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Date	SCDS Event
8/16/2023	New Dentist Summer Social - Top Golf
9/18/2023	Board of Directors Mtg.
9/20/2023	Seminar Series - 7 CE - Dr. Anne L Koch
9/23/2023	SCDS Family Summer Send-Off
9/27/2023	General Membership Meeting
10/5/2023	Smilecon - 10/5-7
10/7/2023	ADA House of Delegates 10/7-10
10/16/2023	Board of Directors Mtg.
10/18/2023	New Dentist Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office
11/3/2023	LI Womens Dental Symposium
11/13/2023	Board of Directors Mtg.
11/15/2023	General Membership Meeting
2/12/2024	Board of Directors Mtg.
3/11/2024	Board of Directors Mtg.
4/13/2024	SCDS Officers Gala Celebration
4/22/2024	Board of Directors Mtg.
5/13/2024	Board of Directors Mtg.
9/16/2024	Board of Directors Mtg.
10/14/2024	Board of Directors Mtg.
11/18/2024	Board of Directors Mtg.

Please note there are several events and courses in active planning, watch our website and our emails and social sites for updates (as events are subject to change). Your support and patience are appreciated as always. Please send any comments to Contact@SuffolkDental.Org.



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We welcome the following new members to the *Suffolk County Dental Society*, elected between April and May 2023:

Reinstated

Robert Lynn, DMD
Jesse Hofer, DMD

Transferred In

Mehveen Qureshi, DMD
Marichia Attalla, DDS

Obituaries

Alan J. Nevins, DDS – Dr. Alan Nevins passed away on April 2, 2023 at the age of 78. Dr. Nevins practiced endodontics in Southampton NY. He completed dental school at New York University in 1969, served in the dental corps as a Captain in the US Air Force until 1971, completed an endodontic residency at Nassau County Medical Center in 1975, and became board certified in 1980. Dr. Nevins held many academic positions including as a clinical assistant professor at Stony Brook University from 1989-1997. Dr. Nevins was a 53-year member of the ADA.

Raymond Gary Dennison, DDS – Dr. Dennison, age 86, passed away on March 21, 2023. Dr. Dennison graduated from New York University dental school in 1962, retired in 2000, and had been an ADA member for 61 years.

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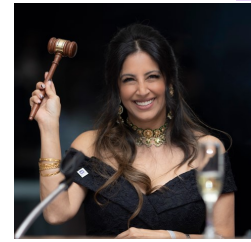
Dear Colleagues,

As we approach the halfway point in my presidency, we are seeing many positive legislative actions underway. My role as Chair of Governmental Affairs,

representing the profession of Dentistry in Washington DC and Albany, and advocating for you, the dentists, in our community has been extremely educational and rewarding. Before taking on this role, I had little knowledge of what went on behind the scenes with advocacy. Speaking to our government and state representatives about issues with workforce shortages, the DOCS act, administration of vaccinations by our profession, insurance accountability with establishing medical loss ratios for dental insurances and a Non-Covered Services Bill, among others has been extremely rewarding, knowing that we are being listened to. Many of these bills are being worked on and passed through legislative chains with full bipartisan support.

Last month, Senate Insurance Chair Neil Breslin introduced S7013, which would create a dental-specific MLR (medical loss ratio) of 82% and ensure that a minimum amount of the premiums are spent on patient care. This Bill would be set to take effect January 1, 2024. Under current law, health insurance companies offering small group and individual products must meet a medical loss ratio of 82%, which requires that at least 82% of every premium dollar be spent on patient care. There is currently no comparable MLR requirement for dental insurance products. This bill would protect the consumers by establishing an MLR that parallels existing MLR requirements for health insurance products.

In addition, Senate Higher Education Chair, Toby Stavinsky introduced an amendment to education law with two vaccination bills that we have been advocating for. These vaccinations include the administration of vaccinations against human papillomavirus, influenza and COVID vaccinations, and any vaccinations related to a public health emergency. Since the authorizing Executive Order expired in June 2021, dentists are no longer permitted to ad-



minister the above vaccinations. Every dentist in New York must have a four-year undergraduate degree, complete four years of dental school, complete a one-year residency program, and pass a National Dental Board examination. Dentists can administer Novocaine and other injectable medications. From a clinical perspective, dentists are certainly just as or more qualified to administer vaccinations as other professionals, such as pharmacists, nurses, physician assistants, and other health paraprofessionals currently authorized to administer vaccinations.

