Print name of each registrant and ID Letter from list at left

Last Name	First Name	ID Letter
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Note: If additional space is needed, registration form may be copied.

Registration Mailing Instructions

Mail Registration Form to:

Janet Glover
Kentucky Dental Association
1920 Nelson Miller Parkway
Louisville, KY 40223-2164

You may also register online at
<https://www.kyda.org/ky-meeting-registration.html>

Ticketed Course/Event

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Fees Total

Payment Method

No forms accepted after August 1, 2025

Please check form of payment: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Check

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Ticket #	Friday, August 15, 2025	Dentist	Auxiliary
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Friday AM

FM1	Things You Don't Think About Dental Implants - Nation/Kuric-Moreno	\$135.00	\$135.00
FM2	Reclaiming Your Magic: Wellness Tools for Dental Teams - Collatz	\$135.00	\$135.00

Friday PM

FA3	Bisphosphonates, Osteonecrosis of the Jaws - Kushner	\$50.00	\$50.00
FA4	Beyond the Toothache - Keaton	\$50.00	\$50.00
FA5	Biopsy Made Simple - Ison	\$105.00	\$85.00
FA6	Mgt. of Patients Before, During, After Cancer Treatment - Blevins	\$105.00	\$85.00
FA7	AI Shapes the Future of Dental Implant Treatment - Kutkut	\$105.00	\$85.00
FA8	The Future of Caries Mgt. in Children - Perez	\$105.00	\$85.00
FA9	The Upgraded Dentist - Nijhawan	\$105.00	\$85.00
FA10	Complications in Dentistry - Kushner	\$115.00	\$115.00

Ticket #	Saturday, August 16, 2025	Dentist	Auxiliary
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Saturday AM

SM1	Obstructive Sleep Apnea - Hasan	\$105.00	\$85.00
SM2	Facial Aesthetics & The Modern Practice - Hughes	\$105.00	\$85.00
SM3	The Other Oral Cancers - Ison	\$105.00	\$85.00
SM4	Smile In Mind: Harnessing Laughter & Mindfulness - Collatz	\$65.00	\$65.00
SM5	Oral Surgery for the General Dentist - Greenwell	\$300.00	-----
	Limited to 20 Participants		
SM6	Medicaid Update 2025/Luncheon-Panel - Robertson, Moderator	\$85.00	\$85.00

Saturday PM

SA7	How to Treat Sleep Apnea & TMD - Radfar	\$105.00	\$85.00
SA8	I've Found This Lesion-Now What? - Kushner/Shumway/Scarfe/Kande	\$105.00	\$85.00
SA9	Autoimmune & Immune Mediated Conditions - Hasan	\$105.00	\$85.00
SA10	Periodontal Aesthetics - Flynn/Ravisankar	\$105.00	\$85.00
SA11	Current Understanding of Non-Carious Cervical Lesion - Santamaria	\$105.00	\$85.00
SA12	OSHA & Infection Control 2025 - Hall/Myers	\$115.00	\$115.00

There will be a \$10.00 increase in ticket prices at the door. The KDA WILL NOT replace lost tickets.

Sunday AM

SU1	DENTISTRY & KASPER - Mercke	\$115.00	\$115.00
SU2	CPR Certification - Livers	\$115.00	\$115.00
SU3	Medical Emergencies - Kushner	\$115.00	\$115.00

Special Events

SE1 Reception in the Exhibit Hall

Thursday, August 14, 2025 – 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

NO FEE

Open to everyone, but you must have a ticket to attend

SE2 KDA President's Reception – Friday Night Fever!

Friday, August 15, 2025 – 8:00 P.M. – 11:00 P.M.

Featuring the Velvet Crush Band

NO FEE

*Open to everyone, but you must have a ticket to attend***CE Course Handouts****Will No Longer Be Available on the KDA Website**

Due to internet copywrite reprint restrictions, the KDA will no longer post CE course handouts for speakers. Each speaker will be responsible for their own course handouts.

Earn 2 CE Points by Visiting Your Exhibitors!

The Kentucky Board of Dentistry will no longer give 2 hours of CE credit for attending our meeting, **HOWEVER**, you may earn up to **2** CE credits by **visiting your exhibitors** in the exhibit hall. Simply complete up to **2** sign-off cards, each containing ten sign-off squares, for a total of **2** CE points. Each square must be stamped by a different exhibitor you have visited. You may find these cards at the KDA Registration Desk located on the first floor of the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

KDA Office Closing

The KDA Executive Office will close at the end of business on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 and will reopen on Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. (EDT).



Dr. Amna Hasan
Ticket #: SM1

Saturday, August 16, 2025
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

“Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA) and Its Growing Significance in Dentistry”

3 Continuing Education Hours
FEE: \$105.00 Dentists \$85.00 All others
AUDIENCE: D A ST

Learning Objectives:

1. Recognize the comprehensive scope and multidisciplinary nature of Sleep Medicine.
2. Understand the fundamentals of Sleep Architecture and Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA).
3. Identify the risk factors associated with Obstructive Sleep Apnea.
4. Learn how to screen for Obstructive Sleep Apnea.
5. Understand treatment options for Obstructive Sleep Apnea.

See her bio on page 29.



Dr. Shana Hughes
Ticket #: SM2

Saturday, August 16, 2025
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

“Facial Aesthetics & The Modern Dental Practice”

3 Continuing Education Hours
FEE: \$105.00 Dentists \$85.00 All others
AUDIENCE: ALL

Market research shows that Americans are estimated to have spent over \$43 billion on non-invasive cosmetic procedures last year with demand expected to increase. The cosmetic dental office is the perfect setting for a whole range of facial aesthetic services that your patients are currently considering or already getting. Don't miss out on the added revenue stream for your practice!

Learning outcomes:

- Learn why the cosmetic dental office is the perfect setting for an entire range of facial aesthetic services.
- Learn how facial aesthetics could be a huge revenue for your practice.
- Learn how aesthetics could add a passive income stream to your practice via delegated services & a full retail revenue stream.

See her bio on page 30.



Dr. Jennie Ison
Ticket #: SM3

Saturday, August 16, 2025
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

“The Other Oral Cancers: Metastatic and Non-Squamous Malignancies of the Oral Cavity”

3 Continuing Education Hours
FEE: \$105.00 Dentists \$85.00 All others
AUDIENCE: D H A

In “The Other Oral Cancers”, Dr. Ison will present cases of metastatic and non-squamous malignancies that occur in the oral cavity, highlighting features to aid in the diagnostic process for any practice. Current statistics for these entities in the state of Kentucky and how they compare to the national averages will also be discussed.

See her bio on page 30.



