Give Kids a Smile Day
To Do’s

- Register online
- Mark GKAS on schedule
- Staff meeting to discuss
- Make a plan to recruit patients
- Contact schools to visit
- Assign a staff member to oversee
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It has been wonderful to have had the opportunity to serve as the CDA editor for the past two years. Starting in 2013, I will be stepping down and leaving the CDA publications in the capable hands of Dr. Michael Diorio.

I have thoroughly enjoyed both the responsibility of editing the publications and the role on the CDA Executive Committee. I would briefly like to take a moment to thank all of the CDA staff for all they have done to make my life easier over the past years. I am especially lucky to have had the privilege of having such a terrific managing editor in Molly Pereira, who facilitated the publishing process for me more than I thought possible.

Furthermore, I am so pleased to have served on the Executive Committee with such amazing people. Dr. Dave Lurye, Dr. Pasco Scarpella, Dr. Tom Pixley, Dr. Ken Peters, Dr. Cal Utke, Dr. Brett Kessler, Dr. Gary Field, Dr. Jerry Savory and Dr. Quinn Dufurrena have all taught me so much – each are unified in their commitment to and passion for the profession of dentistry. While I am sad to be stepping out of this CDA role, I am excited to renew my focus on what has always been my top priority – family. Wishing you and your family a happy holiday season ahead.

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For the past 10 years, Give Kids a Smile Day (GKAS) has had a strong presence in Colorado. On a united front, Colorado dental professionals have donated millions of dollars in dental treatment to kids who are in need of dental attention but without means to afford care.

2013 will mark the 11th year of this nationwide charitable American Dental Association GKAS program—a day of free treatment and education for deserving children. Observing so many years of success by local dental offices, the CDA is making some changes to GKAS starting in 2013.

• In an effort to empower offices to embrace GKAS more on their own, the CDA is encouraging dental offices to organize their GKAS event from start to finish. The CDA will not be recruiting patients for individual dental offices participating in GKAS. Rather we welcome you to reach out to your community to find deserving patients for GKAS (churches, schools, community centers, etc. are great places to look). Starting in 2013, patient recruiting will be the responsibility of the individual GKAS dental offices. This is a great way to establish relationships with your community leaders.

• All this said, the CDA is still happy to post your GKAS program on the CDA Website, upon request, to help you with your GKAS promotional efforts. If you would like your event posted online, please contact Nikki Williams at nikki@cdaonline.org with the following information: dentist’s name, office address, phone number for appointments and bilingual capability. When your GKAS schedule is full, contact the CDA and your event will be removed from the site.

• Lastly, there will not be any reporting requirements by the CDA in 2013. The ADA has a reporting function on their Website that we encourage you to use, however, you will not be required to complete superbills or school reporting forms for the CDA.

Planning a GKAS program is easy and the best part about organizing your own GKAS event is that it can be tailored to fit your unique needs. Only want to treat patients in the morning? No problem. Want to treat patients on a Saturday rather than Feb. 1? Feel free to do so. Hoping to treat just one child with severe needs from start to finish rather than a full schedule? Great idea!

GKAS is an event for all members of the dental team and a great service to your community. Follow these planning steps below to create your own successful GKAS program:

October/November:
• Save the date and add it to your patient schedule: Feb. 1, 2013 — Give Kids a Smile Day. Regardless of your activity, whether in the office or off site, marking down the date not only serves as a reminder, but also tells your staff not to schedule the normal patient load that day. Next, think about the type of GKAS activity you’d like to participate in: treating patients in your office, treating patients offsite at a nearby clinic, going to schools to give presentations, etc. Consider all your options and select activities that best suit you and your dental practice. If your activity involves more than just your partici-
participation, organize a staff meeting, and discuss ideas and goals for the event:

- How will we schedule patients that day?
- How many patients should we schedule?
- Will the patients be pre-identified or will we have a first-come, first-served event?
- What hours am I/are we available that day?
- Where should we recruit deserving patients? Who can contact Boys and Girls Clubs, and other organizations with access to low-income families who could benefit from our event?
- Do we have bilingual capability in the office or do we know someone who could help if need be?
- What schools or community centers are nearby that would be interested in an oral health presentation?

Of course, don’t forget to register for GKAS at www.ada.org/givekidsasmile. The ADA’s GKAS online registration process takes about 10 minutes.