Furthermore, dentists frequently communicate with primary care professionals and other medical professionals to provide holistic care around a patient. This is particularly true where the dentist works in or with a federally qualified health clinic (FQHC). Allowing our profession to administer vaccinations provides patients with immediate access. Dentists can address questions and, when appropriate, administer vaccinations when a patient is already at a medical appointment. This saves the patient from having to go somewhere else, take additional time off from work or school and/or find someone to take care of a family member.

Many other legislative proposals are being worked on and are coming down the governmental pipelines. Without the strong support and strong advocacy from the ADA and NYSDA, we would not see these positive changes helping our profession fight and win major battles with insurance reform and protecting our ability to work as DOCTORS! Stay tuned and have a great summer!

Radha Sachdeva-Munk, DDS

President, Suffolk County Dental Society

June 2023 NYSDA House Of Delegates

The 2023 New York State Dental Association's House of Delegates in Saratoga NY was a busy time for NYSDA, SCDS leaders, and all the delegates and alternate delegates who attended. In addition to the critically important work on resolutions for the health and well being of the dental patients being served and the profession of dentistry as a whole, other business of the house was addressed. Here are some of the highlights. New officers were elected, including SCDS's Dr. Paul Leary as NYSDA Secretary/Treasurer and Dr. William Karp as NYSDA Speaker of the House. Additionally, all the NYSDA officers were installed including Dr. Maurice Edwards (Vice President), Dr. Prabha Krishnan (President-Elect) and Dr. Anthony Cuomo (President). Dr. Kevin Henner and Dr. Paul Leary received NYSDA Service Awards. Dr. Maria Maranga was honored with the Distinguished Service Award by the Pierre Fauchard Academy for her many years of service to her patients and the dental and academic communities. Three new Pierre Fauchard Fellows from Suffolk County were inducted to the Academy: Dr. Joseph Graskemper, Dr. Lauren Heisinger, and Dr. Steven Feigelson. Dr. Claudia Mahon-Vazquez received a service award for her leadership and efforts on the NYSDA Membership Council. Dr. Nick Vittoria was recognized with a service award for his work on the NYSDA Ethics Council. NYSDA Hallmark of Excellence Awards were awarded to Dr. Keri Logan (for her donated dental care to Veterans at St Charles Hospital) and to Dr. Steven Feigelson for his work on the SCDS Mentorship program. Below are just a few of the pictures we posted to Facebook and Instagram.



So much is happening...

Where do I start? I'll start with membership and our big membership ad campaign. In our last bulletin I explained that our ad campaign targets and educates the public on the benefits of seeing an ADA Member Dentist. It drives them to the Findadentist.ADA.org website where our members are

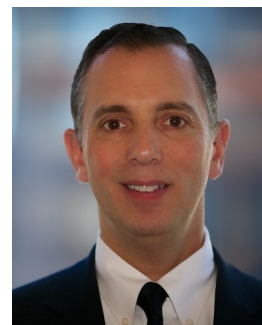
listed. The TV and digital ad campaign began on April 10. Perhaps you've seen them on News 12, Bravo, The Food Network, FUSE, AMC, Comedy, Discovery, ID, Lifetime, Paramount, TLC, TNT, The Weather Channel, or the USA Network? The impact of the ads is significant as reflected in the profile views of our member dentists. The increase in views has ranged from 22% to 73% since the ad campaign started. We are driving patients to our members! Of course the ultimate measure is membership market share growth, but it will be some time yet till we see how this translates. Still, the member feedback has been very positive on the effort.

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In other news, congratulations go out to Dr. Paul Leary as he has been elected NYSDA Secretary/Treasurer. We wish him well in this NYSDA Officer position. SCDS has had a persistent presence at the state level even beyond our Trustee Dr. Guenter Jonke. Dr. Kevin Henner completed his Immediate Past-President role in 2023. Dr. Maria Maranga is the chair of the NY State Dental Foundation.

