



# Dentistry IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Allied Staff News

## Silver Diamine Fluoride Seeing Use in South Dakota

South Dakota dentists may begin using silver diamine fluoride (SDF) in more of their treatment plans thanks to some recent news. The South Dakota Board of

Dentistry rendered an advisory opinion on the use of silver diamine fluoride stating that it is within the scope of a dentist to utilize SDF to treat dental caries following an appropriate diagnosis and the establishment of a treatment plan. Furthermore, the Board stated that the application of SDF may be delegated

to a dental hygienist under general or direct supervision and, to a registered dental assistant under direct supervision.

Potential increases in the use of the caries-arresting material is also more likely due to the fact that the state's largest dental insurance company and the State Medicaid Program will be reimbursing for the application of the substance on the teeth of children and adults.

Delta Dental began paying for silver diamine fluoride earlier this year. Delta will pay for a maximum of four teeth per visit with a maximum of two treatments per tooth per year. Any restorations completed within the three months following the application of SDF will not be reimbursed.

Medicaid will begin reimbursing for SDF on July 1, 2018. Similarly, Medicaid will reimburse a maximum of four teeth per visit with a maximum of two treatments per tooth per year. There is also a limit of four treatments allowed per tooth per lifetime. Restorations following SDF treatment will be allowed if they are pre-approved and determined to be medically necessary. Medicaid will reimburse SDF at a rate of \$12.60 per tooth.



## Facebook Media Packages Available to SDDA Members



The SDDA is pleased to introduce members to CyberClimb Digital Marketing. CyberClimb is offering Facebook Media Packages specifically designed for South Dakota Dental Association members. They are offering SDDA members three Tiers of Services, at an exclusive member-only rate. The following message is from CyberClimb owner Joy Christensen:

*CyberClimb was honored to be part of the tradeshow during the 2018 SDDA Session. A special "Thank you" to those who stopped by to ask questions and took information. We hope you also enjoyed the mini-photobooth opportunity!*

*We are happy to announce that Dr. Steven Wiswall, DMD from Rapid City, was the winner of the digital print, "Leave Me Blue" by South Dakota Photographer Bonny Fleming. Thank you to all who entered. We*

*hope there will be much enjoyment of that fascinating print for years to come.*

Please go to <http://www.cyberclimb.com/sdda#sdda-packages> to learn more about the digital marketing packages specially prepared for the South Dakota Dental Association Members. Packages start at \$275/mo. Contact us about the Trade Show Special Offer for your office(s)!

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(search *South Dakota Dental Association*)





By Nicole Pahl, CDA, BA  
DA Program Director

**G**reetings from LATI Dental Assisting Program!

We have just wrapped up our school year of classes and students are currently participating in their Clinical Experiences in your dental offices. This group of students have had excellent attendance, work ethic and a desire to learn about the dental profession. We have had them hard at work, since August, by participating in Community Service hours and projects which is a requirement for our program. Some of the events they attended and educated people were: October Fest, Senior and Junior Tech days, Scrubs Camps in many towns, professional workshops, Smiles on Us, Zoo Boo, Halloween Hubble, Expos, Career Fairs, Women in Science, and Boys and Girls Club events. They were also instrumental in assisting in Fluoride Clinics in Sioux Falls with USD Hygiene and Delta Dental; as well as, visiting local retirement homes, nursing homes and daycares to present Oral Hygiene demonstrations and distribute toothbrushes. After documenting all of their hours, our students participated in 2886 hours of community service! They are also adding 5250 hours of donated clinical experience hours by assisting in your clinics. That's a grand total of over 8000 hours of their time to show others their passion for this profession!

This May, we had 25 on campus students and 8 online students. Many of our students have secured jobs even before they graduated! We direct them to research job employment options that are posted on our LATI website. If you have a job opening, please go to the [www.lakeareatech.edu](http://www.lakeareatech.edu), click About Us, then Employment. You will be able to post about your opening, as well as upload your website for review. We refer current students AND alumni to check the site when looking for employment.

We have had many questions about our online program. This program fills the need for students that may not be able to come to campus daily, whether it is a location issue or employment issue. We currently have 4 online students that started in January and they are currently working on securing employment in dental offices. This fall, they will be working full-time while completing their education with us during a 16-month timespan. The students are required to participate in the coursework online and to complete their hands-on portion during on-campus labs.

Lastly, our program would like to thank you! Without the help of the dental community, members of our advisory board, and supporters of our program, we would not be able to graduate dental assistants and help our profession! Our students thoroughly enjoy the offices they visit, professionals they work with, and patients they see. Thank you for spreading the excitement of our profession!

## St. Francis Mission Dental Clinic Update

**Marty Jones, RDH, Dental Clinic Program Director**



**T**he St. Francis Mission Dental Clinic has had a busy Spring. In March, we hosted both Creighton and the University of Indiana Dental Students.

During the two weeks of student clinics, they provided \$65,019 in billable services.

We had our first pediatric clinic the week of April 16th. We provided treatment to 208 children and completed treatment on 80 children with an additional 17 referrals to pediatric clinics due to the extent of need and maturity and age of the child. During that week, we provided \$60,122 in billable services. The Delta Mobile Program was on site that week providing \$22,795 in services to 17 children.

Through this quarter we provided root canal treatment for 26 individuals. In addition, our dental student from the University of Nebraska, being on site for three weeks, was able to provide 24 individual crowns and two bridges. Thanks to Bauer Dental Studio and ProSmiles Dental Lab in helping to provide the donation of crown fabrication.

A special thanks to pediatric dentist, Dr. Thane Crump, who was instrumental in helping to coordinate our first pedo clinic. Also thanks to Dr. Bill Donhiser, Dr. Brent Homan (ND), Dr. Damon Thielen, and Dr. Monty Bechtold for participating with our first pedo event.