December:
Now that you’re registered, it’s time to start solidifying your plans.
- If you are treating patients in your private office, begin contacting Boys and Girls Clubs, United Way, Head Start programs, school nurses and/or church organizations to recruit patients. These programs will be able to locate children without insurance from low-income families who could use your generous services. Explain to your contact how many children you’re able to treat and the details of your event. Make sure that they know that GKAS is a Friday event, so they can work with their families regarding transportation, etc. December is also a good time to think about the option of providing patient goody bags, waiting room entertainment/activity sheets/toys, etc.
- If you are visiting schools or community centers to give educational presentations, start contacting teachers and program coordinators to offer your services and to set-up a class/group presentation. It is important to contact schools before the end of the year (winter break) so teachers can include you in their 2013 lesson plans. The CDA has many education resources online including lesson plans and activity sheets at www.cdaonline.org/gkas.
- If you’re treating patients at the CU School of Dental Medicine, make sure that the CDA is aware of your interest to volunteer at the school. The CDA will make the arrangements for you and will contact you in January with further details.

January:
One-month countdown! Now is the time to secure all of your plans for patients and presentations. If you’re seeing patients in your office, schedule your patients at this time and don’t forget to obtain a good contact number to confirm their appointments at least once. Events of this nature unfortunately produce a “no-show” factor due to transportation issues, time away from jobs and other unanticipated issues. For this reason, consider booking a few extra patients or even double-booking patients for your event. While this could result in a very busy day, it will more likely result in a day of great success, and fulfilled patients and dental staff members.

February:
Give Kids a Smile Day is on Feb. 1. Approach your day with a little added flexibility. This is a unique program that provides a great deal of good for the families it is able to serve.

By following this timeline, you’ll find it easy to plan a successful GKAS event. More importantly, you’ll be giving Colorado kids something to smile about.

If you would like to treat patients at the CU School of Dental Medicine for GKAS on Friday, Feb. 1, please contact Molly Pereira at molly@cdaonline.org or 303-996-2844. We will provide patients to treat, instruments to use and a third year dental student to assist you.
How Other Colorado Dental Offices Recruit Patients for GKAS:

Our goal for GKAS is to find the highest need children in our area who could benefit from treatment. Our challenge was to find a way to qualify kids using existing resources in our community to avoid families taking advantage of a charitable program. We reach out to social workers, Head Start programs, school nurses, teachers, pediatric physician offices, family resource programs, etc. These professionals know the kids and families best, and can help us determine the level of need.

**Step One:** The first week of January, I send out a letter and our referral forms to the agencies/parties mentioned above. I offer a follow-up phone call to any new referring sources.

**Step Two:** I sift through the referrals and call parents to make appointments for their children. I stress that this is a one-time opportunity to make sure the parents understand the importance of keeping their appointment.

**Step Three:** I schedule both doctor teams in the morning with patients that we are fairly sure need restorative treatment. I schedule the hygienists with as many 40-minute time blocks as we can fit. Later in the day, we filter kids over to treatment from hygiene, as needed. Last year, we saw kids from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and then had a team pizza party.

**Step Four:** On GKAS, we set up our waiting room to be more kid friendly. We create tables with activities, parent handouts, etc. Our basic approach is to get as much care and education to each child as possible.

**Follow up:** If we have a child with additional restorative needs than we can meet that day, we either refer them to KIND or we offer to do the work ourselves at no charge. We pick and choose these patients and families carefully. We make sure to communicate that if they fail to show at an appointment, they will not be given another one. We have very low failure rates for these appointments.

-Amber Wissing, financial and marketing administrator
Dr. Jay Heim and Dr. Corey Johnson, Glenwood Springs, Colo.

We have been involved with GKAS since it was established. The turning point for us that made our program really successful was contacting a social worker at a local middle school. She embraced the program and facilitated bringing deserving students to our office in a school bus. This relationship has made for a very productive and satisfying GKAS over the years. It’s easy to fill your schedule when you network with neighborhood schools!

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GKAS gives you the advantage of treating patients in your own office. Working in a familiar environment with your own staff is convenient, less stressful, and more efficient, and you can schedule patients at your pace. Our office treats GKAS patients throughout the month of February, rather than on just one day. We call local pediatricians to find GKAS patients. They are a great source to find deserving families and it promotes goodwill with our medical colleagues. GKAS patients are seen initially so we can establish a treatment plan and assess their ability to cooperate for treatment. Then we are able to efficiently schedule the care and make a real impact. Seeing them multiple times allows us to establish a relationship and really enforce the message of home care and prevention.