In keeping with other NYSDA related news, we have new NYSDA Council representatives. Dr. Devin Klein is our representative on the New Dentist Council, Dr. Hailey Taylor is our representative on the Membership Council, and Dr. Patricia Swanson is our representative on the Council for Education and Licensure. These SCDS Board Members will



represent us well. While they each still qualify as "New Dentists", they've been active in committees and have represented us at the NYSDA House of Delegates each of the past 2 years. They each bring an energy and fresh perspective. We look forward to their leadership!

Staying upstate... Dr. Lauren Heisinger, our former New Dentist Chair, has relocated to Albany. We have had the great privilege of working with her and benefited from her drive and positive energy. Our loss is Albany's gain, we wish her continued success. I speak for many when I say she will be missed!

Closer to home, renovations continue in mass at our headquarter building. From the parking lot, bathrooms, hallways to our media center, it is all being completely renovated. Fingers are crossed for the Media Center completion in September.

Lastly, it's great to hear from members who have seen significant cash returns from our ERC (Employee Retention Credit) guidance and encouragement. We've had positive feedback on our partner from members (more information on page 10). If you haven't looked into this program with a professional firm you should, be it our recommendation or your own.

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Bill Panzarino - Executive Director, SCDS



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In the last journal I posed the question, “what’s available for members?” Since then, there have been many events and activities which benefit and influence the

daily practice of dentistry. One of the local benefits is our [Suffolk County Dental Society Public Facing Ad Campaign](#). Our goals: make the public aware of the importance of visiting the dentist and drive patients to the offices of our ADA Member Dentists. The Ads will have a QR code that will bring the public to the ADA [Find-a-dentist](#) website (FindADentist.ADA.org). Take time to review and update your profile. Make sure the patients find YOU!

Our annual Shredding Day was another tangible benefit that many members took advantage of. I greatly appreciate the help of all the volunteers: Henry Coleman with Anya and Kirin, Steve Feigelson, Adam Feline, Scott Firestone, John Guariglia, Pat Hanlon with Tara Sanders, Kevin Henner and Ann Mingione, Guenter and Vicky Jonke, Devin Klein, Maria Maranga, Larry Schwartz, Ivan Vazquez, Nick Vittoria, and of course our dynamic duo: Bill Panzarino & Carol Deerwester. I also want to thank our sponsor, Jeff Lasky from Garfield Refining.

Over the past eight years I have had the pleasure of representing the Suffolk County Dental Society as Chairperson of the Membership Committee. I followed in the footsteps of Tom Bonomo and Maria Maranga. Those were big shoes (and stilettos) to fill. With the help of numerous member volunteers, amazing Executive Directors (Paul Markowitz & Bill Panzarino) and terrific Executive Assistants (Debbie Wasserman & Carol Deerwester) our committee was able to accomplish many goals and work in the best interest of our members especially during the challenges of COVID.

The Society has also benefitted from our relationship with the Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine and the Residency Program at St. Charles Hospital. In collaboration with Dr. Keri Logan at St. Charles, Deans Truhlar and Kucine and now the current Dean, Dr.

Patrick Lloyd, we have engaged the students and residents as well as cultivated new ideas, members, and leaders for the Society.

New Dentists and New Leaders During my years in membership, I have had the great privilege of meeting many new dentists. I was able to meet students, ASDA representatives, Residents or New Dentists beginning their careers. Dr. Lauren Heisinger was one of the leaders I have had the great fortune to know since her time as a dental student. She is one of the most dedicated and passionate new dentists that I have ever had the great fortune to work with. Unfortunately, Dr. Heisinger is leaving her position as our New Dentist Chairperson and is joining the Third District Dental Society in Albany. Fortunately, we have an equally enthusiastic and passionate doctor taking over the New Dentist Chair position, Dr. Devin Klein! I know the New Dentists are in good hands with Dr. Klein and they will continue to enjoy the programs that are already in place as well as new programs that are in the works under his leadership.

