

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL ON DENTAL PRACTICE
ADA HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, CHICAGO
March 8, 2024, virtual meeting**

1 **Call to Order:** The meeting of the Council on Dental Practice (CDP/the Council) was called to order by
2 Dr. Jeffrey Ottley, chair, at 10:00 a.m., March 8, 2025, Central Time. This was a virtual meeting.

3 **Roll Call:** The following Council members and liaisons were present for all or part of the meeting:
4 Drs. Jeffrey C. Ottley (chair); Shane A. Ricci (*vice chair*); Chad Leighty (*Trustee liaison*); Richard W.
5 Barnes; Douglas T. Chang; Kamila L. Dornfeld; Amanda L. Fitzpatrick; David L. Fried; Margaret S.
6 Gingrich; Payam Goudarzi; Steven C. Hollar; James "Jimmy" W. Hollingsworth; Michael J. Korch;
7 Nicholas A. Papadea; Princy S. Rekhi; Derrick K. Ross; Michael A. Saba; Jennifer L. Thompson; Camryn
8 Ruggeri Bryant (*New Dentist Member*); and Ms. Emma Wilkinson (*American Student Dental Association*).
9 Not present: Princy S. Rekhi

10 Following the roll call, the presence of a quorum was noted.

11 **Practice Institute Staff:** Dr. Krishna Aravamudhan; Dr. Hana Alberti; Dr. Diane Metrick; Ms. Felicia
12 Bloom; Ms. Laura Jarosz; Ms. Katie McManus; and Ms. Karen Ann Danca.

13 **ADA Staff (for all or portions of the meeting):** Mr. C. Michael Kendall, Ms. Jennifer Donahue

14 **PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

15 **Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement and Confidentiality Statement:** Dr. Ottley, chair, referenced
16 the Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Statement and Confidentiality Statement included on the agenda and
17 called for disclosures of potential conflicts of interest. Mr. Kendall, Esq. provided reminders including
18 confidentiality obligations and that the ADA Division of Legal Affairs is available to assist with questions.

19 **Adoption of Agenda:** The agenda was approved by general consent with permission for the chair to
20 reorder items as needed.

21 **Approval of Consent Calendar:** A consent calendar was prepared to expedite Council business. Council
22 members could remove any item from the consent calendar for consideration during the general meeting.

23 **Consent Calendar:** The Council adopted the following resolutions.

24 **Resolved,** that the resolutions contained with the following reports be approved by consent:

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 - Recording of Results of E-ballots

26 **Resolved,** that the following reports be filed:

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 - Council meeting dates for 2024: May 9-10 and November 14-15

28 **Recording of Mail Ballots:** The Council adopted the following resolution through the consent calendar.

29 **Resolved,** that the actions approved through E-ballots since the CDP November 2023 meeting
30 be recorded in the minutes of this meeting.

31 E-ballot 2023-04:

32 **Resolved,** that the Council on Dental Practice approve the Council on Dental Practice (CDP)
33 November 9-10, 2023, meeting minutes.

34 **CDP chair opening remarks:** Dr. Ottley welcomed the Council and encouraged them to prioritize the
35 ADA mission, the future of the profession in discussions, and thanked them for the opportunity to
36 contribute work in advance of the Spring meeting to reach strategic objectives.

1 **PRACTICE AND POLICY TOPICS**

2 **CDP Policy Review:** In accordance with *Resolution 170H-2012*, Reaffirming Existing ADA Policy, all
3 Association policies are to be reviewed every five years. The Council on Dental Practice (CDP)
4 Subcommittee on Practice and Policy is charged with reviewing the policies assigned to CDP and
5 forwarding its recommendation to the Council. Dr. David Fried is the Subcommittee chair. There were 27
6 CDP policies reviewed by the Subcommittee, seven are proposed to be rescinded, six have been
7 proposed to be retained including one policy that requires an editorial change but does not require a
8 worksheet to the board per approval of the Speaker of the House, Dr Donald, and one new policy
9 proposed.

10 The Council discussed and agreed to review descriptions related to dental offices and their ownership.
11 The Council removed the following four policies off consent and will send the following policies to the
12 Subcommittee for additional review.

