

# ADA Standards Program

Ensuring Quality Products for Dentistry



## Be a Part of the Future *Join the ADA Standards Program*

The ADA Standards Program is the driving force behind establishing a dental profession that works in sync with the dental industry. Participation in this program puts you on the leading edge of:

- Establishing how dental products and technologies are defined;
- Setting expectations on how certain products and technologies should perform; and
- Understanding the big picture of how these products and technologies work together.

As a Standards Program volunteer, you have a voice in benefitting the entire dental community by being a part of setting the standards for dental materials, products and technologies, including digital technologies, that improve the safety and health of both patients and professionals. Many of these voluntary standards go on to become the backbone of governmental regulatory documents, not just nationally but also on the international stage.

By taking part in the ADA Standards Program, you become a leader, influencing the role U.S. products and technologies play and enhancing their competitiveness in the global marketplace; bringing quality, interactive products for use in dental practice in the United States; and creating unified performance standards for the dental industry.

**Put your background and knowledge to work for the profession and be a part of the future with the ADA Standards Program.**



**ADA** American Dental Association®  
America's leading advocate for oral health

The American Dental Association currently sponsors two separate standards committees; one for dental products and one for dental informatics. Whereas the dental products committee addresses standards for dental materials, instruments, equipment, digital devices and oral hygiene products, the dental informatics committee develops standards and technical reports for electronic health records; interoperability and other issues involving the secure storage and exchange of digital images and patient data; and dental education and research systems. ADA standards committees are comprised of volunteer technical experts who serve as representatives of organizations affiliated with the profession, dental industry, academia and the government. Each standards committee serves as the consensus body that considers all proposed standards as ADA standards. These can be forwarded to the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) for approval as American National Standards thus creating an ANSI/ADA Standard. The ADA has been an ANSI-Accredited Standards Developing Organization since March 2000.

Each standards committee is divided into subcommittees based on subject matter and then further refined into topic-specific Working Groups. The members of these Working Groups participate in the actual standards development by contributing their expertise using a collaborative process. Working Groups are comprised of volunteers who represent all areas of interest from across the dental profession. The more than 500 dedicated individuals in these Working Groups develop standards through the voluntary consensus process. Working Groups carry out their functions through meetings, teleconferences, webinars and a document sharing website. The site includes a workspace for each Working Group to develop and vote on drafts as well as a personal workspace for each volunteer to network with other colleagues.

## ADA Standards Committee on Dental Products (SCDP)

All standards developed by the SCDP are reviewed for adoption as ADA standards and forwarded to ANSI for approval as American National Standards.

### The scope of the SCDP is:

*Nomenclature, standards and specifications for dental materials, except those recognized as drugs or dental radiographic film. Nomenclature, standards and specifications for dental instruments, equipment and accessories used in dental practice, dental technology and oral hygiene that are offered to the public or the profession. Orthodontic, prosthetic, and restorative appliances designed or developed by the dentist for an individual patient are excluded.*



ADA Standards help ensure safe, high quality dental products.

## ADA Standards Committee on Dental Products (SCDP)

### Subcommittees

- Restorative and Orthodontic Materials
- Prosthodontic Materials
- Dental Terminology
- Dental Instruments
- Infection Control, Barrier and Safety Products
- Dental Equipment
- Oral Care Products
- Dental Implants
- CAD/CAM in Dentistry

### Working Groups

## ADA Standards Committee for Dental Informatics (SCDI)

All standards developed by the SCDI are reviewed for adoption as ADA standards and can be forwarded to ANSI for approval as American National Standards.

### The scope of the committee is:

*To develop informatics standards, specifications, technical reports, and guidelines and interact with other entities involved in the development of health informatics standards aimed at implementation across the dental profession.*

## Canvass Committee

The Systemized Nomenclature of Dentistry (SNODENT) and other projects outside of the scope of the ADA Standards Committees uses the ADA Canvass procedures for development. SNODENT is a clinical terminology designed for use with electronic health records that enables the capture, aggregation and analysis of detailed oral health data and is an approved American National Standard. Participation in the SNODENT Canvass Committee is open to all interested parties.

## Ready to get involved?

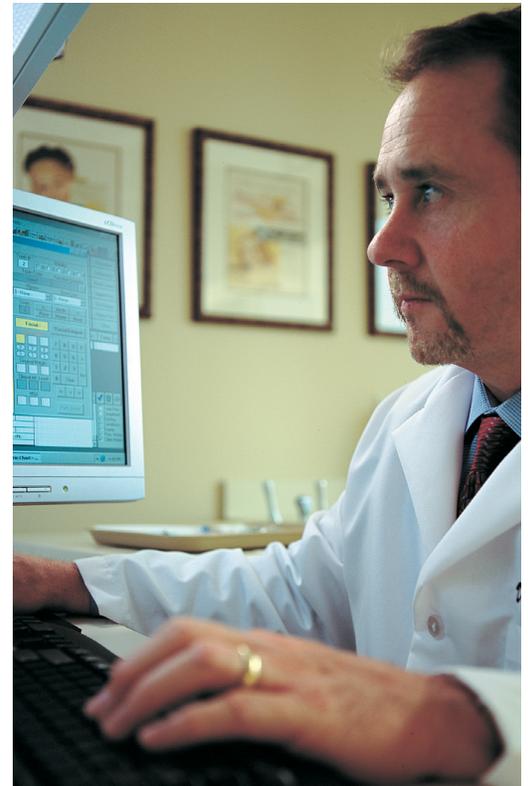
Anyone with an interest in dental standards development is welcome to join.

To join the voting consensus body of either the SCDP or SCDI which approves all of the standards developed under each committee, please fill out the ADA Standards Committee Member Application Form and ADA Copyright Assignment. Applications are balloted to the other committee members for approval. To see a current list of organizations and their representatives, please visit our website.

Any interested party may join any of the Working Groups in SCDP and/or SCDI. To join, please review the corresponding Working Group Structure on our website and choose the group(s) you wish to participate in. As a member of a Working Group, you will participate in standards development specific to your chosen groups only. You may apply to be a voting member or an observer member. Everyone is able to join at the observer member level; voting membership requests are reviewed by each Working Group chair and are accepted based on availability. To apply, please fill out the SCDP and SCDI Working Group Application and ADA Copyright Assignment.

For more information, please visit [ADA.org/dentalstandards](http://ADA.org/dentalstandards) or email [standards@ada.org](mailto:standards@ada.org).

To purchase dental standards, please visit the ADA Store at [ADACatalog.org](http://ADACatalog.org).



ADA Standards help provide interoperability in and efficiency in hardware and software for dentistry.

### ADA Standards Committee for Dental Informatics (SCDI)

#### Subcommittees

- Information Exchange
- Clinical Informatics
- Knowledge Management
- Forensic Odontology Informatics

#### Working Groups