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My introduction to organized dentistry came about four years ago when Dr. Tom Pixley asked me at a lunch if I would be interested in being a delegate to the House of Delegates at the CDA Annual Session. Not having any idea what it meant to be a delegate at the Annual Session, I blindly said yes. Once I made it to the meeting, I sat with the delegates from Larimer County, and they quickly filled me in on what was going to happen at the House of Delegates meeting. It was a wonderful opportunity for me as a new dentist to get a glimpse of what dental associations do for their members. From that day forward, I knew I would always be a member, and I found myself thinking that I wanted to do more to make the dental profession stronger.

Last year, we had a great number of new dentists serving as first-time delegates. After the meeting, I spent time with a few of those new dentists and asked them what they thought of the CDA after sitting as a delegate at Annual Session. What I discovered is that they, just like I had three years earlier, finally realized the value of the dental association.

Dr. Pixley is now the CDA president and is hosting the Annual Session in Loveland this June. I can’t encourage you enough to not only serve as a delegate to the CDA House of Delegates, but to also attend the Annual Session weekend. It truly is a great way to get a behind-the-scenes look at the CDA and take part in the numerous activities throughout the weekend, which include CE, a BBQ on The Island, brewery tours, golf, a group motorcycle ride, and many other activities in the Loveland/Fort Collins area. I strongly urge any dentist, with even a limited interest in joining us as a delegate or an attendee, to come and learn about what the dental association is doing for you, its members. Are you truly taking advantage of everything that you’re offered through the CDA? Join me in June and find out.
In January, the CDA completed its Strategic Planning process. Among several other established goals, the process charged the CDA with being the indispensible resource to support member dentists professionally and personally. As the chair of the CDA Well-Being Committee, I am happy for the opportunity to promote wellness to our members. I was charged with writing a series of articles to remind, inform and educate dentists to take care of the most important asset…themselves.

The Heritage Dictionary defines wellness as: the quality or state of being healthy in body and mind, especially as the result of deliberate effort.

As dental professionals, we all face challenges: physical, emotional or mental problems, struggles in our businesses, frustrations in the roles we play in our careers, family problems, legal concerns, and the list can go on and on.

I have never met a dentist who didn’t have some cross to bear in his/her career. Some hide it better than others, but all have had to go through some struggles.

I am reminded of a helpful quote from the classic book by M. Scott Peck, “The Road Less Traveled.”

“Life is Difficult.
This is a great truth, one of the greatest truths. It is a great truth because once we truly see this truth, we transcend it. Once we truly see that life is difficult – once we truly understand and accept it – then life is no longer difficult. Because once it is accepted, the fact that life is difficult no longer matters.

Most do not fully see this truth that life is difficult. Instead they moan more or less incessantly, noisily or subtly about the enormity of their problems, their burdens, and their difficulties as if life were generally easy, as if life should be easy. They voice their belief, noisily or subtly, that their difficulties represent a unique kind of affliction that should not be and that has somehow been especially visited upon them, or else their families, their tribe, their class, their nation, their race or even their species, and not upon others.

I know about this moaning because I have done my share…”

I have done my share too! Once we realize that we are not alone in our struggles, the weight of the world is lifted and our attitudes shift to begin to face and then solve our issues head on.

I urge you to take some time to define your wellness goals. Start small, start big – just start. Wellness is a result of different things for different people. This could mean the more obvious goals of exercise and healthy eating. It could mean spiritual development or making a greater effort to prioritize time with family. Still yet, it could mean decreasing stress by granting yourself an hour (perhaps lunchtime) each day to walk outside, read a book, listen to music or simply relax. There’s always an excuse for not having enough time for wellness, but if you make it a priority, time can always be found.