-Dr. Nelle Barr, Dr. Betty Barr and Dr. Sean Whalen, Westminster, Colo.

A couple of years ago, I started calling all of the elementary schools in our area that we thought would most benefit from GKAS. The school receptionist would always suggest that I talk with the school nurse. I now have an established relationship with one nurse who is always my first contact in mid-December. I let her know the date of GKAS and the number of kids we can treat for the day. She knows the kids and families who need help, and refers them to our office for appointments.

-Peggy Jolly, business manager
Dr. Geoffrey Engelhardt, Fort Collins, Colo.

We block GKAS day for our docs way ahead of time and have an extra hygienist in the schedule for nothing but GKAS patients. We then contact a local school district nurse and let her know how many appointment spaces are available. About three weeks out, I look at the schedule and if there are still several openings, I contact schools in the area and tell them about GKAS. I ask them to consider offering this opportunity to kids who they know are underprivileged. The schedule usually fills up pretty quickly after that. We also allow our staff to contact families in their communities that have kids who would qualify.

-Cindy Martin, office manager; Dr. Bob Murphy, Dr. Julie Brown, Dr. Paul Sica and Dr. David Welden, Boulder, Colo.
When I was approached to write something for the Journal, my first thought was, “are you kidding me?” I am a mom of two high energy kids. I have a solo dental practice. I manage my home at times as a “single” mom as my husband is out of state half the week with his job. When would I have time to write a column? But then it occurred to me – this would give me an opportunity (no, an excuse) to be alone with just my thoughts. This could be a task that frees me from the business of providing care for the world I have been engulfed in.

Don’t get me wrong, I have been blessed to be called into motherhood. My children are the absolute joy in my life. The privilege to rear them to be productive, kind citizens of this world is an honor. My practice is well-established with an amazing staff and patients. I love going into work every day, and I look forward to collaborating and working with my team. I have a wonderful supportive family living just minutes down the road that is often ready to step in if needed. Despite so many blessings, being a practice owner and mother is a challenge. So why would I write something as a way of finding a few moments be alone with my thoughts? Let me explain.

My day typically starts the night before, strategically choosing outfits for myself, my finicky seven-year-old daughter and my anything-goes three-year-old son. Then, there is preparing a school backpack, staging gear for the nanny, finishing up a bit of laundry and tidying the house as a typical wind down to the evening. The next morning is met with a hurried bustling of readying the troops, attempting a healthy breakfast, and, of course, asking a panicked “did you brush your teeth?” just in time to greet the nanny and whisk my second grader out the door. My daughter and I quickly find our way to a chaotic abyss of mesmerized drivers inching toward the school drop-off zone. I typically avoid the long exhaust puffing lines by parking and walking my daughter to the playground before school line-up. I try not to boggle my small talk with the other second graders. I am aware that I will become more of an embarrassment than a comfort to my daughter as she gets older so I cherish these mornings as they come. The morning bell sounds and releases me from the cacophony of squirrelly school children.

On my five minute drive to the office, I shift from talks about Monster Girls and Disney movies to that of maintaining my community’s dental health. I’m typically greeted at the door by one of my hygienists boasting, “ready for exam!” Then it’s on to my first operative patient. My office is probably typical
as I bounce from treatment to exam rooms. Lunch is often time to catch up on paper work, case planning, business management and sneaking in more of a soul satisfying lunch rather than a nutritious option. The afternoon is met with a similar routine but with my staff bustling at a quicker pace to make sure all the ends are properly tied and everything is ready for the next day. We are all so grateful to have full schedules, especially with the past years of economic downturn. Now, there’s no time to waste, as we all have families to get home to, dinners to prepare, homework to help with, baths to give and bedtime stories to read. Once I have both kids in bed and fast asleep, I begin the cycle again.

