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“HISTORY OF THE ADA”

THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION HAS A HISTORY OF ADVOCATING QUALITY DENTAL CARE AND SUPPORTING INNOVATIVE RESEARCH FOR NEARLY 150 YEARS.

THE ADA WAS FOUNDED IN NEW YORK IN 1859, BY 26 DENTISTS DEDICATED TO DENTAL ADVANCEMENT. NEW MEMBERS WERE REQUIRED TO BE DENTAL COLLEGE GRADUATES, DENTAL PRACTICE LEGISLATION WAS PASSED, AND LITERATURE WAS DEVELOPED.

THE 1900S SAW A STRONG ORAL HYGIENE MOVEMENT WITHIN THE ADA. BY 1930, MEMBERSHIP ROSE TO 36,000. HIGH STANDARDS AND INOVATIONS IN DENTAL TREATMENT CONTINUED.

TODAY THE ADA HAS OVER 141,000 MEMBERS. IT IS THE LARGEST AND OLDEST NATIONAL DENTAL ASSOCIATION IN THE WORLD, AND IT CONTINUES TO BE AT THE FOREFRONT OF EDUCATION, RESEARCH, AND PROFESSIONALISM.

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