Remember, the CDA has a multitude of resources to help. Live life with intention and inspire others to join you.
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Oral cancer examinations have been the standard of care in dentistry for many decades. Should dentists also be performing head and neck skin cancer examinations? There are 35,000 diagnosed oral cancers per year and 7,500 deaths. However, there are 30 times that amount when it comes to skin cancer — over 1,000,000 diagnosed skin cancers per year and 12,000 fatalities. 7% of skin cancers are life threatening melanomas. Approximately 75% of all skin cancer deaths are from melanoma. The majority of skin cancers are found on the head and neck. The scope of this problem is significant. One in five Americans will develop skin cancer. More than one person per hour dies from melanoma. Since 1994, non-melanoma skin cancer has increased over 300% and melanoma has doubled. Skin cancer accounts for 50% of all diagnosed cancers. Since many patients see their dentist more frequently than their medical doctor, dentistry is in a unique position to reduce the mortality/morbidity of this most common malignancy.

As with all cancer, early detection is the key. 99% of skin cancer patients survive with early detection. Metastasis and mortality, as well as surgical scarring and morbidity, are drastically reduced with early detection.

So how do we perform the clinical examination and what do we look for to provide this early detection? The first part of the clinical examination is a visual screening of the skin on the head and neck to look for any suspicious lesions. The second part of the clinical examination is palpation. The palpation we are already doing for oral cancer can easily be extended to include the lymph nodes and skin lesions of the head and neck region. Start by palpating the submental area, proceeding to the three groups of nodes associated with the submandibular gland. Next, move to the parotid gland and the pre- and post-auricular nodes. Continue posterior to the occipital nodes, looking for lymphadenopathy, which can be an indicator of skin or other cancers (lymphoma, metastatic oral cancer, etc.). A patient fitting some or all of this profile is indicated for referral to a dermatologist.

There are three primary types of skin cancer: basal cell carcinoma (BCC), squamous cell carcinoma (SCC) and melanoma. BCC and SCC are both slow growing and relatively easy to treat. Melanoma can spread quickly and is relatively difficult to treat if it has already metastasized. If caught early, however, melanoma is highly curable.

BCC begins in the basal cells of the skin. These basal cells produce new skin cells as old cells die. BCC typically starts as a pearly white or pink bump that bleeds easily. It can also look like a scar, mole or scaly skin. BCC is four times more prevalent than SCC and 80% of BCC is found on the head and neck. Three in 10 Caucasians develop BCC within their lifetime.

Case Report: BCC

A 67-year-old man presents with a history of multiple sunburns, family history of skin cancer, psoriasis and chronic actinic keratosis. A pink, non-healing abrasion that has bled easily for several weeks duration is noted. (Figure 1) Review of systems for this patient was unremarkable. The dermatologist performed a shave biopsy of the lesion. The pathology report was positive for BCC. The patient was treated with a two-stage Mohs surgery, a microscopically controlled surgery, and healing was uneventful.
SCC typically starts as a tender pink bump with a central crater. SCC is twice as prevalent in males. The incidence of SCC increases with age and peaks at age 65. SCC of the lip and ear are at higher risk of metastasis than SCC on other areas of the skin.

**Case Report: SCC**

This 67-year-old female presents with a pink papule with central ulceration on the left side of her nose. She reported it started as a pimple one month ago and has grown quite rapidly. (Figure 2) She denies any other risk factors for skin cancer. Review of systems for this patient was positive for type II diabetes and facial surgery. The dermatologist performed a shave biopsy of the lesion. The pathology report was positive for SCC. The patient was treated with three-stage Mohs surgery. The significant wound healed by secondary intention, the process of healing a wound without the benefit of surgical closure. The patient's recovery was unremarkable.