Dr. Laura Collatz
Ticket #: SM4

Saturday, August 16, 2025
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

“Smile in Mind: Harnessing Laughter and Mindfulness for Transformative Leadership”

1.5 Continuing Education Hours
FEE: \$65.00
AUDIENCE: ALL

This 90-minute interactive lecture explores the relationship between stress, brain function and workplace dynamics in dental teams. Participants will learn mindfulness and laughter-based interventions grounded in neuroscience and NLP (Neuro-Linguistic Programming). Through guided reflection and practical exercises, attendees will discover tools for self-regulation, improved communication and positive team culture.

Learning Objectives:

Upon completion, the participant will be able to:

1. Identify the impact of chronic stress on the nervous system and team productivity.
2. Explain the role of the vagus nerve and neuroplasticity in regulating emotional response.
3. Utilize laughter yoga and mindfulness anchoring to manage stress in clinical settings.
4. Practice language strategies to reframe challenges and foster supportive communication.
5. Assess shifts in emotional and physical state using journaling and awareness techniques.

See her bio on page 28.



Dr. Darren Greenwell
Ticket #: SM5

Saturday, August 16, 2025
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

“Oral Surgery for the General Dentist: What They Didn’t Want to Teach You in Dental School”

Lecture/Hands-On
Limited to 20 Participants

6 Continuing Education Hours
FEE: \$300.00
AUDIENCE: Dentists Only

Course Objectives:

1. Anatomy for surgery
2. Instrumentation
3. Basic techniques for removal of teeth
4. Surgical removal made easy
5. Suturing technique
6. Bony impactions
7. Review of sedation techniques
8. Hands-on demonstration on models

See his bio on page 29.



**Dr. Stephen Robertson,
Moderator &
Libby Milligan, KDA
Lobbyist**

Ticket #: SM6



Panel Members: Dr. Garth Bobrowski, Dental Rep. – KY State Advisory Council for Medical Assistance (MAC), Dr. Jerry Caudill – Avesis and Dr. Adam Rich – United Healthcare

Saturday, August 16, 2025
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Medicaid Forum/Luncheon

A Buffet Lunch is included in this presentation. Lunch begins at Noon.

Lunch Sponsored by Avesis

2 Continuing Education Hours
FEE: \$85.00
AUDIENCE: D ST

This forum, led by Kentucky Dental Association Executive Director, Dr. Stephen W. Robertson and Primary Kentucky Dental Association Lobbyist from McCarthy Strategic Partners, Libby Milligan, will feature an explanation of the administrative, organizational and oversight changes of the Kentucky Medicaid Dental Program enacted by the 2025 Kentucky State Legislature. Additionally, there will be a discussion about the current state of the Dental Medicaid program and the Association’s plans for the upcoming 2026 budget session in Frankfort and the role all providers can play in this process.

Dr. Garth Bobrowski, dental representative on the Kentucky State Advisory Council for Medical Assistance (MAC), Dr. Jerry Caudill, of Avesis and Dr. Adam Rich, of United Healthcare, will also be on the featured panel to answer your questions.

See their bios on pages 28, 32, 33 & 34.



Dr. Daryoush Radfar
Ticket #: SA7

Saturday, August 16, 2025
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

“How to Treat Sleep Apnea and TMD Using Alternative Methods”

Sponsored by Erchonia

3 Continuing Education Hours
FEE: \$105.00 Dentists \$85.00 All others
AUDIENCE: D A

1. Introduction

- Overview of Sleep Apnea and TMD
- Challenges in conventional treatment methods

2. Alternative Treatment Options

- Oral Appliances
 - Mechanism and benefits
 - Applications in Sleep Apnea and TMD
- Low-Level Laser Therapy (LLLT)
 - Overview of the technology
 - Clinical benefits for patients
- Botox
 - Role in managing TMD symptoms
- Nutritional Supplements
 - Supporting recovery and managing symptoms naturally
 - Which ingredients are best to take

3. Impact on Practice Growth

Enhancing patient outcomes with alternative method leads to Increasing EBITDA through diverse treatment offerings

4. Mindset and personal development

The power of Meditation, journaling and personal development

See his bio on page 33.



**Dr. George Kushner,
Dr. Brian Shumway,
Dr. William Scarfe
& Dr. Sarah Kande**

Ticket #: SA8

Saturday, August 16, 2025
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**“I’ve Found This
Lesion...Now What?”**

3 Continuing Education Hours
FEE: \$105.00 Dentists
\$85.00 All others
AUDIENCE: ALL

This session will be a three-hour clinical pathologic conference applicable to all members



of the dental team. A series of clinical cases will be presented with the “thought process” involved to establish the diagnosis and treatment. The program will be clinically oriented, interactive and educational.

Learning Objectives:

- Review clinical presentations of common oral and maxillofacial pathology conditions that present in the dental office.
- Discuss common adjuncts to help establish the diagnosis of a pathologic condition such as biopsy, radiographs (including panoramic and CT scans) and laboratory tests.
- Review treatment, both medical and surgical, of common oral pathology conditions.

See their bios on pages 30, 31 & 34.



Dr. Iqbal Hasan
Ticket #: SA9

Saturday, August 16, 2025
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**“Autoimmune & Immune Mediated
Conditions: Their Increasing
Relevance in Dental Practice”**

3 Continuing Education Hours
FEE: \$105.00 Dentists \$85.00 All others
AUDIENCE: ALL

Recent increases in research on oral and systemic connection have opened more doors and opportunities for oral health care providers to play a more active role in diagnosis and management of systemic conditions with oral manifestations. Dental professionals can play a very significant role in early diagnosis and management of some major systemic diseases. The first signs and symptoms of many diseases appear in the mouth and with a proactive

approach we can help with an early diagnosis. This will enable a timely start of treatment and can contribute to significant improvement in patients' quality of life. In some rare cases it can prove to be life saving for patients.

Understanding the significance of review of systems in patient assessment is very important and often ignored. Although knowing medical history and medications are crucial, the review of system which has the most important contribution in most new diagnosis. As an oral healthcare provider, it is crucial for us to go into more detail when going through ROS. It is exciting to see the recent developments and rapid growth of dentistry but one area which still needs a lot of attention is understanding how broad the oral and systemic connection is. There is increasing evidence that oral and systemic connection is not limited to just a handful of diseases but can be linked to many systems. As oral healthcare providers, this is the right time for us to rethink our approach and claim our rightful role in overall healthcare. With change in approach and how we train the next generation of dentists, we can also significantly contribute to cutting the cost of healthcare by early diagnosis and preventing unnecessary doctors' visits. This is an evidence-based course which will use examples and actual cases to show the role oral healthcare professionals can play in healthcare systems.