So, why?!! Why do we busy our lives with so much that, at times, it seems like an overwhelming burden? Why even spend the time to write an article about being a working mom? Eleanor Roosevelt once said, “When you cease to make a contribution, you begin to die.” I take this quote to heart. Frankly, I come from Kansas farmers and midwest blue collar workers who believed that “you must EARN a living and a life.” My father, the retired reverend doctor, served his entire career in the church. My mother served an entire career as a registered nurse. Through their influence and work, I was strongly encouraged to be an active participant in the community – to build it and to assume responsibility for it. Being a dental practice owner and mother gives me an opportunity to contribute to my children’s lives and that of my community in so many ways. I work three-and-a-half days a week at the office, which gives me more time at home than most full-time working parents. I have ample opportunity to demonstrate and include my kids in acts of empathy, altruism, and savvy ethical business practices. I will admit, being a practice owner and a mother is a busy and sometimes difficult life, but the rewards are greater. I strive for my contribution to become a brick in our community building – not to stand out with glitter and fame but to be a strong support in an unassuming frame. This is the community my children will grow in. I do believe that every contribution is relevant, from finishing the laundry to restoring a patient’s oral health, and perhaps, even writing an article for the Journal.

I don’t assume to have the answer to life balance, but I do know that our lives are precious and fast moving. We all fall victim to “the schedule,” and it’s important to stay on track, but it’s when that schedule turns into a “rat race” that you have to take a pause, regain perspective and remind yourself why you do what you do. Life is hard – often times it’s sweet; it can get sticky, but it must be of substance to be complete.
In today’s unique and competitive environment, your practice faces several challenges. Seven Colorado practice consultants, who also happen to be members of the national Academy of Dental Management Consultants Colorado Chapter, meet quarterly to network, brainstorm, share, and solve the problems your dental practice faces. Following are seven easy-to-implement practice management ideas to enhance your practice.

**How to Protect Your Practice Value**

There are several indicators that are used to measure the value of a dental practice. One important statistic is the amount of active patients. This figure is based on the number of patients treated within the last 24 months. When the economy struggles, dentists often experience fewer patient visits. The assumption could be that the practice patient base is declining. That is not usually the case. In reality, patients haven’t left the practice; rather they are not coming in as often. Patients may elect to skip their six-month re-care appointments or postpone elective or higher cost treatment at this time. Use e-mail newsletters and/or direct mail campaigns to let them know that you still consider them part of your dental family. Ask them to touch base with your office manager to keep their record active. Lastly, be sure to document the communication.

Susan Spear, practice transition specialist, broker/business intermediary, www.sastransitions.com

**Online Presence**

Your online reputation will make or break your patient’s confidence in your practice. Despite what many doctors think, Facebook is an excellent, and safe, place to build positive PR. If you already have a Facebook business page, study it to see how much activity you are getting. To boost feedback and interaction, encourage patients to “like” your page and share their comments while they are in your office. For example, personalize the following script to ask patients for comments at the end of their appointments. Reception team: “How did we do today?” Patient: “Great as usual!” Reception team: “We just created a Facebook page for Dr. Smith and I know it would really make his day if you shared your thoughts about your visit.” A conversation as simple as this will help give you a competitive advantage – a result of all your positive online reviews.

Rita Zamora, social media marketing and training, www.ritazamora.com

**Reducing Broken Appointments**

Broken appointments cost you and your team dearly. Minimize them by following these strategies:

- **Wrap-up conversations** should be performed by the assistant/hygienist after the dentist leaves the treatment room. Before removing the bib they should sit eyeball-to-eyeball and explain what was done at the appointment and what treatment needs to be scheduled.
- **Never “confirm” an appointment, rather give a courtesy reminder.** This changes the tone from “are you coming” to “I know you’re coming, I just want to remind you.” Consider scripting your message in the following way: “Fred, your hygienist, Mary, is looking forward to seeing you tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. for your appointment.”
- **Establish a protocol for front desk handoffs.** No matter the clarity of the dentist’s written communication, the assistant/hygienist should tell the front desk staff member the treatment that was performed for the patient, as well as the treatment that should be scheduled next, and then gracefully take their leave.

Janet Steward, practice management consultant, www.janetstewardconsulting.com

**Setting Goals**

Goals must be realistic, specific, written down and monitored. Use an annual planning session to establish longer term goals and “wish list” items. Review the list quarterly and draw a line through the completed items. You will be amazed at how much has been accomplished. A separate dry erase board should be used to write down short-term goals and tasks. It should include who is in
charge of the task and a deadline for completion. This should be monitored weekly. Be sure to review why some goals are not achieved. Did someone drop the ball? Did the person in charge have the resources to accomplish them? Was it a realistic goal? Did it drop in priority as other more important goals were created? (In this last case, it’s not a failed goal, rather a change in priorities.)