Melanoma, the most dangerous form of skin cancer, develops in the melanocytes that produce melanin (the pigment that gives your skin color). If the skin receives excess UV light, the melanocytes may begin to grow abnormally resulting in melanoma. This is the most serious form of skin cancer. This cancer is most often found in white males. Most melanomas manifest as a new lesion. One third, however, arise from a pre-existing mole that converts to a melanoma. Many, but not all, show the ABCDE features. A: asymmetry, B: irregular borders, C: different colors, D: diameter of six millimeters, E: evolution (has there been a change in the existing mole?). (Figure 3) Note that a diameter of six millimeters is a soft guideline. Melanomas can be as small as two millimeters and many moles greater than six millimeters are benign. Patients who have had melanoma are at high risk for recurrence. Lesions suspicious for melanoma are often screened with a dermatoscope or confocal microscope, but biopsy is the only way to make a definitive diagnosis. Early diagnosis and treatment are very effective. Later diagnosis and treatment are much more difficult. Therefore, we must be aggressive in our referrals to the dermatologist.

**Case Report: Melanoma**

This 73-year-old female presents with a six millimeter hyper pigmented macule on her right posterior neck. Note how well this macule matches the danger signs of melanoma. (Figure 4) She reported a past history of benign moles, and this current mole was changing color. Review of systems for this patient was unremarkable. The dermatologist performed a shave biopsy, which pathology reported was positive for superficial melanoma. The patient was treated by excision using blunt dissection through the dermis into the subcutaneous fat. This patient healed well because the melanoma was detected early.

While the aforementioned are the most common types of skin cancer,
there are other less common types as well including: Kaposi sarcoma (KS), Merkel cell carcinoma (MCC), sebaceous gland carcinoma (SGC), cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (CTCL), dermatofibrosarcoma protuberans (DFSP) and atypical fibroxanthoma (AFX). (Figure 5)

What are the benign lesions that must be included in our differential diagnosis? Moles, cysts and warts are the general categories. Moles are the most common growths in humans. Their incidence peaks in adolescence. Moles generally begin as flat brown spots similar to a freckle. (Figure 6) These benign tumors come from melanocytes. Moles come in a variety of sizes, shapes and colors. Some moles have the potential to become melanomas and, therefore, need to be monitored regularly. Epidermoid or sebaceous cysts are the most common type of skin cysts. (Figure 7) The cyst is composed of epidermal cells that project into the dermis. A sebaceous cyst presents as a raised round bump. Seborrheic keratosis is a dry scaly wart like growth on the surface of the skin, commonly after age 40. (Figure 8) They are yellow, black or brown, round and slightly elevated with a “pasted on” appearance, which often mimics melanoma. The “wicked witch” with a wart on her nose probably had seborrheic keratosis.

Risk factors for skin cancer can be divided into patient genetics, past medical history, behaviors and symptoms. Genetic risks include previous patient history or family history of skin cancer, patients with fair or depigmented skin (albinism, vitiligo), patients with dysplastic or atypical moles, and patients with multiple moles are all at increased risk. Patients with a medical history of radiation, immuno-suppressive medications or burns are also at an elevated risk. Personal behaviors that predispose a patient to skin cancer include: tanning bed use, tobacco use, multiple childhood sunburns and migration to the sun belt states. Patient symptoms of concern include an area that does not heal (“I have had this cold sore for two months and it won’t go away.”), areas that bleed easily, and new moles that look different from other moles. Lymphadenopathy (swollen glands) is also clearly a cause for concern.

How do patients prevent skin cancer? Since 90% of skin cancers are associated with exposure to UV rays, protection is the key. Some obvious and not so obvious steps that can be taken include:
- Avoiding the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Wearing UV protected sunglasses and a hat with a two-inch brim.
- Wearing protective clothing, which is much more effective than sunscreen. Long sleeves and clothing with an ultraviolet protection factor should be worn.
- Using a sunscreen that protects from UVA and UVB rays with a SPF 30 or higher. SPF, however, only tells how effective a sunscreen is at protecting against UVB rays. Sunscreens also need to be effective against UVA rays. The active ingredients in sunscreen that protect against UVA rays are zinc oxide, titanium dioxide, helioplex, mexoryl or avobenzone.
- Reapplying sunscreen every two hours on the face and especially the lips, as sunscreen rubs off with eating and talking.
- Wearing lip balms with SPF 30 (these are rare but can be found online).