Learning Objectives:

1. Attendees will be able to describe the role of dentist in early diagnosis of autoimmune conditions
2. They will be able to recognize different types of autoimmune diseases & how they impact patients' health
3. They will be able to identify early signs of these diseases
4. They will learn about the impact of these diseases on oral health and dental treatments
5. They will be able to understand the long-term and short-term effects of these conditions
6. Understanding the significance of oral and systemic connection
7. Understanding how these conditions can be co-managed

See his bio on page 29.



Dr. Katherine Flynn & Dr. Ashwin Ravisankar
Ticket #: SA10

Saturday, August 16, 2025
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

“Periodontal Aesthetics: Blending Function with Beauty”

3 Continuing Education Hours
FEE: \$105.00 Dentists \$85.00 All others
AUDIENCE: D H A

This presentation explores the essential role of periodontal procedures in achieving both functional and aesthetic outcomes, with a particular focus on crown lengthening and soft tissue management. This presentation delves into the indications, techniques and clinical considerations of crown lengthening, highlighting its impact on smile design, restorative outcomes and the overall health of the periodontal structures. Emphasizing the importance of soft tissue management, the presentation will address techniques for achieving optimal gum contouring, ensuring harmonious relationships between the teeth, gingiva and facial features. By integrating both functional and aesthetic perspectives, attendees will gain insights into delivering comprehensive, patient-centered care that enhances both the form and function of the smile, while addressing the complexities of periodontal aesthetics.

See their bios on pages 29 & 33.



Dr. Ingrid Fernandes Mathias Santamaria
Ticket #: SA11

Saturday, August 16, 2025
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

“Current Understanding of Non-Carious Cervical Lesion Diagnosis and Treatment: How to Maximize Clinical Outcomes”

3 Continuing Education Hours
FEE: \$105.00 Dentists \$85.00 All others
AUDIENCE: D H A

This presentation aims to explore the etiology and diagnosis of non-carious cervical lesions, their association with gingival recession and evidence-based treatment options, including restorative materials, to optimize clinical outcomes.

See her bio on page 31.



Adam Hall, RDH, MS & Lavina Myers, RDH, MPH
Ticket #: SA12

Saturday, August 16, 2025
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

“OSHA and Infection Control for Dental Offices 2025”

3 Continuing Education Hours
FEE: \$115.00
AUDIENCE: ALL

This course is designed to ensure dental professionals meet Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards and follow best practices in infection control. This course provides the knowledge and tools necessary to create a safe and compliant workplace.

Topics covered include:

- OSHA standards applicable to dental settings (including Bloodborne Pathogens Standard)
- Proper use of personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Sterilization and disinfection protocols
- Sharps and waste handling procedures
- Exposure control plans and post-exposure procedures
- CDC guidelines for infection prevention in dental health-care settings
- Documentation and training requirements

This course is ideal for dental assistants and office staff. By the end of the training, participants will be able to implement effective infection control practices and maintain OSHA compliance within their practice.

See their bios on pages 29 & 32.



Dr. Rebecca Mercke
Ticket #: SU1

Sunday, August 17, 2025
9:00 a.m. – Noon

**“Dentistry and KASPER:
Management of Pain in the Dental
Office”**

3 Continuing Education Hours

FEE: \$115.00

AUDIENCE: ALL

This course satisfies the continuing education requirement for Kentucky Dental License renewal as specified in 201 KAR 8:532, Section 10(e) concerning the use of the Kentucky All Scheduled Prescription Reporting System (KASPER) and addiction disorders. It also satisfies 3 hours of the MATE requirement. The course will discuss the history of the opioid epidemic, review the requirements of KASPER, discuss recent changes to KASPER, provide practical utilization of e-KASPER for the practicing dentist and discuss changes in the management of acute dental pain.

Course Objectives:

1. Understand the current opioid epidemic
2. Describe the requirements of KASPER
3. Discuss recent KASPER updates
4. Discuss practical utilization of e-KASPER for the dentist
5. Identify the most prescribed controlled substances in Kentucky
6. Discuss management of acute dental pain
7. Describe analgesic drug interactions and contraindications
8. Identify resources available to dentists

A copy of the presentation PowerPoint slides is available upon request for all participants.

Kentucky Board of Dentistry Regulation for Continuing Education Requirement (KASPER) 201 KAR 8:532. Dentists are required to complete 3 hours of continuing education that relates to the use of the electronic monitoring system, pain management or addiction disorders prior to renewing their license every renewal cycle.

See her bio on page 31.



Dewayne Livers
Ticket #: SU2

Sunday, August 17, 2025
9:00 a.m. – Noon

**CPR Certification
Basic Life Support
BLS Healthcare Provider
Training**

FEE: \$115.00

AUDIENCE: ALL

The Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation course will be conducted within the most recent updated guidelines of the American Heart Association. This course is three hours and will include adult, child and infant CPR, foreign body airway obstruction and an AED presentation.

Each participant will receive a two-year certification card the day of the class.

This course complies with the requirements of the Kentucky Board of Dentistry for dental hygienists for provisions stipulated in 201 KAR 8:532, for dental assistants for provisions stipulated in 201 KAR 8:530 and for dentists for provisions stipulated in 201 KAR 8:530.



Dr. George Kushner
Ticket #: SU3

Sunday, August 17, 2025
9:00 a.m. – Noon

**“Medical Emergencies in the
Dental Office”**

3 Continuing Education Hours

FEE: \$115.00

AUDIENCE: ALL

Medical emergencies can and do occur in the dental office. With advances in the medical field, we as dental practitioners are seeing and treating a significant medically compromised patient population as outpatients in our dental offices. Fortunately, most of the emergencies that occur are treated appropriately and there is little harm to the patient. However, improper management of these emergencies can have disastrous results. Likewise, proper management of the medical emergency is no guarantee of a successful outcome.

This course will review common medical emergencies and management of these problems. Clinical “pearls” will be discussed that can hopefully lessen the chances of these emergencies. This presentation should be applicable to all members of the dental office team.

This course is approved by the Kentucky Board of Dentistry and meets the requirements for dental hygienists for provisions stipulated in 201 KAR 8:562.