Accountability

Implement a “By When” board. Unfortunately, many doctors do not hold their staff accountable. The message this sends is that the task is not important and the doctor has lowered his/her standards. During challenging times, it is more essential than ever to hold team members accountable and keep those standards high. Simple systems work like a dry erase “By When” board, which keeps track of projects. To create this board, draw four columns and title them: Project, Source Person, Support Person and By When. During team meetings, place projects and those accountable on the board. The source person declares the “By When” date. The dentist’s job is to follow up on those projects weekly and ask, “what support do you need to get this done?” Accountability inspires leadership within the practice!


Increasing Cashflow

Do you have big swings in your cash flow each month? Increase and even out your monthly cash flow by sending patient statements each day! Each patient with an outstanding balance should receive a statement from your practice every 23 days – this is the same notification method used by VISA and MasterCard. You are not a bank and can’t afford to carry balances over 30 days from treatment. Surprisingly, many practices still only run statements once a month, delaying their cash flow and setting themselves up for a zillion calls after statements are received. Set your software to “trigger” patient accounts who have not received a statement in 23 days. Also, after you post a payment from an EOB, make sure you generate a new statement for the patient with their balance.

Amy Kirsch, practice management consultant, www.amykirsch.com

Proactively Managing Overhead Expenses

- Create an overhead expense budget and monitor expenses quarterly. Wise adjustments can be made with regular information.
- Assign monthly dollar amounts for dental and front office supplies and give those amounts to your staff member(s) who place orders to ensure your budget is followed.
- Reduce staff hours if patient demand has decreased. Often there are staff members who would enjoy extra personal time.
- Renegotiate your lease. With commercial occupancy rates down, landlords are willing to cut a better deal to keep tenants.
- Renegotiate your interest rate on practice loans to current lower rates.
- Reduce medical insurance premiums by changing to a Health Savings Account (HSA) and/or update your medical insurance benefit for all new hires that caps the monthly premium contribution. Current employees can be grandfathered into the new policy without changes, or, if premiums have gotten severely high, implement new policy and give employees three-to-six months notice.
For the past two years, we have been treating oral Herpes lesions in a manner that appears to be unique. We expose the lesion to the beam of a red laser, using a common pocket red laser intended for pointing out images projected on video screens. The laser we have been using is rated as 630-650 nm, which contains two full size AAA batteries (we have not used the type of pointer that uses the button shaped battery). We have used several brands of these common lasers, all with the same success rate. From our experience, a green laser did not give any results.

To promote this service, we displayed signs in Dr. Aaron Slavsky’s dental office, offering this treatment at no cost to any person with cold sores (in patient dialog) anytime the office was open. The only condition of this service was that the patient agreed to inform us of any response they experienced. We have treated over 50 lesions using a laser. Approximately 60% of those receiving treatment did relate their experience to us, and of that 60%, 100% reported favorable results.

Our protocol has been to cover the laser with a layer of transparent plastic wrap for sanitation, and expose the lesion to the beam of the laser for about 20 seconds, using protective lenses to shield from scattered, reflected light. Because the lesion is often larger than the point of light emitted by the laser, we try to sweep the full problem area so each portion gets a full exposure. Rather than contacting the area with the tip of the laser, we start about an 1/8 inch away and retract the unit slowly to about an inch from the surface while maintaining the point of light on the lesion. Some patients have expressed sensation at one gap during the retraction. Perhaps this point is the optimal distance?

We have exposed lesions at every stage, from prodromal to crust formation and have seen positive results in every phase; although we have observed the most favorable and rapid results after exposure during the vesicle stage. Many patients have returned for treatment of new eruptions but, as yet, none of the new lesions have been in the same location as any earlier treated lesions, perhaps giving hope that the virus might have been destroyed by exposure to the laser beam.

Some patients we treated have been on Acyclovir, and some patients of record insisted it be prescribed in addition to the laser. From our observation, their duration and healing is nearly identical to the un-medicated patients. Obviously, this is all anecdotal evidence. We have not done any double-blind studies, but our clinical success should arouse interest.

Being in a healing profession, we are by nature curious whether this treatment might be beneficial to those with other Herpes lesions, such as genital Herpes and Herpes Zoster. Perhaps some physicians will try.