Fortunately skin cancer, like dental pathology, is largely preventable. Head and neck skin cancer is a serious and growing problem. If we, as dentists, look for it, we can help detect areas of suspicion, make appropriate referrals to dermatologists for further examination and better serve our patients. 🦷
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Member Benefit

The CDA Can Cure Sleepless Nights

Plain and simple, dentists want value for their dental association membership. The Colorado Dental Association recognizes this and is making it a number one priority to make sure that members get the most from their investment in organized dentistry.

After researching what dentists truly need and want, the CDA created a list of “things that keep dentists up at night”: employee issues, financial questions, third party interference in the doctor-patient relationship, personal health and balance, legal issues and liability, and ethical conflicts. Sound familiar? The good news is that the CDA has created a resource to address those sleepless nights: InfoproABC.

InfoproABC is an educational resource, designed by dentists for dentists. Composed of three video libraries, the CDA has created a way for members to quickly get updated association news, answers to the business questions that can hinder a dental practice, and a robust collection of clinical presentation videos, which give dentists a professional tool to concisely present procedures to patients.

Everyday, the CDA receives numerous calls from members asking questions like: “How long am I required to keep my patient’s records?” “What benefits should I provide my employees?” “How long are insurance carriers allowed to request a refund on a claim they’ve already paid?”

Today, it takes more than a good dentist to run a successful dental practice; in fact, it takes an individual with good business sense and an ability to professionally educate patients. InfoproABC gives our members the tools they need to keep their dental practices successful.

CDA members were issued free logins and passwords by mail and e-mail in late February. Misplaced your InfoproABC login? Contact Nikki Williams, CDA marketing coordinator, at 303-996-2848, 855-355-6090 or nikki@cdaonline.org.

By Nikki Williams, CDA Marketing Coordinator
“How do I dismiss a patient without liability risk?” The CDA has been providing answers to these questions and others for years – but shouldn’t all members have access to these answers and professional information? That answer is, of course, yes, and the CDA’s solution is the InfoProABC Business Resource Library.

The business resource library provides 90-second videos and articles that answer many commonly asked questions in the areas of: employment law, regulatory compliance, third party payors, practice management and risk management. The library was designed specifically to save dental practices the headache and time required to research these important questions. We’ve done the work on your behalf and it has resulted in information you can trust. New content is added throughout each month to keep our dentists informed on the topics that matter most.

On the clinical side of the dental practice, we discovered that dentists were seeking a way to grow greater treatment acceptance and improved informed consent documentation. Both areas are critical to the success and security of a practice. The CDA’s solution to this practice need is the InfoProABC Clinical Presentation Library.

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Numerous corporate organizations have developed similar clinical presentation programs. These services are costly with initial annual expenses ranging from $3,000 to $10,000. Many are also static programs using DVDs or software that do not continue to develop and grow without an additional investment for upgrades. InfoProABC is a FREE resource to all CDA members, as a membership benefit. It is an online program that is consistently growing and adapting to current issues important to the profession.

Adding value to your CDA membership is our first priority. Log-on to InfoProABC today. It is an invaluable resource for your practice.
The 2012 state legislative session is well underway. The state legislature meets from mid-January until mid-May each year. During this time, the CDA is at the Capitol daily advocating on your behalf.

The CDA is involved with a number of bills you should be aware of this year. Primary bills of interest and their status as of March 19 include:

- **Senate Bill 108 – Medicaid Dental Coverage for Pregnant Women**
  
  **Description:** SB 108 aims to save Medicaid costs by offering dental coverage to pregnant women. Giving a pregnant mom a solid oral health foundation can help eliminate costly and unnecessary ER visits, establish a good oral health foundation for the child and even result in healthier pregnancies. Write your legislator in support of this bill at cdaonline.org/ActNow.
  