See his bio on page 31.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, August 14, 2025

- 3:30 P.M. KDA Executive Board Meeting
- 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. Registration Open
Crowne Plaza Hotel – 1st Floor
No vendor or course registration, only for badges to attend Thursday night's Reception in the Exhibit Hall
- 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. Reception in the Exhibit Hall
Crowne Plaza Ballroom A – 1st Floor

Friday, August 15, 2025

- 7:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. Registration Open
Crowne Plaza Hotel – 1st Floor
- 8:00 A.M. – Noon **Dr. Mark Nation & Dr. Katelyn Kuric-Moreno**
“The Things You Don’t Think About When It Comes to Dental Implants”
Sponsored by Straumann
- 8:00 A.M. – Noon **Dr. Laura Collatz**
“Reclaiming Your MAGIC: Wellness Tools for Dental Teams”
- 8:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. Exhibit Hall Open
Crowne Plaza Ballroom A – 1st Floor
- 1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. **Dr. George Kushner**
“Bisphosphonates, Osteonecrosis of the Jaws (ONJ) and Dentistry - Where Are We Now and What Do We Know?”
- 1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. **Dr. Jill Keaton**
“Beyond the Toothache: Diagnosing and Managing Non-Odontogenic Orofacial Pain”
- 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. **Dr. Jennie Ison**
“Biopsy Made Simple: Everything You Wish You Learned in Dental School”

Friday, August 15, 2025

- 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. **Dr. Emily Blevins**
“Management of Dental Patients Before, During and After Cancer Treatment: A Focus on Head and Neck Cancers”
- 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. **Dr. Ahmed Kutkut**
“AI Shapes the Future of Dental Implant Treatment”
- 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. **Dr. Cristina Perez**
“The Future of Caries Management in Children: Prevention & Minimally Invasive Dentistry”
- 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. **Karan Nijhawan**
“The Upgraded Dentist: How to Create & Live an Authentic Life”
- 2:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. **Dr. George Kushner**
“Complications In Dentistry”
- 5:15 P.M. KDPAC Board Meeting
- 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. UK Alumni Reception
- 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. U of L Alumni & Friends Reception
- 8:00 P.M. – 11:00 P.M. President’s Reception
Friday Night Fever!
Featuring the Velvet Crush Band
Sponsored in part by Bowman Insurance
Crowne Plaza Ballroom B & C
1st Floor

Saturday, August 16, 2025

- 7:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. Registration Open
Crowne Plaza Hotel – 1st Floor
- 8:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. **Dr. Amna Hasan**
“Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA) and Its Growing Significance in Dentistry”
- 8:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. **Dr. Shana Hughes**
“Facial Aesthetics & The Modern Dental Practice”



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- 8:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. **Dr. Jennie Ison**
“The Other Oral Cancers: Metastatic and Non-Squamous Malignancies of the Oral Cavity”
- 8:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M. Exhibit Hall Open
Crowne Plaza Ballroom A – 1st Floor
- 9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. **Dr. Laura Collatz**
“Smile in Mind: Harnessing Laughter and Mindfulness for Transformative Leadership”
- 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. **Dr. Darren Greenwell**
“Oral Surgery for the General Dentist: What They Didn’t Want to Teach You in Dental School”
Lecture/Hands-On
Limited to 20 Participants
- 11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. **Dr. Stephen Robertson, Moderator & Libby Milligan, KDA Lobbyist**
“Medicaid Update 2025/Luncheon”
Panel Members: Dr. Garth Bobrowski, Dental Rep. - KY State Advisory Council for Medical Assistance (MAC), Dr. Jerry Caudill – Avesis and Dr. Adam Rich – United Healthcare
Lunch Sponsored by Avesis
- 1:45 P.M. – 2:30 P.M. William Marcus Randall Memorial Awards Ceremony/General Assembly/Election of Officers
- 2:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. **Dr. Daryoush Radfar**
“How to Treat Sleep Apnea and TMD Using Alternative Methods”
- 2:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. **Dr. George Kushner, Dr. Brian Shumway, Dr. William Scarfe & Dr. Sarah Kande**
“I’ve Found This Lesion....Now What?”

Saturday, August 16, 2025

- 2:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. **Dr. Iqelbal Hasan**
“Autoimmune & Immune Mediated Conditions: Their Increasing Relevance in Dental Practice”
- 2:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. **Dr. Katherine Flynn & Dr. Ashwin Ravisankar**
“Periodontal Aesthetics: Blending Function with Beauty”
- 2:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. **Dr. Ingrid Fernandes Mathias Santamaria**
“Current Understanding of Non-Carious Cervical Lesion Diagnosis and Treatment: How to Maximize Clinical Outcomes”
- 2:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. **Adam Hall, RDH, MS & Lavina Myers, RDH, MPH**
“OSHA and Infection Control for Dental Offices 2025”
- 2:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. First Meeting of the House of Delegates
- Immediately Following the House of Delegates KDPAC Annual Meeting
- 4:00 P.M. Reference Committee Meeting (4:00 p.m. or immediately following the House of Delegates meeting)

Sunday, August 17, 2025

- 8:00 A.M. Kentucky Dental Foundation Business Meeting
- 8:15 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. Registration Open
Crowne Plaza Hotel – 1st Floor
- 9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. Ecumenical/Memorial Service
“Celebration of Life”



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Sunday, August 17, 2025

- 9:00 A.M. – Noon **Dr. Rebecca Mercke**
“Dentistry and KASPER: Management of Pain in the Dental Office”
- 9:00 A.M. – Noon **CPR Certification**
“Basic Life Support
BLS Healthcare Provider Training”
Presented by Dewayne Livers
- 9:00 A.M. - Noon **Dr. George Kushner**
“Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office”
- 10:30 A.M. – Noon Second Meeting of the House of Delegates
- Immediately Following the House of Delegates KDA Executive Board Meeting

KDPAC Committee

Friday, August 15, 2025

- 5:15 P.M. Board Meeting

University of Kentucky

Friday, August 15, 2025

- 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. University of Kentucky Alumni Reception

University of Louisville

Friday, August 15, 2025

- 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. University of Louisville Alumni & Friends Reception

Kentucky Dental Assistants' Association

Friday, August 15, 2025

- 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. Business Meeting

Saturday, August 16, 2025

- 8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. Continuing Education

A.C.D./I.C.D./Pierre Fauchard Academy

Saturday, August 16, 2025

- ACD/ICD/Pierre Fauchard Academy Business Meetings/Breakfast
- 7:30 A.M. – 8:30 A.M. Combined Breakfast
- 8:30 A.M. – 9:30 A.M. ACD/ICD/PFA Meeting

Kentucky Society of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons

Saturday, August 16, 2025

- 8:00 A.M. – Noon Annual Meeting/
Continuing Education
- Registration begins at 7:00 a.m.*

Kentucky Dental Foundation

Sunday, August 17, 2025

- 8:00 a.m. Business Meeting

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Dr. Emily Blevins is a dedicated educator, clinician and leader in hospital-based dentistry. She serves as an Assistant Professor of General Dentistry at the University of Kentucky, where she is also the Division Chief of Adult Dentistry and a full-time attending faculty member for the General Practice Residency (GPR) program.