Discussion: This is not an incisional procedure. A soft tissue laser could be used, however the tip must not be initiated. If a soft tissue laser is used, it is important that the dentist follows the settings recommended by the manufacturer. We have not used any soft tissue lasers, as we are most interested in the effect of a laser pointer, which is safe and readily available. We envision a procedure that could be used in general dentistry or even safe self-treatment.
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The current commercial real estate market has been dramatically affected by the economy in the past several years. This has resulted in a very favorable environment for tenants, as landlords are extremely motivated to attract new tenants and retain existing ones. Some of the current opportunities include reducing your monthly rent payment, upgrading your office’s appearance through an improvement allowance, as well as obtaining free rent and other favorable concessions.

One of the keys to a successful negotiation is to take advantage of the free services of a real estate broker. This is important because most landlords are in the business of real estate and typically have the upper hand when negotiating with tenants directly. Additionally, the majority of landlords hire a real estate broker to represent their interests and provide expertise. Though dramatic concessions are available, a specific posture and negotiation strategy are paramount to achieving the best possible terms.

When the time comes to evaluate your current lease situation, you’ll need to consider the pros and cons of staying and renewing in your current location versus relocating to a new property. Since economics and concessions will have a dramatic impact on either opportunity, it is essential to understand all of your available options and implement a strategy to leverage them. It is critical to the success of your negotiation that your landlord knows that you have the option to relocate, which means that you need to begin negotiations well in advance of your lease’s expiration – ideally nine to 12 months before your current term ends.

When you begin negotiations, you have two options available: you can work with the landlord’s agent and represent yourself, or you can get your own real estate broker. Here are some things you need to know if you choose to represent yourself in a lease negotiation.

Under Colorado law, a real estate broker typically serves clients as an agent. An agent is obligated to serve his/her client’s interests with the utmost good faith, loyalty and fidelity. Clearly it is not possible for an agent to act with utmost loyalty to two parties on opposite sides of a transaction, meaning the landlord or landlord’s broker cannot also represent your interests.

Simply put, if you do not bring an agent into the negotiations, no one will be protecting your interests but yourself. If you deal directly with the landlord or landlord’s agent, it is crucial to remember that he/she is not legally or logically in a position to advocate for you; so, exercise discretion with the information you share with the landlord’s agent.

Even if your building’s ownership and management are pleasant to work with, respond to issues quickly, and maintain the building well – their primary interest is maximizing profits. Landlords know that without market knowledge, tenants are without a baseline for comparison. Therefore, a landlord will most likely offer the highest lease terms that they believe an uninformed tenant will accept. Typically, they will not budge on key issues with an unrepresented tenant as they are betting on them not having the ability, market knowledge or willingness to move.

The only way to know if any offer is truly competitive is to compare it to the market. To do this, you need to identify all the available properties that suit your needs, and then tour a significant number of them to determine which ones will be best suited for you.

You then need to negotiate with each landlord to determine his/her best offer for a suitable space for your practice. This offer will include terms for the base lease rate and increases in the lease rate, as well as concessions such as free rent and an improvement allowance. You’ll also need to know the lease terms and concession that new tenants in your current building are receiving from your landlord. At each step along the way, you’ll be dealing with a professional real estate broker who is hired to achieve the best possible terms for the landlord.

If this sounds daunting to handle yourself, you do have an alternative. You can work with an experienced real estate professional as an agent, who acts on your behalf with your interests in mind. He/she can provide you with comparable properties’ lease rates, build out allowances, and other concessions, which can then be used...
as valuable leverage on your behalf in the negotiations with the landlord. Ideally, you should select an agent with experience representing dental practices because they will be able to achieve specific terms and concessions that are not generally available to other types of tenants. Your agent will handle all the research and communication with the landlords, while maintaining a professional negotiating posture on your behalf.

Fortunately for you as a tenant, landlords and sellers have agreed to pay for an agent’s services on your behalf, so it costs you nothing. Commercial real estate is structured similarly to residential real estate. If you were to sell your home, you might list it with a broker and agree to pay a commission. The commission is split between the listing broker and the broker who brings the buyer. If the listing broker is able to find the buyer directly, then he/she would earn a double commission. The same kind of arrangement is made in the commercial real estate market, and you as a tenant or buyer have access to professional representation at the seller’s expense.

Most dental professionals have enough to do serving their patients and running a successful practice. Spending dozens of hours making sure your lease renewal is competitive and handled properly can be a daunting drain on your time. Representation does not cost you a penny as a tenant – it may make a lot of sense to let a professional real estate broker review your lease, represent your interests in negotiations, and capitalize on the current market conditions to help you achieve the best possible terms. 

