NEWSLETTER OF

Snohomish County DENTAL SOCIETY

SAVE THE DATE For Next SCDS Meeting

DATE: Tues. March 16th TIME: 6:15PM-8:15PM CREDITS: 2 COST: FREE

SPEAKER:

Dr. Peter van der Ven



COURSE: Oral Phantoms and

Dysesthesia

This presentation will focus on phantom oral sensations, which are poorly understood. We all have patients whose symptoms don't match their clinical presentation. We'll discuss this issue after meeting a few patients whose complaints are difficult to explain. What to do? At times, it's probably safer to listen than to act.

Please see full details on our website: www.scdentists.org

The registration link will be emailed to you with the March meeting reminder, and is also posted on the SCDS website calendar. Pre-Registration is required.

Stay Home, Stay Healthy CE. We are pleased to continue our partnership in 2021 with Pierce County Dental Society to offer Virtual Zoom CE meetings to our members.

Note: **CE certificates** will be sent to your registration email within in 7 days after the course.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER - By Dr. B. Ardi Pribadi

Hello again everyone,

March is nearly upon us and we are so ready to get this nasty winter done and over with. Let's move on to Spring already!



Come March, we will have marked a full year since the SARS-COV-2 virus has become a full blown pandemic. This past year has been very trying for everyone. Many have lost loved ones or known someone that have succumbed to the virus. Many of us have experienced and survived the disease ourselves. One thing is for certain, we won't let this pandemic get the better of us and we will beat it.

Currently, the numbers are promising. Although, the infection rate remains high, we are seeing a gradual tapering of both the hospitalization rate and the rate of death. And that is something to be very optimistic about. Vaccine supply remains inadequate but that is quickly changing as Johnson and Johnson's vaccine will be rolled out shortly, and President Biden has vowed to increase production and distribution in the tens of millions. Pretty soon the remaining tiers of Phase 1B (Tier 2-4) in the WA Dept. of Health Covid Vaccine phased rollout will be among us and we can return to some form of normalcy.

This past January, I had the opportunity to volunteer at the Arlington Airport Mass Vaccination center and it was an extremely wonderful and rewarding experience. I was one of 6 volunteer vaccinators and the only dentist. I worked with 4 nurses and one retired physician. 4 of us each manned a shot line and the other 2 prepared the vaccines. My shift was from 8AM to 1PM and during few short hours there, I was able to vaccinate over 100 people!

I must admit that prior to this experience the last time I performed a deltoid injection was 15 years ago in residency, so initially I was a bit anxious. But after a few injections it became rhythmic and routine and it wasn't long before I realized that giving an IM injection was far easier and quicker than giving an IA block. The crew that I worked with, were one of the most amazing and selfless healthcare professionals that I have ever had the privilege to work with and my experience was a refreshing break from the doldrums of daily dentistry. But what made it all worthwhile was encountering so many emotionally appreciative people and that made it very rewarding.

In the coming weeks, the need for volunteers will increase even more as supply will be greater. If you are interested in volunteering for the Medical Reserve Corp of Snohomish County please contact Therese Quinn at tquinn@snohd.org and please feel free to reach out to me via the SCDS FB page if you would like more information on volunteering.

SIGN UP FOR WSDA RETRO BY MARCH 1ST

What is WSDA Retro? Exclusively available to WSDA members, WSDA Retro is a group retrospective rating program offered by Dept. of L&I, that provides a no-cost, no-risk way for WSDA member dentists who own dental practices to earn refunds on their workers' compensation premiums.

• There is no fee to enroll, you only have to be a member of WSDA.

• Over time, your refund may cover the cost of your membership dues!

If you haven't already, sign up today to join over 1,000 Washington dental offices currently enrolled in the program! The earlier you enroll, the sooner you will qualify to receive refunds.

Learn more or enroll at: www.wsda.org/member-center/membership-benefits/wsda-retro

GIVE KIDS A SMILE

Our 14th Annual Toothapalooza program co-sponsored with Imagine Children's Museum is virtual this year.

Visit our SCDS website or Facebook page for all the links to dental-related videos, story times, experiments, activities and more, which you are welcome to share with your patients.

Here is a direct link to the Museum's ToothApolooza YouTube Folder:

http://bit.ly/toothaplooza

Thank you to our GKAS children's dental health month Program Chair Dr. Daniel Seetin and all of our other terrific volunteers!

Share Ideas for Speakers and Topics

We're looking ahead to plan our Fall 2021/Spring 2022 speaker schedule. Ideas? Email: info@scdentists.org

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REMINDER to Visit:

www.ada.org/virus www.wsda.org/COVID-19

New content is still being added at both sites for state and national updates to help you and your practice navigate through all things COVID-19 related.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

► SHD Update — The Snohomish Health District will occasionally send health alerts to local dentists. To ensure you are on their mailing list please email **dentalinfo@snohd.org** with your first and last name, practice location, and email address.

If you would like to subscribe to their quarterly Oral Health Newsletter - *Tiny Bites ABCD Newsletter* - or other public health announcements, please visit https://www.snohd.org/list.aspx

► VOLUNTEER for the WSDA Mentor Program – which matches University of Washington School of Dentistry students with mentor dentists who are members of the WSDA. The Mentor Program gives students a valuable opportunity to connect with and learn from WSDA dentists, and gives dentists the opportunity to share advice and expertise with future members of their profession. Interested? Please email: Martina Torres at martinat@wsda.org for details.

► Help our Snohomish County Dental Foundation Earn Cash throughout the New Year!

1) Fred Meyer Community Rewards – Take 2 minutes to link your Rewards card and earn a donation for our Foundation every time you shop. Go to www.fredmeyer.com/community rewards search by our name or non-profit **#UJ743** This is an easy way to support our Foundation!

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► SAVE THE DATES for our 2021 Zoom CE Meetings co-sponsored with Pierce Co. Dental Society. Tuesdays, 6:15PM-8:15PM. 2 CE Credits.

March 16th (Dr. Peter Van Der Ven), April 20th (Mike Shelly), May 18th Melissa Sanchez/TDIC Risk Management course –Will qualify TDIC insured dentists to 5% discount on premium. WSDA will also offer a free course on Tues. March 23rd (Dr. Noah Letwin). WATCH FOR DETAILS!

THANK YOU FOR BEING A SCDS MEMBER!