A 2013 graduate of the University of Louisville School of Dentistry, Dr. Blevins has been deeply involved in hospital dentistry since the beginning of her career. She has extensive expertise in treating patients with intellectual and developmental disabilities, providing comprehensive care in both clinical and operating room settings. Additionally, she specializes in managing medically compromised patients in hospital-based environments, ensuring they receive the highest standard of dental care tailored to their complex health needs.

Through her academic and clinical roles, Dr. Blevins is committed to advancing education and patient care in hospital dentistry, equipping current and future dental professionals with the knowledge and skills necessary to serve diverse patient populations.



Dr. Garth Bobrowski served as Chairperson of the KDA Council on Governmental Affairs and Chairperson of the KDA Medicaid Dental Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). He is a Past President of the KDA and has served on many dental-related committees and boards. He is the author of *OPIOIDS IN TODAY'S WORLD*, which was created as a guide for KDA dentists who treat patients with substance abuse disorders. Dr. Bobrowski

also serves on the Green County Health Board and is a community and religious leader in Greensburg, KY.



Jerry W. Caudill, DMD, FAGD, MAGD, CDC, CTCP, FPFA, FICD, FACD
Vice President of Dental Services
Kentucky State Dental Director for Avesis

Dr. Jerry Caudill is the national Vice President of Dental Services and Kentucky State Dental Director for Avesis, a Third-Party Administrator (TPA) for Medicaid, Medicare,

and commercial dental plans in multiple states. He is an experienced Medicaid, Medicare, and commercial dental insurance executive with a demonstrated history of working in the health and wellness industry. He is a nationally recognized speaker on Medicaid dental administration including presenting at the national Medicaid Medicare CHIP State Dental Association (MSDA) in Washington

DC. Avesis is currently administering approximately one million combined lives in Kentucky Medicaid for WellCare of Kentucky, Aetna Better Health of Kentucky, and Humana Healthy Horizons and millions of lives nationwide. Dr. Caudill is an AADC Certified Dental Consultant (CDC). Certified consultants possess the clinical background to render consistent opinions on government and commercial emerging dental trends, utilization review, dental plan coverage, network management, claims policy and standards of care. In addition, Dr. Caudill is a CDCA-WREB-CITA Board Examiner helping to administer the American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) board examination recognized in 47 states and territories.

When in clinical practice in Kentucky, Dr. Caudill was licensed by the KY Board of Dentistry in both General Anesthesia and Conscious Sedation and attended continuing education in treating IDD children at Virginia Commonwealth University. Dr. Caudill had hospital privileges at several hospitals including University of Kentucky Medical Center and St. Claire Medical Center in Morehead. With this background, Dr. Caudill was able to treat patients with Intellectual/Development Disability (IDD) previously designated as "Patients with Special Healthcare Needs (SHCN)" in the private office setting as well as in local hospitals, instead of having to refer everyone to UK or UL dental schools.

Dr. Caudill has practiced in Dubai UAE, Kuwait, private and group practice in multiple states, was the National Director of a 120-office group practice and was the president of the NC Academy of General Dentistry with one thousand members. He has walked in the shoes of many of you, having treated Medicaid patients in Kentucky, Tennessee, and North Carolina and is a graduate of the University of Kentucky, College of Dentistry.



Dr. Laura Collatz began her dental journey at 16, developing X-rays and filing paper charts for her hometown dentist. That humble beginning sparked a lifelong love of dentistry. After 13 years as a hygienist, she followed her dream to go to dental school and now owns Enchanting Smiles in Pittsboro, NC. A trauma-informed dentist and NLP Master Practitioner, Laura weaves together neuroscience, mindfulness, and even a little laughter yoga—yes, bubbles

included—to help dental teams reduce stress and rediscover their joy. She is also the founder of Reclaim Your Magic, a retreat for women professionals, and the creator of the MAGIC framework: Mindfulness, Authenticity, Gratitude, Intention, and Connection.

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Dr. Katie Flynn is a rising third-year Periodontal resident at the University of Louisville School of Dentistry. She earned her dental degree from the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) in Charleston, SC, where she developed a strong foundation in dentistry before pursuing her specialty in Periodontics. Outside of her professional life, Dr. Flynn enjoys spending quality time with her husband and their two beloved dogs.

She is passionate about staying active through yoga, exploring new destinations through travel, and cherishing moments with friends. With a balanced approach to both her career and personal life, Dr. Flynn is dedicated to advancing her expertise in Periodontics while maintaining a fulfilling, well-rounded lifestyle.



Dr. Darren Greenwell, DMD, FACD, FICD, NDBA, MAGD, is a 2000 graduate of University of Louisville School of Dentistry. After graduation from dental school, Dr. Greenwell joined the US Air Force and completed an Advanced General Dentistry residency at Barksdale Air Force base in Louisiana. Dr. Greenwell continued to serve as staff dentist at Davis-Monthan AFB in Arizona until 2003. Following serving a second stint in the Military, Dr. Greenwell

returned home to Kentucky and started private practice.

Dr. Greenwell has always had a thirst for continuing his training and education. In 2007, he received a Fellowship in the Academy of General Dentistry and in 2015 received his Mastership in the Academy of General Dentistry. Dr. Greenwell is also a Fellow in the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists. Dr. Greenwell has gained certification in Intravenous sedation and completed a residency in Comprehensive Implants therapy at the Alabama Implant Education in Birmingham Alabama.



Adam Hall, RDH, MS is an Assistant Professor in the Dental Hygiene Program at the University of Louisville School of Dentistry. He earned both his Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene (2011) and Master of Health Professions Education (2018) from the University of Louisville. With over a decade of clinical dental hygiene experience, he brings a strong foundation of practical knowledge and academic expertise to his teaching.

Professor Hall serves as course director for both Dental Anatomy and Periodontology, where he integrates evidence-based practice with interactive, student-centered learning. He is also actively

involved in clinical education, working with dental hygiene students in the recall clinic and on the Pediatric Dentistry Rotation. His commitment to academic excellence and mentorship supports student growth in both didactic and clinical settings.



Dr. Amna Hasan, BDS, DABOP, FAAOP, FNAP, is the Clinical Director of Appalachian Preventive Medicine and a Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Pikeville, specializing in orofacial pain and dental sleep medicine. She is committed to advancing dental education, clinical practice and interprofessional collaboration. Dr. Hasan earned her Bachelor of Dental Surgery from the Buddha Institute of Dental

Sciences & Hospital in India and completed an Orofacial Residency at the University of Kentucky. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Orofacial Pain and a Qualified Dentist with the American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine. In 2023, she was honored as a Distinguished Fellow of the National Academies of Practice (NAP) for her leadership.