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Associateships are a common way to start a career, grow a practice, or cut back before retirement. The majority of dentists find themselves in some sort of associate or independent contractor arrangement over the course of their careers, and there are a myriad of different contractual methods for structuring an associateship. Many of these methods are very similar; however, despite these commonalities, most methods require some customization to meet the specific needs of the dentists and address the issues surrounding each unique situation. The contractual points presented in this article are only a summary of a few of the major issues to be considered when structuring an associateship arrangement and do not constitute a comprehensive guide.

With that in mind, let’s take a look at some of the most common contractual issues associated with associateships.

The first – and most common – deals with the compensation to be paid to the associate. What is typical and what is fair? Most associates are paid a percentage of their respective production – either gross or adjusted. For general practitioners in most markets, this percentage is about 30% of their adjusted gross production, with adjusted gross production being total billings less insurance write-offs and other discounts. (Note: Specialists associating in specialty practices are often paid a higher percentage.) However, flat-wage or salary rates, or variations of the two, are not uncommon. Under a flat-rate compensation structure, the associate is usually paid a fixed per diem (i.e. $500 per day) or a percentage, whichever is greater. This approach is common and preferable in situations where it may take the associate several months to “ramp up” his/her production, even though the host doctor may expect to see a consequential decline in income over the short term as he/she subsidizes the associate’s income. This subsidization will continue until the associate’s percentage wage is sufficient to cover the minimum daily flat rate.

In some cases, a host may elect to furnish certain benefits to the associate, such as health insurance, malpractice insurance, continuing education and vacation time. Paid benefits depend on the compensation negotiated between the parties. In most cases, if benefits are offered, the employer will cover part or all of the health insurance premiums for the associate, while any remaining benefits are deducted from or paid as part of the associate’s compensation.

The second most common issue to arise is whether the associate should be hired as an employee or independent contractor. With rare exceptions, the associate will be hired as an employee. Current IRS code generally defines associate dentist arrangements as employee/employer relationships. As such, depending on the arrangement, paying an associate as an independent contractor could create a conflict with IRS regulations and open the employer up to risk associated with non-compliance. Third on the list of commonly asked questions is the issue of restrictive covenants. This can often be a sensitive subject for both parties. Our experience has taught us that terms of restrictive covenant against the associate are not necessary in most cases during the first six months of a general dentist’s associateship. Instead, we find a non-solicitation agreement more prudent during this time. After that initial six months of employment is completed, a non-competition agreement makes more sense if it appears the arrangement will last longer term. It is rare for patients to follow an associate to a different job or different location after having worked in a practice only six months (or fewer), as long as the associate is not allowed to solicit patients. In most cases, the length of the covenant term is around two years and the restricted area extends in a three-to-five mile radius from the practice location; however, the restrictions are usually broader with specialty practices. Obviously these provisions can be complicated and delicate to negotiate, structure and enforce.

Termination of the agreement is the fourth item important to con-
Many times the employer is granted the ability to terminate the agreement—with or without cause and with little advance notice—which leaves the associate feeling insecure about his/her future employment. In addition, associates are usually required to give the employer three months or more notice before termination or risk certain penalties being imposed by the employer if they leave sooner. Because such arrangements are not always fairly structured, it is important that both parties understand the implications of any contractual terms surrounding termination.

Fifth to be considered are the expectations of the employer when it comes to the associate’s duties and responsibilities. These should be clearly defined and communicated. Sometimes they are well spelled out in the contract. In most instances, however, they are not and the expectations of how, when, and what the associate should be doing is vague. The issue of treatment philosophy and patient scheduling need to be addressed. In addition, each party’s work ethic, practice philosophy, leadership style and personality type should be noted. The parties need to compare these characteristics to see how complementary they are to each other.

The final guideline to consider is the prudence of involving professional help. Unfortunately, it happens far too often that an associate signs a document because it was what the previous associate(s) signed, but then he/she is left wondering if he/she really understood the implications of what was agreed to in writing. If handled correctly, associateships should be rewarding—personally and professionally—for both doctors. Although business is inherently risky (particularly in light of the number of associate arrangements that fail), such arrangements can still be structured such that both parties benefit. This is accomplished by doing your homework and seeking professional legal and accounting advice.

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