

## IT'S A NEW DAY AT NJDA!

*Thank you for taking time to discover all the good reasons to join New Jersey's most prominent organization dedicated exclusively to dentistry.*

*If you are considering membership for the first time we'll be glad to answer any questions you may have. If you are a former member, please let us know what we can do to improve upon the services you received as a member in the past. Either way, we will work tirelessly to serve your practice needs.*

*In this brochure, we've listed just some of the outstanding member benefits and privileges of joining NJDA. Please take a moment and review them, and when you are convinced that NJDA is for you, we'll be glad to bring you on board as a full-fledged member. Here are just a few of the many things membership can do for you.*



### Headquarters:

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### About the NJDA:

The New Jersey Dental Association (NJDA) is the official body of organized dentistry in New Jersey. Its role is both professional and community-oriented and exists for and through its members. The NJDA's basic purpose is to ensure that the highest quality dental care is provided to the public. Since dentistry exists to serve the public, the NJDA must be sensitive and responsive to public needs.

### Mission Statement:

The NJDA serves and supports its members and fosters the advancement of quality, ethical oral healthcare for the public.

### Founded:

1870

### Membership:

Dentists who join apply for tripartite membership in the NJDA, American Dental Association (ADA), and a local component dental society. Dues for all three organizations are paid annually and collected by the NJDA.



# Membership Matters

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## HELPING YOU MANAGE YOUR PRACTICE

### **NJDA Staff**

The NJDA staff is comprised of a dedicated team of directors and support personnel led by an executive director. Directors are available to speak with members on issues as far-reaching as dental health and education, public policy matters, dental benefits programs, practice management concerns, and legislative and regulatory initiatives at the state and national level. It is the staff's mission to ensure that all of your practice and business needs are served.

### **DENTAL BENEFITS & MANAGED CARE ASSISTANCE**

NJDA has knowledgeable, experienced staff solely dedicated to helping you understand third-party payment programs or managed care contracting.

### **LEGAL ASSISTANCE & ADVICE**

The NJDA offers members the services of two attorneys who have many years of experience applying and interpreting the Dental Practice Act and other laws and regulations affecting the practice of dentistry. These include employment and labor laws, OSHA and HIPAA requirements and insurance law. Together, these attorneys are able to answer most legal questions posed by our members, assist in drafting correspondence to patients, insurance companies and other practice related entities, or refer to trusted and knowledgeable attorneys when private representation is recommended.

### **ENDORSED VENDOR PROGRAMS**

NJDA has negotiated discounts or member advantages with a variety of companies that offer products and services for the everyday needs of today's dentists. Visit the NJDA website at [njda.org](http://njda.org) to see a list of participating companies.

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## EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The New Jersey Dental Association administers a centralized dental professional placement information service: The Employment Exchange Program (EEP). The EEP enables members to search for qualified dentists, RDAs, RDHs, and recent dental assistant graduates or post their "resumes" online as job seekers. This online program is available 24/7/365 via [njda.org](http://njda.org) and offers total confidentiality and search criteria by practice type and location.

### **ENHANCING YOUR DENTAL RESUME AND CAREER**

#### ***Volunteer Opportunities***

NJDA is only as strong as its members. Member volunteers serve in positions of leadership and on the councils and committees that direct Association staff to implement policy, organize events and generally assist members. The Association recognizes that it is our volunteers who understand the needs of practitioners and patients. Volunteer input is critical to the success of the Association.

### **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

Utilizing speakers and professionals drawn from NJDA membership as well as nationally and internationally known lecturers, the Association offers training seminars, practice management programs and scientific courses at low or no cost. At these sessions NJDA staff, officers and other Association and component leaders are available to discuss Association business and members' concerns. Continuing education courses are chosen to provide relevant information on timely topics.

### **PROTECTING YOUR RIGHTS**

#### ***Peer Review***

NJDA offers a voluntary peer review program to objectively and expeditiously resolve patient complaints concerning the appropriateness or quality of treatment. Member dentists may also submit disputes with third party consultants for review. All peer review matters are strictly confidential.

## POLITICAL AND REGULATORY ADVOCACY

NJDA, through its governmental affairs office and the New Jersey Dental Political Action Committee (NJDPAC), is one of the most respected and effective voices in New Jersey. NJDA works hard to ensure that dentistry is at the table when lawmakers address issues that affect the profession, by monitoring New Jersey's legislative and executive branches and actively advancing initiatives that benefit you and your patients while opposing those that do not. As one of the largest political action committees in New Jersey, NJDPAC supports candidates for elected offices in New Jersey who support dentistry.

### **PROVIDING VALUABLE INFORMATION**

#### ***Member Communications***

The NJDA's Journal, Advocate and website keep you constantly updated on the ever-changing dental profession, as well as what your peers are doing around the state. The Journal is the NJDA's award-winning quarterly magazine that has member-focused and clinical information. The Advocate is a monthly newsletter that keeps members abreast of the latest regulatory and legislative news, as well as news on dental benefits and managed care issues. The Association's website [njda.org](http://njda.org) is a best-in-class dental society site with a private, password-protected area for members.

### **GARDEN STATE DENTAL CONFERENCE & EXPO**

Every year the New Jersey Dental Association (NJDA), the New Jersey Dental Hygienists' Association (NJDHA) and the New Jersey Dental Assistants' Association (NJDA) co-sponsor the Garden State Dental Conference & Expo. Held over two days in June, the Conference & Expo showcase continuing education, the latest in dental technology, and innovative products and services that the modern dental practice needs to flourish. With more than 100 exhibitors on the show floor, the Expo is big enough to bring the latest advances to our visitors, yet small enough to offer a personal exchange between our members and vendors.