  **CDA Position:** Support
  
  **Status:** This bill was introduced in the Senate and is awaiting committee hearing. Efforts are ongoing to accurately project bill costs and identify funding sources.

- **House Bill 1326 – Restoring OAP Dental Funding**
  
  **Description:** HB 1326 restores $3 million to the Old Age Pension (OAP) dental fund, which helps Colorado’s neediest seniors access dental care, including dentures. In 2010, dental OAP funds were redirected to help balance the state budget. Since Medicaid and Medicare do not provide dental benefits, low-income seniors were left with few options for care. HB 1326 will provide a critical service to the elderly in the state.
  
  **CDA Position:** Support
  
  **Status:** This bill passed the House Health Committee and is awaiting a hearing by the House Appropriations Committee.

- **House Bill 1214 – Community College Two-year Degree Programs**
  
  **Description:** HB 1214 appears to eliminate certain credit transferability requirements for two-year dental hygiene and nursing degrees. The CDA is researching how this would impact dental hygiene education, if at all.
  
  **CDA Position:** Monitor
  
  **Status:** The bill was introduced in the House and is awaiting committee hearing.

- **House Bill 1210 – Recognition Out-of-State Professionals to Practice**
  
  **Description:** HB 1210 allows professionals licensed and in good standing from other states to practice in Colorado for up to one year before meeting the licensing requirements in Colorado. Out-of-state professionals must submit to the jurisdiction and disciplinary authority of the relevant board. Concerns include whether these professionals would be required to follow Colorado laws regarding scope of practice and quality of care, and the applicability of the bill to professions licensed in other states but not in Colorado (such as mid-level dental providers).
  
  **CDA Position:** Amend/Oppose
  
  **Status:** The bill passed the House amended. It died in the first Senate committee hearing.

- **House Bill 1303 – DORA Regulation Speech-Language Pathologists**
  
  **Description:** HB 1303 creates a state licensure process for speech pathologists. The CDA is monitoring and addressing some potential overlap between dentistry and the defined scope of practice for speech pathologists.
  
  **CDA Position:** Amend
  
  **Status:** The bill was amended in the House to address dental concerns.

- **House Bill 1052 – Healthcare Workforce Data Collection**
  
  **Description:** HB 1052 requires healthcare professionals to report some minimal workforce data as part of the licensure renewal process with a goal of streamlining the workforce data collection survey process and reducing the burden on healthcare professionals.
  
  **CDA Position:** Support
  
  **Status:** The bill passed the House with amendments. It passed the Senate Health Committee and is awaiting additional committee hearings.

- **Senate Bill 37 – Electronic Prescribing for Controlled Substances**
  
  **Description:**
Description: SB 37 changes state law to allow electronic prescribing of schedule II, III, IV or V controlled substances, mirroring recent changes in federal law.

CDA Position: Support

Status: The bill passed the Senate, and then passed the House with amendments. The Senate accepted the House amendments. The bill is awaiting the governor’s signature.

House Bill 1054 – Simplify Contracts for Medicaid/CHP+ Providers

Description: HB 1054 streamlines the Medicaid and CHP+ provider applications into a single form.

CDA Position: Support

Status: The bill passed the House and the Senate. It was signed by the governor.

House Bill 1242 – Biometric Identifiers for Attaining and Prescribing Prescription Drugs

Description: HB 1242 requires biometric identification, such as a fingerprint or retina scan, for prescribing and dispensing all prescription and restricted drugs (i.e. methamphetamine precursor) by 2013. The bill’s stated goals include reducing drug diversion and drug interactions. All prescribing offices would be required to purchase and utilize biometric identification devices and software. Misdemeanor penalties apply for non-compliance.

CDA Position: Oppose

Status: The bill died in the House Health Committee.