We would also like to thank our supervisors for the University of Nebraska Medical Center and Dr. Nathan Schwandt. Without their commitment to volunteer for a full week, we would not have been able to provide root canals and crown and bridge, services which are not typically available to our patients. Please contact either myself, Dr. Mark Kampfe, or Paul Knecht to become a supervisor for UNMC. The University of Nebraska is willing to have us host their students at least two times per year but we need more supervisors.

St. Francis Mission is actively recruiting volunteers for the week of July 23rd-27th for a clinic. We are hosting the Delta Mobile program but do not have any providers signed up to have our clinic open and active.

Through the numerous committed dentists and staff volunteering at our office, we were able to provide \$183,832 in production from March 1st thru May 10th, 2018!!



By Sarah McCormick CDA, COA, EFDA

We had a very busy and productive year! Our students began their first clinical course this spring semester, and have started putting into practice the skills they learned during our hands-on lab courses. We currently have 22 offices that have agreed to work with our students and WDT as a clinical site, helping students to become successful and well-trained dental assistants.

The Dental Assisting Program participated in a school-wide mass casualty simulation where students were able to practice their skills of handling an emergent situation, the use of dental software, and also getting invaluable experience with taking a full mouth set of x-rays. Several students were also able to volunteer with members of the CHIP program, taking dental impressions of children for documentation, as well as Give Kids a Smile Day, providing children with free dental treatment through participating dental offices. Lastly, we were active in school events that showcased our profession and facility, speaking with varying middle school and high school students.

During this spring semester, we had a guest speaker, Joe Mayne, on campus for a free continuing education lecture regarding infection control. This was an open invitation to community members, with also an active participation of students as well.

With the help of the advisory board members and the curriculum committee, we were able to approve the curriculum changes that align with the expectations and guidelines of CODA accreditation. This will be implemented the 2018-2019 school year.

We would also like to give a warm welcome to Jenna Golden, who will be the new Dental Assisting Director! She comes with over 22 years of dental experience, and also has been a full time instructor at Sheridan College for dental hygiene. We are excited to have her on our team as we pursue accreditation.

May 11th concludes the spring semester for the 2017-2018 school year at Western Dakota Tech! Our students have worked hard, and are ready to transition into the summer semester where they will finish their clinical experience in community dental offices in Rapid City and the Northern Hills. If you are not already a clinical site and would like to participate as one, please contact me as we are always eager to have as much community participation as possible.

25 students are on track for graduation. Commencement will be held May 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM, at the Civic Center.

If you have any questions about the program, or would like to participate in any capacity, please contact me at [Sarah.McCormick@wdt.edu](mailto:Sarah.McCormick@wdt.edu) or my phone number, (605)786-5949. Thank you again for successful year, and I look forward to many more!



**Fundraising Results**

Thanks to all who contributed to the Foundation/ Annual Session fundraisers! Because of you, the Foundation Board was able to contribute to many worthwhile programs and projects.

- Best for Last Raffle: \$8,848
- Chinese Raffle: \$15,109
- Golf Tournament: \$1,677

**Total: \$25,634**

**Best For Last Winners**

**\$2,000 Winners!** The last four raffle tickets drawn during the Best For Last Fundraiser on May 18 scored \$2,000/ each for Dr. Jack Muller, Dr. Leeann Diercks, Dr. Isaac Morgan and Nance Orsbon. Congratulations!

### Foundation Launches Recurring Donations Campaign

# GIVE. SMILE. REPEAT.

South Dakota Dental Foundation

Please consider joining your colleagues in making a monthly recurring donation to the Foundation. Your contribution will help dentists do good and allow the Foundation to support the people, organizations and causes that advance the dental profession and promote oral health in South Dakota.

Giving is easy! Go to our website at [www.sddental.org](http://www.sddental.org), click on SD Dental Foundation, then click on Contribute. Your donation will automatically be deducted from your credit card each month.

For more information, contact Paul or Brenda at 605-224-9133.

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### CONTINUING EDUCATION CALENDAR

The listing of these programs is provided as a service to SDDA Newsletter subscribers, and does not mean that these programs have been endorsed or approved by the SD Dental Association or the SD State Board of Dentistry. All members are cautioned to evaluate the programs on their own merit.

#### SDDA ANNUAL SESSION

Contact: Brenda Goeden 605-224-9133  
[www.sddental.org](http://www.sddental.org)

May 16-18, 2019, Rapid City, SD  
Registration forms included in the Spring 2019 Newsletter

#### WESTERN DAKOTA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

Contact: 605-718-2410

#### **Third Friday of the Month, mornings**

- American Heart Association CPR Class for Healthcare Professionals

#### **Third Friday of the Month, afternoons**

- American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR Recertification

#### LAKE AREA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

Contact: Amy Meadors 800-657-4344, ext. 378

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#### **Home Study Radiology Courses available:**

- Radiology Safety
- Radiography Production

#### UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Contact: Dept. of Dental Hygiene  
605-677-5379

#### **Nitrous Oxide/Oxygen Sedation Course**

November 2-3, 2018

#### **Local Anesthesia Certification Course**

November 1-3, 2018

#### **Radiology Certification Course for Dental Assistants**

October 19-20, 2018

#### **Dakota Days Continuing Education Course**

October 5, 2018 (date to be confirmed)

#### **Home Study Radiology Courses available:**

- Digital Radiography, Advantages & Disadvantages
- Exposure Errors of Periapicals & Bitewings
- Processing Errors
- Occlusal Exposures for Children
- Oral Effects of Head & Neck Radiation Therapy
- Panoramic Radiography
- Radiation Safety
- Vertical Bitewings
- Fluoride Varnish, Indication & Application

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