

# Texas Dental Assistants Association



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## **URGENT INFORMATION....SAVE THE DATE!!!!**

**The Texas Dental Assistant Association is presenting 10 hours of continuing education for the dental health care team.**

**WHEN: February 9-10, 2018 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Austin, Texas**

February 9, 2018

9:00 am – 12:00 noon

**“Documentation: Will Your Records Pass An Audit?”**

Dental records are a legal document, clearly documenting the diagnoses including clinical and x-ray imaging findings, treatment options, treatment rendered, complications during and/or after treatment, medications administered and/or prescribed, laboratory orders for the fabrication of appliances or other restorations, and other pertinent patient care related information. The use of electronic dental records has led to the concurrent use of templates for record keeping which may not accurately capture required information. Dental records can make or break a dental practice in the event of peer review requests, state licensing board inquiries, third party payor requests, and/or patient questions.

The attendees will have a review of current licensing board rules and regulations related to documentation within the patient's record and see examples of issues identified during record audits that raised concerns not only about who was providing treatment but also what treatment was provided and why. The attendees will also learn of on-line resources to assist in learning more and staying current on documentation best practices within the dental practice.

Lecture Presented by Dr. Linda Altenhoff

February 9, 2018

1:30-4:30 pm

**Ergonomics: Why do we hurt at the end of the day?**

Ergonomics is the ecology of dealing with human factors in the design of equipment, the method which we practice, the selection of the right instrumentation and the physical environment to accomplish a specific procedure. Studies confirm that the biomechanics of working postures can cause damage and pain.

This presentation focus on the practical approach to the typical ergonomic concerns in the dental practice with emphasis on: the primary types of MSD's identified in dentistry (back, hand and wrist), repetition, mechanical stresses, posture, vibration, temperature change and extrinsic stresses. The presentation will include a will include demonstrate how to choose and utilize proper equipment for your practice style, the proper positioning the operator, assistant, utilizing four handed dentistry and instrumentation.

Lecture Presented by Ms. Sharon Dickinson

February 10, 2018

8:00 am – 12:00 noon

**Are You and Your Patients Protected? An Infection Control and Regulations Update.**

This course is designed to assist dental teams in meeting the requirement for an annual update on infection control and other safety regulations. The most up to date information will be discussed on infection control protocols, CDC guidelines, vaccinations for health care workers, record keeping and training requirements and other work related safety information.

Lecture Presented by Ms. Sharon Dickinson OSHA  
Authorized Outreach Trainer

**Meet the speakers:**

Linda Altenhoff, DDS.

Dr. Altenhoff currently serves as MCNA's Vice President of Program Integrity. Dr. Altenhoff is the former Associate Dental Director, MCNA Texas, and the former Chief Dental Officer for the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Office of Inspector General, the former Texas State Dental Director, and served as the President of the Medicaid and CHIP Dental Association (MSDA) from 2012-2013. A Texas licensed general dentist, she has over 30 years of professional experience as a clinical practitioner and 17+ years serving the State of Texas. She is a nationally recognized lecturer and a leader in the oversight of Medicaid and CHIP oral health programs. Dr. Altenhoff directs MCNA's Program Integrity and Special Investigations Unit, collaborating with utilization management functions of the plan as they specifically relate to identifying potential fraud and abuse.

Sharon Dickinson, CDA, RDA, CDPMA, CRFDA, CPFDA

Ms. Dickinson has been actively involved in the dental profession as a chairside assistant, office administrator, consultant and educator. Until her retirement in 2015, Professor Dickinson held the position of Director of the Dental Assisting Program at the El Paso Community College, a position she held since 1981. She has continued to be active at the College as an adjunct faculty member in the Continuing Education for Health Department. Professor Dickinson is a federally authorized OSHA Outreach trainer in Occupational Safety and Health for General Industry. With more than 40 years of clinical and practical experience in dentistry, Professor Dickinson teaches and consults extensively on OSHA compliance, infection control, chairside efficiency, communications and ergonomics. In addition, Professor Dickinson has published numerous articles on these topics.

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