This year, the CDA is tracking almost 40 state bills. Additional bills of concern have already been defeated, including a bill that would have increased the administrative burden on dental practices hiring new employees and a bill that would have eliminated certain eligible Medicaid services. View a full synopsis of the bills applicable to dentistry at cdaonline.org/BillStatus.
On Feb. 3, 2012, most of Colorado was met with a February snowstorm, which left more than a few snowy footprints on Give Kids a Smile Day, a national access-to-care day for underserved children. Due to the snow, some GKAS events were cancelled, others were rescheduled and some forged on as planned. There were great success stories from GKAS this year despite the multiple inches of snow. Thank you to the hundreds of volunteers for this year’s GKAS program. Your volunteer time and support of this annual program is greatly appreciated.

As mentioned earlier, several GKAS programs were forced to reschedule to a later date. However, at the time of publication in early March 2012, CDA dentists reported treatment to 880 children, reflecting $316,235 in donated treatment through GKAS in Colorado.

If you volunteered for GKAS this year and have not submitted your program’s reporting forms, please send them to the CDA at your soonest convenience. This is the only method the CDA has to track GKAS efforts in Colorado for reporting purposes to the media and legislature. Superbills for patient treatment and School Presentation Tracking Forms for school presentations can be downloaded from cdaonline.org/gkas.

Year after year, the CDA organizes GKAS, but it’s thanks to you that the program is such a success. We appreciate your time and dedication to National Children’s Dental Health Month.

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COF Takes a “Bite” Out of GAKAS

The Colorado Orthodontic Foundation (COF), which provides orthodontic treatment to low-income families across the state, participated for its third year in GAKAS on Feb. 3. While full orthodontic treatment isn’t possible in just one day, orthodontic screenings to determine treatment needs can be accomplished on GAKAS. These free screenings educate families about the benefits of orthodontic treatment and provide information about the COF treatment program if families financially qualify. This year, Dr. Cassy Wiggins donated her day at the Adams Tri-County Health Clinic in Commerce City to screen eligible patients and determine preliminary treatment plans.

Despite the snow storm, the COF was able to provide orthodontic screenings to 35 patients – some traveling to Denver for this service from as far as Bailey, Colorado Springs and Buena Vista. After being screened, patients who qualified for the program signed a contract with the COF and will be placed with a local COF volunteer orthodontist.

GAKAS isn’t just about dental care; it is also about spreading an awareness message of the access-to-care struggles that many families face for basic dental attention. Embracing the awareness concept, Dr. Anil Idiculla hosted a fundraiser to benefit the COF on the evening of GAKAS called “Friday Night Bites.” This semi-formal party was held at Denver’s trendy Snooze eatery – strictly a breakfast establishment but on Feb. 3, it opened its doors for this nighttime benefit event and GAKAS cause. 175 dental professionals and local businesses attended the party, which raised over $15,000 for the COF and its mission to help the underserved.

The COF is constantly looking for new orthodontists willing to become COF providers. More information can be found at www.thecof.org or by calling 303-501-3691.
If I ask a prospective employee to do a “working interview,” do I have to pay him/her for that time?

Some practices conduct a “working interview” to help determine whether a prospective employee is a good fit for their practice. Although the State of Colorado does not prevent you from conducting a working interview, there are some pitfalls to consider before implementing this practice.

Let’s start by examining the issue of payment. While there is no provision in Colorado wage law that specifically addresses whether payment is required for a working interview, using the term “working” denotes that the candidate must be paid for his/her time. The federal wage and hour law stipulates that any person providing an employer with a service must be compensated; therefore, it is implied that a candidate doing a working interview must be paid at least minimum wage for the time he/she works for your practice. Keep in mind that any compensation you provide must remain under $600 or the individual will be considered a full-fledged employee per IRS regulations.

