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Pomona Valley Dental Assistants Society

Your Latest News & Updates

Greetings!

I hope you are enjoying your summer with all it brings - a change from the normal routines and a chance to enjoy the long summer days.

If you missed our Spring required CE courses, you're in luck! We will be partnering again with San Fernando Valley DAS and co-hosting a CE course in September featuring Dr Balikov! As much as we all miss meeting in person, we need to wait until we are sure it's safe and we have a venue that will work. So, a Zoom presentation (thanks to CDAA for hosting) is the next best thing. I do hope to see you there! If you have a topic or speaker for a future meeting you'd like to hear, [let me know](#).

I appreciate what each of you do for the dental community and am grateful that you are part of the community here at PVDAS. Being able to support one another is a wonderful thing!

*Warmly,
Claudia Pohl, CDA, RDA
President*

Dental Fraud Waste and Abuse - 2 CE Course

Thursday, September 9, 2021

7:00 - 9:00 pm

ADAA/ADHA/ADA Member: \$5

DA Students: Free

Non-Member: \$10

[Register here](#) with any credit card.

Confirmation and zoom link will be sent after registration / payment is received.

This course will be a review of dental fraud waste and abuse and investigation of common schemes, from a fraud investigator's perspective.

Synopsis: Health care fraud is a serious and costly problem that affects every patient and every taxpayer across our nation. Health care fraud occurs all across the healthcare industry that includes Medical, Pharmaceutical, Home Health Care, Durable Medical Products and Dental.

The vast majority of dental care providers are honest, law abiding and compassionate professionals. Anti-fraud statutes and increased law enforcement efforts are focused to the fight fraud committed by those disreputable few people in the health care industry.

This unique presentation will identify what is and what is not fraud, common areas of fraudulent or

suspect activity and how suspect activities or schemes of fraud, waste and abuse within Dental are identified and investigated from a fraud investigator's perspectives.

Participants will learn:

- What is Dental Fraud Waste and Abuse
- What makes up an investigation
- The impacts of Dental Fraud Waste and Abuse to our profession, patients and the health care system

About the Speaker: Stewart Balikov, DDS

Dr. Balikov is a 1983 graduate from the University of Southern California, School of Dentistry. He is currently serving as the Director of Dental Special Investigations, Oral Health Analytics for Anthem since October, 2017 having held the position of National Dental Director, Utilization Management for Aetna the prior 13 years. He is an Accredited HealthCare Fraud Investigator through the National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association, a Certified Dental Consultant through the American Association of Dental Consultants and a Certified Quality Assurance Consultant through the California Association of Dental Plans.



Dr Balikov is a frequent presenter at the National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association Annual Training Conference, and a course instructor at the Quality Assurance Certification Course for the California Association of Dental Plans. He is a member of the American Dental Association, California Dental Association, San Fernando Valley Dental Society, the National HealthCare Antifraud Association, Alpha Omega Dental Society and the American Association of Dental Consultants, of which he is a Past- President.

Dr Balikov currently holds licenses in California, Colorado and Arizona and maintains a limited practice in the Los Angeles, CA area.

Welcome to this New Professional Member!

Katie Stafford

Welcome to these New Student Members!

Kassandra Adams
Gabriel Baguyos
Tyler Bowden
Heather Castro

Michelle Chavez
Max Gonzalez
Kirandeep Kaur
Yvonne Moreno

Serena Pullen
Mariline Rodriguez
Christinna Vasquez

Congrats to those who advanced from NPRO1 to NPRO2!

Karina Bernal

Melody Bernal

Dana Briones

News from the Dental Board



Subject Matter Expert and Site Evaluator Recruitment

July 2021

The Dental Board of California (Board) is currently looking for Educators to join our team of consultants as Subject Matter Experts and/or Site Evaluators. This is an assignment that keeps you in the forefront of new trends and legislation regarding the profession. [Read more . . .](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

These opportunities are in our area:

- March 25-27, 2022: Coachella
 - December 3-5, 2021: Los Angeles
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News from National

ADAA House of Delegates

ADAA will be holding their Annual House of Delegates virtually on Saturday October 23 (8:00 am) and Sunday October 24 (12:00 pm). It is during this meeting that officers are elected, decisions and policies that drive the profession of dental assisting are made. ***It is your opportunity to have an impact on your career!*** We hope you will join us. To serve as a delegate or alternate, send an email on or before August 15th to the [CDAA Secretary](#). A detailed Schedule can be found on the [ADAA website](#).

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