Dr. Hasan teaches across undergraduate and postgraduate levels, contributing to clinical supervision, didactic lectures, and mentoring students and residents. She focuses on integrating interprofessional education into dental curricula and has led initiatives in dental sleep medicine, orofacial pain and tobacco cessation. Active in several professional organizations, including the American Academy of Orofacial Pain, the National Academy of Practice and the American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine, she contributes to research and policy development. Dr. Hasan is a strong advocate for integrating oral and systemic healthcare.



Dr. Iquebal Hasan is Professor of Diagnostic Science and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at Tanner College of Dental Medicine, UPIKE. He completed his dental education in India and after relocating to the US, he did two years of GPR as well as Oral Medicine residencies. Except for the first year of GPR, which was from Nashville, the other residencies were completed at Atrium Health in Charlotte, NC. After completing all three-residency training programs in 2013, he

started his academic career at the University of Kentucky, College of Dentistry as Assistant Professor. He then went on to become Division Chief of Oral Diagnosis, Oral Medicine & Oral Radiology at UKCD. After that he joined ECU School of Dental Medicine in 2016 where he became Director of Emergency Services and got a rank promotion to become Associate Professor. He then joined UNC Hospital Oral Medicine Clinic in 2022 as Medical Director.

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Dr. Iquebal Hasan, cont. In his academic career, Dr. Hasan received several awards and acknowledgements locally, nationally and internationally for teaching and patient care. He was interviewed by NC Health News for his contribution to healthcare and education in North Carolina. He has been invited as a speaker to different levels from dental societies to international conferences as well as dental schools in the US and internationally. He presents CE courses, medical grand rounds and been keynote speaker. His talks include a wide range of topics, but he really enjoys presenting topics like oral and systemic connection, career paths in Oral Medicine and student engagement. He has been involved in several scholarly activities and continues to contribute to this area and serves as associate editor of an online dental journal. He serves in several committees at University and American Academy of Oral Medicine and chairs the AAOM promotions committee.



In 2011, **Dr. Shana Hughes** graduated from the ULSD before founding her practice, The Tooth Booth, in 2012. She continued her education with the completion of a mini residency in implantology in 2017 at UKCD. Additionally, Dr. Hughes has completed countless hours of education in facial aesthetics that began in 2013 and has since trained with some of the best injectors from all over the world. Since 2017, she has been training other medical professionals in facial

aesthetics nationally & was named Course Karma's 2021 & 2023 Top Instructor of Facial Aesthetics Injectables. The Tooth Booth Academy, the entity through which Dr. Hughes hosts others to learn right in her own practice, was named the 2023 Top Course Provider for Facial Aesthetics Injectables. She joined the faculty for KAMAP (the Kentucky Association of Medical Aesthetic Providers) in 2022 as the only dental representative on faculty for the group. Her practice was named a Kentucky Top 10 Location in 2024 by Allergan Aesthetics (the makers of Botox) who she has been a Platinum Plus Provider with since 2019. Dr. Hughes has had the pleasure of presenting at the KAMAP Aesthetic Summit and the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry's annual conference regarding facial aesthetics in the dental practice.



Dr. Jennie Ison is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and Fellow of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. At the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry, she is Division Chief of Oral Pathology, Assistant Professor, course director for several general pathology and pre-doctoral and graduate oral pathology courses, and Laboratory Director of the UKCD Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Biopsy service. She

also provides lectures for the University of Kentucky College of Medicine and UKHealthCare General Pathology and Otolaryngology residency programs. Dr. Ison practiced general dentistry in Lexington, KY before completing a residency at Northwell Health-Long Island Jewish Medical Center in New Hyde Park, NY where she was named Chief Resident and Resident of the Year. With her experience and perspective from practicing general dentistry, Dr. Ison has a passion for providing a practical and applicable approach to oral pathology for the clinician. When not consulting, teaching, or at the microscope, she spends her time with her husband and two young sons.



Dr. Sarah Kande graduated from Roseman College of Dental Medicine and went on to complete an AEGD at UCLA followed by an Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology residency at Long Island Jewish Medical Center in New York. She is currently an assistant professor at the University of Louisville where she teaches, reads out biopsies and treats patients with oral pathologic concerns in her clinical practice.



Dr. Jill Keaton, DMD, MS, DABOP, FAAOP, FNAP, serves as Professor and Dean of the Tanner College of Dental Medicine at the University of Pikeville. Following graduation from the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry, she completed a General Practice Residency at the VA Medical Center in Louisville and earned a Master of Science in Orofacial Pain and Oral Medicine at the University of Southern California. Dr. Keaton co-

authored a systematic review and meta-analysis published in the *Journal of the American Dental Association* assessing the utility of serum C-telopeptide cross-link of type I collagen as a predictor of bisphosphonate-related osteonecrosis of the jaw. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Orofacial Pain and a Fellow of the American Academy of Orofacial Pain and the National Academies of Practice. Dr. Keaton serves as a Commission on Dental Accreditation Site Visitor, an ex-officio board member of the Kentucky Dental Association, a Kentucky Oral Health Coalition steering committee member, and a test constructor for the American Dental Association Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations. She has also served the Kentucky Board of Dentistry as an ex-officio board member. As a life-long resident of Eastern Kentucky, Dr. Keaton has led initiatives in both private practice and academic settings to enhance access to oral healthcare and expand dental education opportunities at predoctoral and allied levels throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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Dr. Katelyn Kuric-Moreno attended the University of Louisville (U of L) School of Dentistry and completed a three-year residency through U of L's Graduate Program in Prosthodontics, culminating in a Master of Science degree. Dr. Kuric-Moreno is committed to building connections with her patients. She enjoys helping them regain their mouth function and restoring the aesthetics that empower individuals to embrace their true selves. Her expertise in full-mouth reconstruction with implants sets

her apart as a skilled and knowledgeable professional.

Dr. Kuric-Moreno grew up in Evansville, Indiana, with her family. Her parents now reside in Louisville, Kentucky, where her brother proudly represented U of L on the basketball court. Dr. Kuric-Moreno also excelled in athletics at U of L, showcasing her skills as a soccer player.

Dr. Kuric-Moreno is an avid lover of various activities, including pickleball, golf, and triathlons. She maintains an active lifestyle and enjoys cooking and baking in her free time.



Dr. George Kushner is a graduate of Temple University School of Dentistry. Dr. Kushner received his medical degree from the University of Alabama School of Medicine. He completed his Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery residency at the University of Louisville. Currently, Dr. Kushner is Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Louisville. He is the Director of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency program. Dr. Kushner is the author of several publications,

articles and lectures extensively throughout the country. He maintains a faculty practice in oral and maxillofacial surgery through the University of Louisville School of Dentistry.