Now, let’s back up and consider potential liability issues associated with a working interview. First, if you do not pay the candidate, it’s possible that he or she could file a complaint with the Department of Labor. If the interviewee is injured while working at your practice, will your worker’s compensation policy cover this injury? Next, what happens if the interviewee is not hired, and makes the claim that he/she was not hired due to a discriminatory practice? Finally, what would happen if the interviewee caused harm to a patient? Will your general liability insurer and/or your malpractice insurance cover this situation?

Many attorneys will tell you that the risks exceed the benefits of a working interview. If you are considering a working interview, here are some suggestions that may reduce your liability and still allow you to view your potential employee in a working environment.

Once you narrow your candidate pool down to the top two or three, consider setting up interviews that deal specifically with completing a job-related task. This could be accomplished by structuring the interview in a way where you, the practice manager, and other staff members can ask the candidate specific task-oriented procedures and how he or she would complete these tasks. You could also provide an opportunity for your candidate to demonstrate a job-specific task. Remember, each candidate selected for this in-depth interview must be asked the same questions.

Finally, if there is a reputable dental staff placement agency in your area, it may be worthwhile to temporarily employ one of their available contractors long enough to evaluate skills and compatibility with your team. Often, such individuals are available for permanent employment, but you may need to pay the agency a placement fee if you hire the contract employee.

Working Interviews in the Hiring Process

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Most dentists will, at some point in their career, either work as an associate or hire an associate. Consequently, it is a transaction type that vitally depends on a good fit between the host dentist and the associate dentist. Following are signs to look for and the right questions to ask to determine “the right fit.”

You may have heard the saying, “I searched the whole world over to find the perfect spouse, unfortunately when I found her, she was looking for the perfect spouse.” Associateships and partnerships are a professional marriage of sorts. It is not so much about finding the perfect individual (who may or may not actually exist), but rather having realistic expectations and clearly communicating those expectations to the other party. Many associateships fail to work out because the parties involved have incongruent expectations and poor communication.

Also like a marriage, if the other party’s philosophy and values are not complementary to your own, you will likely have a difficult time building a long-term, productive relationship. Philosophy and values need to be complementary in order for the desired results to be achieved.

To increase your chances of success, both parties need to determine if they are on the same page relative to expectations, philosophy and values. Here are some examples of issues and questions both parties should consider before entering into any associate arrangement:

- **Honesty.** Are you honest in all of your dealings? Does the other party tell the truth?
- **Integrity.** Do you keep your promises? Do you do what you say you will? Does the other party?
- **Consistency.** Do you waver on issues or do you make a decision and stick to it? Are your actions congruent with your words? Are the other party’s?
- **Compassion.** Do you have a genuine concern for those you treat and those you work with? Does he or she?
- **Skills and Knowledge.** Are you confident in your level of knowledge and skill? Are you confident in his or hers?
- **Conscience.** Do you exercise good judgment and make decisions based on what is best for all concerned? Does he or she?
- **Motivation.** Are you motivated to always do your best? Do you inspire others to be and do the best they can? What about him or her?
- **Humility.** Are you willing to learn new things or is your way the only way? Is he or she teachable?
The best way to develop a sense of the other party’s character is to work with each other for a period of time first. Since that is not always practical, both parties could and should confer with references who have worked, or who currently work with the other party (i.e. staff, peers, colleagues, etc.). Another avenue to obtain insight into such questions is through professional personality profiling. Personality profiles provide some revealing answers to the aforementioned questions. While this is just limited feedback, it does help in your understanding of the values and expectations of both parties.

You probably noticed that all of the questions were asked of yourself first, before they are applied to the other party. The goal of any associate-type arrangement is to create and maintain a mutually rewarding personal and professional relationship between two or more doctors. Unfortunately, too many associate arrangements are intentionally structured to benefit only one of the parties. Personal ego and selfishness will destroy a good relationship faster than anything else – including money! The only truly successful associate arrangement is one where both the host and the associate feel they have been fairly treated.

