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On behalf of the American Dental Political Action Committee (ADPAC), I am pleased to present the 2021 Annual Report.

This report shares a story about the power of our political engagement efforts. Inside you will find 2021 financial highlights, legislative accomplishments and ongoing legislative priorities for dentistry, an overview of ADA’s grassroots program and more.

The PAC serves as a platform to increase ADA's presence with lawmakers on Capitol Hill. Our mission is to continue bettering the lives of our patients and members.

Thank you for your hard work and commitment!

If you have any questions or would like additional information about ADPAC or this 2021 Annual Report, please contact Sarah Milligan at milligans@ada.org.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brad Barnes
ADPAC Chair
Discussing everything from molars to Medicaid, bicuspids to bipartisanship, and canines to the campaign trail, Tooth Talk covers the most important dental news in Washington, D.C. and around the country.

BECAUSE OF THE GENEROUS FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF MORE THAN 20,967 ADPAC members, WE RAISED $1,777,860

Number of ADPAC Club Members

744

2021 Hard Dollar Receipts

$1,069,406

2021 Hard Dollar Disbursements

$496,321

3 Years on the Air

50 Episodes

35,127 Downloads

ADA's ToothTalk Podcast

Discussing everything from molars to Medicaid, bicuspids to bipartisanship, and canines to the campaign trail, Tooth Talk covers the most important dental news in Washington, D.C. and around the country.
• McCarran Ferguson anti-trust reform bill was signed into law in January of 2021.

• Successfully advocated against an expansion of Medicare to include a dental benefit under Part B in House passed Build Back Better legislation. At the same time raising awareness on the ADA alternative proposal to serve seniors with greatest need under a new Medicare section.

• Received the support of over 300 bipartisan cosponsors (a supermajority) and 40 bipartisan Senate cosponsors for the Ensuring Lasting Smiles Act (ELSA). ELSA would require all private group and individual health plans to cover medically necessary services resulting from a congenital anomaly or birth defect. These services would include inpatient and outpatient care and reconstructive services and procedures, as well as adjunctive dental, orthodontic, or prosthetic support.

• Worked to introduce the Dental and Optometric Care (DOC) Access Act in both the House and the Senate, which would prevent dental insurers from dictating fees a participating dentist may charge for non-covered services. This bipartisan legislation will provide greater access to high-quality care by helping to curb anti-patient and anti-competitive practices of dental insurance plans.

• Supported House passage of the PREVENT HPV Cancers Act, which encourages the use of the human papillomavirus vaccine in order to reduce the risk for HPV-related cancers. The ADA continues to urge the Senate to prioritize the bill and bring it to the floor for a vote.

• Supported the introduction of the Medicaid Dental Benefit Act of 2021, which would make comprehensive dental care a mandatory component of Medicaid coverage for adults in every state. Currently, less than half of the states provide “extensive” dental coverage for adults in their Medicaid programs. Without a federal requirement, and given the competing priorities for state budgets, the optional adult dental benefit is sometimes not provided by states.

• Advocated for the successful introduction of the POST GRAD Act, which would allow dental students to take advantage of subsidized federal student loans.

• Worked with House staff to reintroduce the Health Enterprise Zones Act of 2021, which would designate areas as Health Enterprise Zones to reduce health disparities and improve health through tax incentives, grants, loan repayment opportunities and other benefits.

• Worked with Senate staff to reintroduce the Indian Health Service Health Professions Tax Fairness Act of 2021, which would exclude from gross income payments under the Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program and amounts received under the Indian Health Service Scholarships Program.

• Worked with Senate staff to introduce the Strengthening America’s Health Care Readiness Act, which would provide a one-time, supplemental appropriation of $5 billion for scholarship and loan forgiveness awards through the National Health Service Corps (NHSC). The bill would also establish a demonstration project to harness members of the NHSC workforce to serve in emergency capacities.

• Helped secure $800 million for NHSC in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

• Advocated for funding in the American Rescue Plan to strengthen community-based programs in the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), which led to the allocation of $46 million for the expansion of community-based primary care medical and dental residency programs in rural and underserved communities. The new funding supports current residents in Teaching Health Centers (THCs), new community-based primary care residency programs, and expands the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) resident positions at existing and new THCs.