As my term as the Membership Chairperson comes to an end it is with great pleasure that I hand the reins over to a hardworking and bright colleague, Dr. Hailey Taylor! Dr. Taylor, Dr. Klein, Dr. Swanson, Dr. Heisinger and ASDA Rep. Gil Barahman were all present at our recent NYSDA House of Delegates. I assure you that they are all aware of the needs of our profession and will work hard for our Profession. I met Dr. Taylor several years ago and have been fortunate to work with her at New Dentist events and most recently at the House of Delegates. After seeing her insight and determination, I know our committee and members will be in good hands will Dr. Taylor at the helm.

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The New York State Dental Association
Hallmarks of Excellence Award.

The New York Dental Association’s Hallmarks of Excellence Award annually recognizes two programs: one for Membership Engagement and one for Community Service/Outreach/Education. This year we had numerous outstanding applications. The two winners for this year were both from Suffolk County.

Dr. Keri Logan and St. Charles for the “Give Veteran’s a Smile Program” and Dr. Steven Feigelson and the “Suffolk County Dental Society Mentorship Program.” Congratulation to both on a job well done.

It has been my great pleasure to have served our Dental Society and I look forward to seeing you at the next event.

Claudia Mahon-Vazquez, DDS
Immediate past Chairperson, NYSDA
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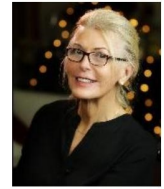
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Anne L. Koch, DMD

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In addition to advanced concepts, basic issues such as attaining profound anesthesia, practical diagnosis and smart case selection will all be addressed. Additionally, a completely drill-free post system will be introduced as well as a new digital viewing device (EZscope). As is her reputation, Dr. Koch will keep the day fast paced and moving briskly.

Objectives - Upon completion, the participant shall be able to comprehend the endo-restorative relationship and describe the latest techniques used to achieve predictable success.

Upon completion, the participant will have a thorough understanding of the multiple advantages gained by doing a constant taper preparation technique.

Upon completion, the participant will be able to evaluate the changing paradigm in endodontics and realize that adult pulp caps potentially have a place in select endodontic cases.

Upon completion, the participant will have a more thorough understanding of the many virtues of a true bioceramic cement and hydraulic condensation.

Upon completion, the participant will understand what quality endodontics can do for their patient and where endodontics fits into the overall treatment plan.

Bio: Anne L. Koch, D.M.D. - Dr. Koch received both her DMD and Certificate in Endodontics from the University of Pennsylvania. She is also the founder and past Director of the Postdoctoral Program in Endodontics at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine. Following her clinical and academic career, Annie formed her own successful technology and development company, Real World Endo, of which she was CEO and President. Dr. Koch is the holder of multiple patents. The author of more than one hundred and fifty articles in her prior specialty field, Dr. Koch has presented more than one thousand lectures worldwide. Dr. Koch is an active member of the ADA, AAE, MDS, and BDDS. Dr. Koch maintains a faculty position at PENN (Department of Endodontics) as well as serving as a Senior Fellow with Penn Medicine. She also is a member of the Board of Overseers for the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine.

Location: 150 Motor Parkway; Media Center – Lower Level; Hauppauge, NY 11788
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Continental breakfast and check-in at 8:30 a.m.
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April 10, Signing Day for D4 Students at the Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine. April 25 and 26, the Greater Long Island Dental Meeting, April 29, Give Kids a Smile, May 11, General Membership Meeting, May 13, Shredding Event, June 2-4, NYS Dental Association House of Delegates (pictured on Page 6), June 14, Golf Outing, June 21 D3 presentation and June 27 Residents Presentation both at the Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine. Here are just some of the pictures captured, to see more of the society in action check out https://www.facebook.com/SuffolkCountyDentalSociety/photos_albums. Follow [SuffolkCountyDentalSociety](#) on Facebook and our posts will appear in your feed.



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You can influence the profession, you can have an impact on the community, you can have a real sense of accomplishment. There is a Board of Directors that run the Society and various committees that develop and move initiatives forward. Drop us an email at Contact@SuffolkDental.org, or give us a ring at 631-232-1400. Note - our Board of Directors has 7 scheduled meetings per year, and nominations are being accepted. You can find more information on the website at <https://www.suffolkdental.org/members-center/nomination-forms> or scan this QR Code.



