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CLINICAL SUPPORT SERVICES

World Oral Health Day (WOHD)

World Oral Health Day was celebrated on 20 March 2023, highlighting the third year of a three-year campaign theme entitled “Be Proud of Your Mouth.” In 2023, the focus was placed on the importance of caring for your mouth at every stage of life. Organized by FDI World Dental Federation, World Oral Health Day involves campaigns by national dental associations from around the world with activities in over 130 countries, and SADA participated with great zeal and enthusiasm! Activities conducted in celebration of WOHD include:

GSK sponsored:

- Handing out toothbrushes at Abraham Kriel and Durbanville Childrens Homes
- Down Syndrome Association Health Day on 21 March with the University of Pretoria
- Visits to Children’s Cancer Wards all over SA with the SAAPD and Rainbows & Smiles group where oral health care pamphlets were handed out to parents and nursing staff
- Visits to the Dialysis Unit at Life Hospital Glynnwood with SMU Lecturer, Dr Nthabiseng Metsing, and 4th & 5th Year Dental students assisting in Oral Health education to dialysis patients, and interested hospital staff and visitors to the hospital. Toothbrushes and toothpaste as well as educational pamphlets were distributed.

Colgate sponsored:

- Handing out approximately 20 000 Oral Health kits to children between the ages of 4-8 years all over South Africa with the assistance of the YDC & SAAPD.

Young Dentists Council:

- Participated in five radio Interviews during the week of WOHD on the Clicks Radio Station, reaching about 1.2 million people in stores country-wide, all of which were uploaded to the YDC Facebook page as well as the SADA YouTube Channel
- A webinar was held on 23 March with YDC member Dr Rohini Bisaal as a presenter together with oral Hygienist Elna van der Ham, which was attended by 306 viewers.

SADA Public Webinar:

- On WOHD, a public Webinar was held with Dr Khanyi Makwakwa, the SADA National Liaison Officer for the World Dental Federation (FDI), which is available for viewing on the SADA YouTube channel.

Television:

- An interview was held with Dr Jean van Lierop and Dr Corne Smith on the importance of Oral Hygiene on SABC 3 on 28 March 2023.

Radio:

- Dr Paul Mathai was featured on Metro FM which attracted a listenership of 4 267 000.

Social Media:

- A total of 140 posts were posted on SADA's various social media pages, resulting in 71 184 impressions, illustrating the various ways in which WOHD was celebrated.

Second Draft Regulations on the Management of Mercury in South Africa

Subsequent to the initial draft regulations on the Management of Mercury in South Africa which called for the mandatory installation of amalgam separators in dental facilities by 1 April 2023, a second set of draft regulations have been published on 24 March 2023 which propose the mandatory date be delayed to 1 April 2024. SADA has made submissions in this regard and will await the final regulations once released.

Since it is imminent that amalgam separators will be mandatory in all dental facilities in South Africa, SADA urges members to have them installed through our partners, DRI International, whereby SADA members will be eligible to receive a **free** amalgam separator and will only be responsible for the installation costs which will be directly payable to Wright-Millners as the official supplier.

As a reminder:

Upon signing a 3-to-5-year service agreement with DRI, SADA members will receive:

- A FREE amalgam separator unit valued at approximately R17000 with an annual amalgam recycling service;
- Special introductory pricing of R6520 per annum if the agreement is signed by December 31st, 2023 including amalgam recycling costs and transportation fees to and for the standard BU10 unit, or R12 185 for the BU1030 unit.
- A FREE sustainable development CE course as part of ongoing development to support members with issues and concerns around future regulatory development, which includes a
- "How to" guide on SMART amalgam removal i.e., Safe Mercury Amalgam Removal Technique.
- Each year after recycling has been completed, members will receive a certificate of reclamation demonstrating the wastes have been properly recycled.

Members may visit <https://drna.com/dri/sada-program/> to apply.

LEGAL AND CORPORATE SERVICES

The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) Annual Fees reminder

The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) published its annual fees in the government gazette on 13 February 2023, payable by practitioners by **1 April 2023**. Members are reminded to make payment prior to this date to avoid the removal of their names from the register.

DP Dentist R3116.00

DP Dentist (Specialist) R 3159.00

TT Dental Therapist R2340.00

OH Oral Hygienist R2340.00

DA Dental Assistant R981.00

SDA Dental Assistant Supplementary R981.00

Please note:

The HPCSA website is presently under construction, though the online portal services appear to be available.

The payment portal is safe and has been working throughout the website maintenance process. The website maintenance relates to the website content and not the "Practitioner portal".

The link to the "Practitioner portal" is published on the website under online services.

It is important to note that even though the "Practitioner portal" is accessed through the link published on the website, the portal is a totally separate system from the HPCSA website.

Practitioners can make payments using the HPCSA online portal.

Practitioners will be able to access proof of registration online once their payments have been processed by the HPCSA.

Annual fees are different from registration fees which are paid upon registration with HPCSA.

How to pay

Practitioners can pay their registration or annual fees in the following ways:

Direct deposit or EFT into the HPCSA account. Bank details are listed below:

HPCSA bank details

Bank: ABSA

Branch: Arcadia (Branch code: 63 2005)

Account Name: HPCSA

Account Type: Cheque

Account Numbers:

- Annual Fees: 405 00 33 481
- Other money: 061 00 00 169
- Swift Code: ABSAZAJJ

Deposit References:

Registered practitioners: HPCSA registration number (e.g.: MP1234567)

New registrations: ID or passport number

Please note: Internet transfers take approximately three days to reflect on our statement and all direct payments from ABSA branches take 24 hours.

OR

Registered practitioners can use the HPCSA portal for online renewal.

Please note:

To correctly allocate funds, practitioners must use their register and 7-digit registration number (e.g., MP1234567).

The HPCSA no longer accepts cash on the premises.

The HPCSA no longer processes credit card authorizations.

Regulations relating to the qualifications for registration of dental assistants: amendment

The Health Professions Council of South Africa on 3 March 2023 published draft regulations in the gazette inviting comments within a period of three months amending sub-regulation 2, which deals with the registration of dental assistants.

Sub-regulation 2 is proposed to be amended permitting any person who worked as a dental assistant prior to the date of the final regulations, to apply to the board for registration as a dental assistant. The Board may exempt such a person from the requirements of qualification from a tertiary institution.

Unlike past amendments, no time period is stipulated within which dental assistants must register and no provision is made for the completion of any Board examinations in the above draft regulations. One would have to wait and see what the final regulations will contain after the three-month comment period.

Presumably, the Board will make available the necessary forms, details of application fees, and any other requirements once the final regulations are published. We will keep members informed.

Extract - Amendment of regulation 2 of the regulations

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2. Regulation 2 of the regulations is hereby amended by the substitution for sub regulation (2) of the following sub regulation: -

"(2) Notwithstanding anything contrary contained in these regulations, any person who worked as a dental assistant, prior to the date of publication of these regulations, may apply to the board for registration as a dental assistant, and the board may exempt such person from the requirements of sub-regulation (1)."

Yours in oral health

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