• Supported the introduction of the Doctors of Community Act in the House and Senate. The bill would permanently authorize the Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education program to support the training of primary care medical and dental residents with a focus on supporting residents in high-need communities.

• Supported the House passage of the Oral Health Literacy and Awareness Act, which would authorize a public education campaign across all relevant programs of the (HRSA) to increase oral health literacy and awareness. The ADA also supported appropriations of funds allocating funding for oral health literacy in HRSA.

• Supported the appointment of the Chief Dental Officer for the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) through the federal appropriations process. In 2021, Dr. Natalia Chalmers was named CMS’ first ever Chief Dental Officer.

• Advocated for provisions in the American Rescue Plan to address recovery of Arts in Indian Country, which led to the appropriation of $2 billion for tribal health systems due to lost reimbursements for care during the pandemic. These funds will help make up for the financial loss across the entire Indian health system due to reduced patient visits and will strengthen long-term health care in Indian Country by helping the Indian Health Service (IHS), tribal and urban Indian health programs invest in higher quality provider salaries and services particularly impacted by the pandemic like dental health care.

• Secured dental eligibility in additional phases of the Provider Relief Funds (PRF).

• Ensured that HRSA distributed funding to new dentists, including reimbursing smaller providers for their changes in operating revenues and expenses at a higher rate compared to larger providers, and bonus payments based on the amount of services providers furnish to Medicaid/CHIP and Medicare beneficiaries.

• Signed a memorandum of agreement with the Veterans Affairs Administration to advise the Center for Care and Payment Innovation on scaling and communications for its oral health pilot program, VETSmile.

• Advised and supported VETSmile as it launched in NYC and northern NJ. VETSmile has already served more than 475 unique veteran patients at NYU.
2021 Federal Legislative and Regulatory Accomplishments

State Government Affairs (SGA)

- COVID-19
- Dental Student Advocacy
- Health Equity (New HOD Policy) and COVID-19 Vaccine Webinars
- Emergency Department Referral Initiative
- Promotion and Education on Fluoride
- Tobacco/Vaping

- SGA supported 18 state societies in enacting 28 new laws to positively reform dental insurance.
- Sent letters to 12 communities facing fluoridation challenges; 80% of communities facing challenges were able to reaffirm water fluoridation.
- ADA staff or members spoke at four city council meetings including East Brunswick, NJ, Trenton, TN, Tama, Iowa, and Loveland, CO. None of these communities removed water fluoridation.
- Secured favorable recommendations from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force for primary care clinicians to apply fluoride varnish and prescribe fluoride supplements in non-dental settings.
- USVI passed Bill No. 34-0051 to adjust the amount of fluoride in water and support dental in school-based health. ADA consulted in the reformation of this bill to focus on oral disease prevention rather than a limited scope of fluoridation only.
- H.R. 3684: Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. ADA sent a letter to include fluoridation in the scope of this bill. Section 50112 includes the advancement of drinking water technologies. Fluoridation can be included in proposals related to technology updates to drinking water systems.
- Secured a commitment from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to ban menthol as an added flavor in cigarettes (see letter).
- Vaccinations by Dentists: A New Role in Primary Care with over 1,600 registered attendees.
- Let’s Talk Shots: Effective Patient Conversations & the COVID-19 Vaccine with 346 registered attendees.
- Introduction to Cultural Competence Presentation for ADA Senior Leadership
- Health Equity Overview for ADA Staff
- The Age of Health Equity: An Overview for ADA Leaders with 116 registered attendees.
- The Age of Health Equity: Four Voices, One Goal for Community Benefit with 198 registered attendees.

- Presented to over 30 dental schools and 50 residency programs on Medicaid, Medical-Dental Collaboration and Health Equity.

ED Referral/ American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) educational collaboration:

“Dental 101 for ED Physicians” webinar co-hosted by ADA & ACEP featuring dentists and ED physicians providing education to over 300 registered ED physicians nationally.

“An Emergency Department Physician’s Perspective on Dental Issues in the ED” webinar with 384 registered attendees.

ADA–Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention (CAAP) presentation at ACEP Annual Meeting.

14 states prioritized for technical assistance to begin ED Referral programs.
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- Your Business

**PROTECT**
- Oral Care

**ADVANCE**
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**EMPOWER**
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