An Update From Your New Dentist Committee

The time has come for me to pass the torch to our new, new dentist chair. It has been a pleasure for the last two years getting to lead our new dentist committee,



and getting to meet and work with so many students, residents, and new dentists. I know our committee is in good hands as my classmate Devin Klein takes over the helm. We are so fortunate to have such amazing sponsors and new dentist committee activity and events in our component, I hope all who are reading this take the time to get involved, come to events, and meet and network with your colleagues!

Check out upcoming New Dentist Events with the QR code!



Dr. Lauren Heisinger - Former SCDS New Dentist Chair



L/R—left to right: Drs. Lydia Hunt, Stephanie Sager, Devin Klein, Lauren Heisinger, Max Sanacore, Hailey Taylor. All SBU alum at our new dentist event at the HOD in Saratoga

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS 2024

The Suffolk County Dental Society's Nominating Committee will meet at the end of August to screen and select candidates for elective office at the local, state and national levels.

To be eligible for any elective office a member must have served on our governing Board of Directors for at least three of the past five years. Other restrictions may apply for state and national positions. Nominations are invited for the following positions for 2024, to be considered this summer.

President: Dr. Steven Feigelson (as President-Elect 2023, automatically advances to the position of President)

President-Elect: Dr. William Bast

Vice President: Dr. Natalia Elson

Secretary: (one-year term - usually advances through the other officer positions).

Treasurer: Note – this is a two-year term. (Dr. John Guariglia completes his 1st year of his 3rd term at the end of 2023; he has one year left on his 3rd and final term).

NYSDA Delegates:

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Members in good standing are invited to submit nominations by email to Contact@SuffolkDental.Org or via US Mail to SCDS, 150 Motor Parkway, Suite 123, Hauppauge, NY 11788. Eligible candidates may nominate themselves by sending a letter of interest along with a copy of their curriculum vitae.

DEADLINE FOR THE ABOVE NOMINATIONS IS AUGUST 20, 2023

Nominations for SCDS Board of Directors are also open. Details for nominations are on the [website](#) or you can call the office for details.. For complete details on Officer and Delegate Positions please see the [Bylaws](#) on our website.

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Second letter from the ADA Trustee to NYSDA Districts – April 2023—Trustee’s Corner

As everyone already knows, there is not a person out there who is enjoying the spring weather better than a citizen of Western New York. After a very difficult and at times dangerous winter, we are happy to experience the annual change of season. I hope all our members have had a successful first part of the year and wish for continued blessings to you and your families.

I want to begin this segment of my letter to you with the issue of membership. Unfortunately, membership in the ADA, and concurrently in our constituents and components, has been dropping for a number of years. At the present time, ADA membership is 57% of active and retired dentists. There has been a steady decline since 2007, with some up and down years before then. I firmly believe this is a multifactorial problem which requires a variety of solutions. I also believe there are component, state, and national answers. Many of our local components in New York are hard at work on initiatives tailored for their unique district needs or that can be shared with other components. Our constituent, New York, has developed a mentoring program under the leadership of our president, Dr. Jim Galati. The ADA is working on a variety of programs with dental schools (Signing Day, Lunch and Learns) and New Dentists (ADAPT, career path and wellness support) to promote membership with the latest generation of our profession. A culture of inclusion is being fostered at all levels of the Tripartite to help make prospective members of all backgrounds feel welcomed into our organization. It's going to take all of us to promote the advantages and benefits of membership to keep our organization and voice strong in the future. Membership is critical to the success and relevance of the American Dental Association. At the same time, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your many years of membership and your contributions to Organized Dentistry.

I attended the ADA Board of Trustee meeting from April 2nd through April 4th in Chicago. The beginning of the meeting was an evening social gathering with the New Dentist Committee, followed by a collaborative meeting the next morning. Discussions involved the tough issues confronting dentistry today, including the membership question. Many of the New Dentists pointed out some of the strengths and weaknesses they see in the American Dental Association. Strengths include advocacy at the federal and state level, continuing education, and the Strategic Forecasting Committee. Areas of improvement begin with communication to members, especially pursuant to social media. They also believe the ADA is taking steps to improve with key hirings of experts in this area. The ADA believes members will see better results in the very near future.