13 **Resolved**, that the following four policies will be rereviewed for edits by the Subcommittee on
14 Practice and Policy: Ownership of Dental Practices, Regulating Non-Dentist Owners of Dental
15 Practices, Statement Regarding Employment of a Dentist, and Certification or Approval of Dental
16 Care Facilities.

17 The 12 remaining ADA policy recommendations are proposed to be retained and included in the Council's
18 annual report to the 2024 House of Delegates. The Council adopted the following resolution.

19 **Resolved**, that the 12 policy recommendations be retained and included in the Council's annual
20 report to the 2024 House of Delegates.

21 **Policies to be sent to the House of Delegates:** The Council approved amendments and rescission to
22 the following CDP policies.

23 **Resolved**, that the amendment to the policy titled, Dental Office Wastewater Policy
24 (*Trans.2003:387*), be transmitted to the 2024 House of Delegates.

25 **Resolved**, that the amendment to the policy titled, Infection Control in the Practice of Dentistry
26 (*Trans.2012:470; 2019:266*), be transmitted to the 2024 House of Delegates.

27 **Resolved**, that the amendment to the policy titled, the Aged, Blind and Disabled
28 (*Trans.2002:390; 2012:455*), be transmitted to the 2024 House of Delegates.

29 **Resolved**, to rescission of the policy titled, ADA Action Plan on Amalgam in Dental Office
30 Wastewater (*Trans.2002:422; 2007:441*), be transmitted to the 2024 House of Delegates.

31 **Resolved**, to rescission of the policy titled, Seamless Electronic Patient Record (*Trans.1996:694*),
32 be transmitted to the 2024 House of Delegates.

33 **Resolved**, to rescission of the policy titled, Dental Practice Management Software
34 (*Trans.2001:428*), be transmitted to the 2024 House of Delegates.

35 **Resolved**, to rescission of the policy titled, Electronic Technology in Dentistry (*Trans.1992:608*),
36 be transmitted to the 2024 House of Delegates.

37 **Resolved**, to rescission of the policy titled, Development of Electronic Dental Patient Records
38 (*Trans.1992:598*), be transmitted to the 2024 House of Delegates.

39 **Resolved**, to rescission of the policy titled, Electronic Technology Activities (*Trans.1993:695*;
40 *2013:313*), be transmitted to the 2024 House of Delegates.

DIGITAL DENTISTRY TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION (DDTI)

Dr. Thompson provided an overview of the scheduled Federal Regulatory Panel on Dental Interoperability and Data Exchange webinar planned for March 13, 2024. Panelists include representatives from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, HHS Office of Civil Rights, Bureau of Justice, and Office of the National Coordinator. Topics covered may include lack of interoperability impact to current dental care, Prior Authorization Rule, Information Blocking, HIPAA, and access to PDMP through software. Significant interest and questions sent in advance by software vendors, dental providers, and other registrants may set the stage for additional webinars to include perspectives from other agencies, industry, and providers, further setting more clarity to the intended outcomes of an ADA Dental Interoperability Summit.

COUNCIL OPERATIONS

Council Self-Assessment: In accordance with *Resolution 1H-2013 (Trans.2013:339)*, the Council on Dental Practice conducted a self-assessment through a survey. It was the consensus of the Council that it is effective in fulfilling its subject matter responsibilities as outlined in the Bylaws and believes it is the most appropriate agency to complete these assignments. It does not believe there should be any changes to its Bylaws. The Council expressed future potential for separating policy from the existing structure of subcommittees.

The Council asked to provide its self-assessment summary per *Resolution 1H-2013 (Trans.2013:339)* for inclusion in the CDP's 2024 annual report.

Council Meeting Dates 2024: The meeting dates have been confirmed on consent.

Discussion: The Council was provided an update of the opportunity to provide comment to the Council on Dental Benefit Program Policy on Medical (Dental) Loss Ratio (*Trans.2015:244; 2019:262*) as was communicated in the ADA News Story (<https://adanews.ada.org/ada-news/2024/march/ada-seeking-comments-on-medical-dental-loss-ratio-policy/>).

Adjournment: Dr. Ottley thanked the Council for their time and participation. There being no further business, the Council meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. CT on Friday, March 8, 2024.