Dr. Ahmad Kutkut is a Professor and Chief of the Prosthodontics Division at the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry. In 2021, Dr. Kutkut completed a PhD in Clinical and Translational Sciences from the University of Kentucky College of Medicine. In 2010, Dr. Kutkut completed a master's degree and a Certificate in Prosthodontics at the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine. In 2007, Dr. Kutkut completed a two-year certificate program in Implant Dentistry at New York

University College of Dentistry, Department of Periodontology and Implant Dentistry. In 2005, Dr. Kutkut completed a certificate of

Advanced Education in the General Dentistry Program at New York University College of Dentistry.

Dr. Kutkut is an active member of ADEA, ITI, ACP, and ICOI. Presently, Dr. Kutkut is a reviewer for *Journal of Prosthodontics*, the official publication of the ACP; the *Journal of Oral Implantology*, the official publication of the AAID; *General Dentistry Journal*; *Pakistan Oral and Dental Journal*; *Journal of Indian Society of Periodontology*; and Jordan Dental Association's *Smile Dental Journal*. Dr. Kutkut is one of the few clinicians worldwide trained in implant dentistry's surgical and prosthodontics discipline.

In 2020, Dr. Kutkut received a University Endowed Professorship in Dentistry. Besides lecturing nationally and internationally, he has published numerous articles and abstracts. In addition to his teaching, research, writing, and lecturing, he presented several lectures, posters, and table clinics at major meetings such as the Academy of Osseointegration, Greater New York Dental Meeting, American College of Prosthodontics, American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics, Northeast Implant Symposium, American University of Tirana, Albania, Taibah University, Saudi Arabia, and Jordanian Dental Implant Group, Jordan. Dr. Kutkut is currently the Director of the Predoctoral Implant Program at UKCD and maintains a practice limited to Implants, Fixed and Removable Prosthodontics.



Dr. Ingrid Fernandes Mathias-Santamaria, DDS, MSc, PhD was born and raised in São Paulo, Brazil. She earned her DDS degree in 2013 from São Paulo State University, followed by a master's degree (2015) and a PhD in Operative Dentistry (2019). She began her academic career at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry, where she taught Operative Dentistry from 2022 to 2023. In 2023, she joined the Restorative

Division at the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry, where she currently teaches DMD students and conducts research. Dr. Santamaria has received multiple research awards and has authored over 60 peer-reviewed publications in laboratory and clinical trial studies.



Dr. Rebecca Mercke is a Professor in the Department of Diagnosis and Oral Health at the University of Louisville School of Dentistry. She earned a BS in Dental Hygiene from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1981 and practiced dental hygiene for 6 years in private practice before returning to dental school. She graduated with honors from the University of Louisville School of Dentistry in 1992 and practiced General Dentistry for 19

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Dr. Rebecca Mercke, cont. years in Bluefield, Virginia. Currently, Dr. Mercke is the course director for General and Oral Pathology, Physical Diagnosis, Anatomy of the Head and Neck, and Local Anesthesia courses in the Dental Hygiene Program as well as supervising the Dental Hygiene and DMD Perio Clinics. Her teaching experience spans 23 years and has included Immunology, Human Biology, Anatomy and Physiology I & II, Academic Success Seminars, and various continuing education courses. Dr. Mercke lives in Louisville, KY with her husband of 44 years and spends most of her free time spoiling her many grandchildren.



Libby Milligan has over two decades of experience in both federal and state government, with a strong background in policy development, legislative strategy, regulatory affairs and healthcare policy. She possesses a deep understanding of the processes and functions that drive government departments at all levels.

Libby began her public service career as Executive Assistant to former U.S.

Congressman Ernie Fletcher (KY-6) in his District Office. Following the 2003 general election, she supported Governor-Elect Fletcher during his transition and later served as Special Assistant to the Governor for Administration and Legislation. In that role, she was a member of the Governor's Senior Policy Committee, contributing to developing and coordinating a broad range of policy initiatives and legislative efforts.

Throughout her tenure in state government, Libby represented the Governor on numerous boards and commissions, including the Governor's Fort Knox BRAC Task Force, the State Investment Commission and the National Governors Association's Policy Academy for State Strategies for Promoting Innovation Clusters and Regional Economies. She was also appointed to the Kentucky Commission on Women.

With a particular focus on health care policy, Libby has worked extensively with stakeholders, agencies, and lawmakers to shape policies that impact Medicaid, public health systems, behavioral health, dental care and health care access across Kentucky.

In addition to her public service, Libby is a past board member of the Junior League of Louisville, a nonprofit dedicated to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through effective action and trained leadership. Libby was named one of the *Kentucky Gazette's* Notable Women in Kentucky Politics and Government.

Libby holds a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Kentucky. She and her husband live in Louisville with their son.



Lavina Myers, RDH, MPH is an Associate Professor in the Dental Hygiene Program at the University of Louisville School of Dentistry. She graduated from ULSD in 2003 and spent many years practicing dental hygiene in the private sector before earning a Master of Public Health from the University of South Florida in 2009. Following her graduate studies, she served as a case manager and dental hygienist in multiple skilled nursing facilities

throughout South Florida.

Currently, her primary teaching focus is dental radiology. She is also actively involved in both clinical and pre-clinical instruction, working closely with students to develop their foundational and hands-on skills. Her extensive experience in clinical practice and public health enhances her ability to prepare students for a variety of dental hygiene settings.



Dr. Mark Nation is a highly sought-after surgical and restorative prosthodontist. He obtained his bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Louisville (U of L) before earning his dental degree at the U of L School of Dentistry in 2000. He continued his training with a three-year residency through U of L's Graduate Program in Prosthodontics. He is currently licensed to practice in Kentucky, Utah, Nebraska and Indiana. During his career, Dr. Nation spent

14 years on U of L's faculty, where he served as an attending doctor for the General Practice Residency program in the Department of Surgical & Hospital Dentistry. Today, he is attending faculty in U of L's Graduate Prosthodontics Department. He has lectured for the university's undergraduate program as well as at study clubs and dental meetings across the United States for over two decades. In addition, as a BluePrint training clinician for comprehensive implant planning and treatment, Dr. Nation regularly trains and mentors general dentists and other specialists in the surgical placement and restoration of dental implants. In 2024 alone, Dr. Nation provided over 1,000 hours of continuing education training for hundreds of clinicians and affiliated staff.

Dr. Nation founded his current practice, Advanced Dental Solutions in Middletown, Kentucky, in 2018. Prior to 2018, Dr. Nation founded and practiced at Renew Institute from 2003 – 2017. He is married to his wife of over 25 years, Dr. Karen Nation, a general dentist in the Louisville area. They have two daughters, Shelby and Lily. When the Nations are not practicing dentistry, they enjoy farming, playing volleyball and traveling.