Stephen R. Covey says there are three types of arrangements: win-win, win-lose or no-deal. Win-lose arrangements only end up being lose-lose arrangements because the losing party will resent the other party and may even sabotage or negate the original transaction as a result. Problems often occur when one or both of the parties seek only their own interests with little or no consideration for the other or without considering the longer term impact of their actions. Sometimes negotiations result in one party achieving their ideal result, but at the expense of the other party, which ultimately ends up lose-lose.

Finally, check your “gut feeling” on any issue. If it doesn’t “feel” right, then seek greater understanding and obtain additional information until it does feel right. If after that you still feel uncertain about it, ask for clarification or stop pursuing the transaction.

Given that so many dentists are likely to participate in some form of an associateship – either as the host/employer or the associate/employee – it is important that they have a clear understanding of what constitutes a “good fit” with another professional, as well as how to find the right person.

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The University of Colorado at Denver’s Pre-Dental Club was established in the fall of 2009. We currently have 80 members. This student-run organization aims to guide those who are interested in dentistry toward various dental-related opportunities, inspiring potential future dentists and creating strong candidates for dental school and beyond.

Our club has allowed us to be involved and has encouraged members with the opportunity to be a part of various events. For the past two years, our club members have actively volunteered and attended numerous events, including: Give Kids a Smile Day, Total Oral Prevention Strategies (TOPS), Colorado Mission of Mercy (COMOM), and the Metropolitan Denver Dental Foundation and CDA Explorer Post Program. We also host workshops that focus on the process of applying to dental school and hands-on programs, like tooth wax-up activities. In addition, guest speakers are invited to share their personal dental-related experiences with us.

These programs and workshops have greatly impacted our members by positively exposing them to a side of dentistry that they didn’t have knowledge of in the past. The Explorer Post Program in particular has been an excellent way to introduce our students to the niches and specialties in the field. The opportunity to simulate the manual dexterity that dentists apply using their tools has been invaluable. From using a simple syringe to carefully suturing a pig mandible, the Explorer Post Program has been a unique experience that provides knowledge in an unintimidating and approachable manner.

In addition to gaining experience through these events, we recently benefited from a dental student presenting an unfiltered look at life in dental school. The student explained the application process, structure of classes, and finding life outside of dental school. The experience was enlightening for numerous members, and many looked forward to the process with a more confident, optimistic mindset. Clearly, there are a vast number of lessons we can learn from the experienced dental professionals in Colorado, and we would love to host events for our members featuring Colorado dentists who are willing to volunteer to speak to our club.

Being very determined and dedicated pre-dental students, we have all worked together as a team to maintain and continuously show our commitment to reach out to any opportunities or resources available to us. Any event or experience that we can carry out is something that we are willing to achieve and accomplish for our pre-dental club members. Future opportunities will allow us to grow even greater participation from members, as well as give them the opportunity to present themselves to the dental community.
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The officers have worked hard to make each event relevant and accessible in the hopes of benefiting as many members as possible through increased interest and participation. We are seeking dental offices that will allow students an opportunity to be exposed to dentistry through shadowing or an internship for credit. We are also looking for guest speakers and would love to obtain the appropriate dental supplies for our hands-on workshops, ideally allowing for greater future opportunities.

If you are interested in learning more about pre-dental clubs or would like to help us as a speaker for one of our study sessions, please contact ucdpredentalclub@gmail.com.

This article was submitted on behalf of the University of Colorado at Denver’s Pre-Dental Club by Co-Presidents Linda (Huyen) Le and Jason Reiss, Vice President Jeffrey DeGuzman, Vice President of Communications Kim Nhi Lisa Van, Vice President of Public Relations Chun Guo, and Vice-Presidents of External Affairs Stephen Kong and Taavish Sharma.

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Practice: Two office practice seeking associate to buy one practice. $2M plus in annual production. Located in Grand Junction, Colo. Contact 970-243-2025 or getrifeng@jdpdentalgroup.com.

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