Also on the agenda, a group of DSO executives and the executive director of the ADSO organization met with the Board of Trustees for an open discussion on the current landscape of delivery of dental care. Each of the attendees discussed their background and history, delineated areas of agreement with the ADA, as well as offered examples of future opportunities for cooperation. Such opportunities could include the sharing of analytical data, solutions to workforce shortages, and collaborating on interprofessional education. A good discussion ensued on different modalities of patient care in dentistry and how there are many viable avenues for the future. It was agreed by all parties that it is in the best interest of dentistry to keep this conversation going, continue to find areas of common ground, and attempt to resolve disagreements.

As many of you know, the ADA is a membership organization that has a dental research entity, the American Dental Association Science Research Institute (ADASRI). The ADA Board recently approved switching ADASRI to operate as a 501(c)(3), a change from its former status as a 501(c)(6) LLC. Under the ADASRI Operating Agreement, ADASRI has a 10-member Board of Directors, the appointment of each of whom is approved by the ADA. Currently, it has 44 employees with labs located in Maryland as well as the ADA building in Chicago. Much of the testing of the products to be considered for the ADA Seal of Acceptance takes place in the ADASRI labs in the ADA building. The ADA is the only dental membership organization in the world that has a scientific research arm directly affiliated with it. It has been very successful since its inception in 2018. In 2022, it had 753 citations, 25 peer-reviewed published manuscripts, and 27 abstracts presented. It is involved in applied research (AR), evidence synthesis and translational research (ESTR), as well as innovation and technology research (ITR). You will see many scientific articles in JADA and many other distinguished journals originating from ADASRI.

My next written correspondence with you will be in the fall before the ADA’s annual meeting in October in Orlando, Florida. In the meantime, the New York State Dental Association will be gathering in Saratoga Springs, New York, for its annual meeting from June 2nd to June 4th. The House of Delegates will meet to debate and decide on a group of resolutions presented to it by component societies, the NYSDA Board of Trustees, NYSDA councils, and individual members. There will also be two contested elections for Speaker of the House and Secretary-Treasurer. As you know, the House of Delegates is the supreme body of the New York State Dental Association.

Best wishes to all of you for a happy, healthy, and successful summer. As always, if you need to get a hold of me, you can reach me via email at dowdb@ada.org or drrendowd@gmail.com, as well as on my cellphone at 716-510-3217.

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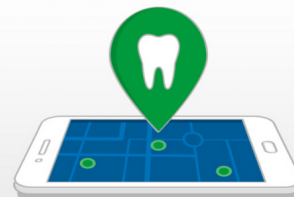
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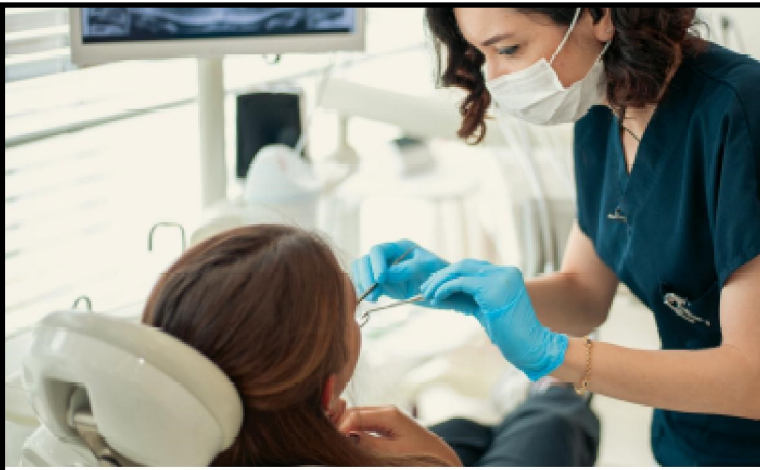
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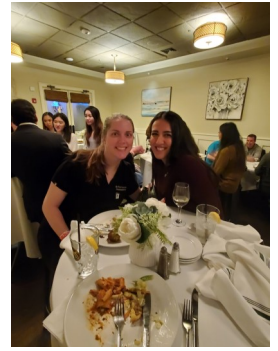
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