



**Avoid the Million Dollar Mistake - HIPAA Security Compliance:  
Protecting Your Patients, Your Practice, And Yourself**

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Suffolk County Dental Society  
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9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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The New York State Dental Association (NYSDA) is sponsoring a 3-hour HIPAA Security Compliance course developed by NYSDA's Information Technology Committee. The course and the accompanying *NYSDA HIPAA Security Compliance Manual* provide a practical guide for dentists and their office team. NYSDA designates this course for three (3) continuing education credit hours.

The course explains the specific requirements associated with safeguarding, storing and transmitting electronically maintained information to protect dentists from potential prosecution and sanctions. The goal is to educate the dental team in a common sense, step-by-step way on how to comply with these complex regulations and avoid punitive sanctions. Course attendees will be able to:

- Securely store, protect, share and transmit electronic health information
- Comply with current federal HIPAA security regulations
- Implement strategies to reduce the risks associated with audits, financial penalties and censure

The course includes:

- A step-by-step, practical guide to HIPAA security compliance
- Answers to frequently asked questions about the maintenance and transmission of protected patient information, including:
  - What specifically is required?
  - Who needs a password? How do you design a safe password?
  - Should patients have access to the dental office's Wi-Fi?
  - What is encryption? Is it required?
  - Can x-rays be transmitted via email? To patients? To other doctors?
  - Is there a cost associated with secure communication?
  - How can a dental practice protect itself from a security breach? What must a practice do if its computers are breached?
  - Are dental laboratories and cleaning services required to sign Business Associate Agreements?

The most significant benefit is that each dental practice attending will receive the *NYSDA HIPAA Security Regulation Compliance Manual* and step-by-step guidance for completing the necessary forms and checklists contained within the Manual. Because the HIPAA security regulations include staff training requirements, dentists are encouraged to bring members of their office team to the course. **Registration is limited; register early to ensure your attendance. There will be no on-site registration for this course.**

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