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Karan Nijhawan is an entrepreneur, community builder and transformational speaker who helps high-performing professionals reconnect with their truth so they can lead with power, presence and purpose. Today, he blends emotional intelligence with business acumen to challenge high achievers to drop the performance and live the version of themselves they have been avoiding. His

message is clear: growth is not just about doing more—it is about becoming more. He also believes that Pugs and Frenchies are the best dog breeds in the world - and he will debate with you all night if you disagree.



Cristina Perez, DDS, MS, Diplomate ABOP, ABPD
Associate Professor, Pediatric Dentistry
Director, Pediatric Dental Residency
Program

Dr. Cristina Perez earned her Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree from the University of Concepción in Chile. She then completed two residency

programs in Pediatric Dentistry and Orofacial Pain, making her one of the few specialists to achieve double board certification from both the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry (ABPD) and the American Board of Orofacial Pain (ABOP).

Dr. Perez began her journey at the University of Kentucky as a resident in 2008, later joining the faculty in 2012. She has served as Division Chief for Pediatric Dentistry and Residency Program Director since 2017. In her role, she is actively involved in training pediatric dental residents, predoctoral students and orofacial pain residents.

Her clinical and research interests include cleft lip and palate care, pediatric sleep disorders, and temporomandibular disorders in children and adolescents. Through her leadership and expertise, Dr. Perez continues to contribute significantly to the advancement of pediatric dental education and patient care.



Dr. Daryoush Radfar, better known as Dr. Rad, is an international speaker on Sleep Apnea/Snoring, Low Level Laser Therapy, Marketing, Medical Billing and much more! A practicing dentist of 22 years, he has a passion for speaking that includes personal development and strategies that help anyone manifest the life of their dreams! Winner of Dentistry's Got Talent at Dykema and the Best Facebook and Instagram influencer award, Dr. Rad humbly captivates any audience he speaks to.



Dr. Ashwin Ravisankar is a rising third-year periodontics resident at the University of Louisville. He earned his Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry and spent six years practicing as a general dentist in Los Angeles, CA. Driven by a passion for surgical dentistry, he completed a one-year Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery internship in Cleveland, OH before pursuing specialization in periodontics. Dr. Ravi, his wife and two children, enjoy traveling the world and have embraced the diverse seasons of Kentucky after trading in California's sunshine.



Dr. Adam Rich is the Kentucky State Dental director for United Healthcare Community and State. He is a graduate of the University of Louisville School of Dentistry with an AEGD from the University of Mississippi. He has been in private practice for 20 years in Dry Ridge, KY and served in the managed care space for over six years as Dental Director for DentaQuest Kentucky, Avesis Pennsylvania and United Healthcare KY. Dr. Rich has been a member of the Army Reserves since 1997, with two Iraq tours, and currently serves the Army Office of the Surgeon General for the Dental Guard and Reserve in the rank of Colonel. He is a past member and president of the KY Board of Dentistry. His favorite pastime is waterskiing with his daughters.

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Dr. Stephen W. Robertson attended undergraduate at Western Kentucky University prior to graduating from the University of Louisville School of Dentistry in 1992. Dr. Robertson has had a very active career in organized dentistry, serving multiple terms as President of the Pennyrile Dental Society, as well as being Secretary/Treasurer “for life” for many years. Through his activities in the Pennyrile Dental Society, Dr. Robertson

became chair of the New Dentist Committee for 10 years, including being very involved with the ADA Committee on the New Dentist and representing the New Dentists on the KDA Executive Board during that time. Following his stint as NDC chair, Dr. Robertson was elected as the Pennyrile Executive Board representative, serving for several more years. Dr. Robertson served multiple terms as ADA Delegate and served a term on the ADA Council on Governmental Affairs.

Dr. Robertson became the youngest President in the history of the Kentucky Dental Association in 2004. Additionally, he has chaired or served on numerous committees and work groups at the state and national levels and managed the KDA Fall Meeting for several years. Dr. Robertson is a fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Society and the American College of Dentists. He continues to have membership in numerous dental organizations.

Dr. Robertson became Interim Executive Director of the KDA in April of 2023, eventually accepting the full-time position in August of that year.

Steve is married to Dr. Gina R. Davis, who still maintains their dental practice, Destiny Dental, in Bowling Green, Kentucky. They have one son, Connor, a grand dog and two grand cats.



Dr. William Scarfe graduated from the University of Adelaide School of Dentistry in 1982 and was awarded Fellowship in the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons in 1986. He graduated from UTHSC at San Antonio with a Certificate and Masters in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology and has been on the faculty at the University of Louisville School of Dentistry since 1993. Dr. Scarfe is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology and a registered

specialist in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiologist in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. He is Immediate Past Treasurer of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology and Past-Vice President and Past North American Regional Director of the International Association of Dento-Maxillofacial Radiology. He is Fellow of the International

Team for Implantology (ITI), Associate Editor of the Radiology Section of *Oral Surgery, Oral Pathology, Oral Medicine, Oral Radiology* and member of Journal Editorial Advisory Board for the *Australian Dental Journal*, and *The Angle Orthodontist*. Dr. Scarfe has published extensively on cone beam computed tomography (CBCT) including recent consensus statements on general and specific use guidelines and discipline specific applications of CBCT. He co-authored chapters on CBCT in the most recent edition of the standard dental undergraduate textbook used in the United States, *Oral Radiology: Principles and Interpretation* by White and Pharoah. His definitive textbook, *CBCT: Maxillofacial 3D Imaging Applications*, co-edited with Dr. Christos Angelopoulos was published in January 2018. He presents internationally as well as nationally and is active in research on the clinical applications of CBCT imaging.



Dr. Brian Shumway is a Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, Associate Dean for Graduate Education and Faculty Development at the University of Louisville, School of Dentistry and Lab Director for the University of Louisville Oral Pathology Laboratory. He received his dental degree from The Ohio State University in 2003, followed by one year of advanced education in general dentistry at the Veteran's Affairs Audie L. Murphy

Memorial Hospital in San Antonio, TX. He then completed a residency and master's degree in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology at The Ohio State University. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and a Fellow of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. He enjoys teaching oral and systemic pathology in the predoctoral dental, and dental specialty residency programs. He has an active clinical practice that includes both patient evaluation and surgical pathology services that specialize in diagnosis and management of oral and maxillofacial diseases. He is the author or coauthor of 26 peer-reviewed publications on a variety of topics, including a focus on oral premalignant lesions.

He and his wife are the happy parents of 9 children, and they enjoy spending time together and actively participating in their church and community.

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