The legacies of anesthesia, pain control and sedation have their origins in dentistry. Dentistry and Medicine owe much to two dentists, Drs. Wells and Morton, for their efforts in furthering anesthesia nearly 150 years ago. It is with this rich history in anesthesia and pain control that dentists seek to preserve and further developments for public benefit.

The mission of the FDSA is to continuously raise the standard of practice of dental anesthesiology to deliver the highest quality of care to the public, thereby safeguarding their health. The FDSA serves to promote scientific meetings and educational seminars for the continued education of its membership. The FDSA also serves to advance the art and science of pain and anxiety and act as a conduit to disseminate information to interested parties.

The FDSA has worked to further education on several fronts: We have attained C.E. Providership, sponsored yearly annual scientific programs which fulfill requirements for sedation permits, and are working to develop in-state programs for i.v. sedation with UF and Nova University at their respective dental schools.

The FDSA sends representatives to Board of Dentistry meetings so that a perspective on anesthesia may be represented based on academics and science. The state board has responded in turn by defining anesthesia requirements to safeguard the public. The FDSA has and must continue to play an active role in the board of dentistry's anesthesia committee programs.

The enormously popular response of oral anxiolysis by general dentists has posed challenges to existing state laws and has evoked controversy on a nationwide basis. I believe this interest affords the FDSA an opportunity to provide continuing education that is academic in nature solely thereby omitting marketing and entrepreneurial components. Potential benefit for attendees would include reasonable cost of a program, c.e. credits, heightened awareness for public safety, and awareness of regulatory compliance issues. In turn, dentists may develop a desire to complete more training at soon to be developed, statewide university settings in conscious sedation.

Bylaws pertaining to the FDSA have recently been completed. These bylaws have been distributed to the FDSA membership. Many thanks are owed Drs. Charles Llano and Clive Rayner for their efforts in establishing this important document. The Bylaws committee looks forward to completion of a companion document to the FDSA bylaws entitled: Requirements and Conditions of Membership.

The ADSA, the national organization of which we are a component, will allow Fellows to be grandfathered into Diplomate status in the NDBA until March 20th, 2005. Those wishing to achieve Diplomate status who are not Fellows of the ADSA must take an examination. Details are available at the ADSA website: www.adsahome.org. I encourage all with an interest in general anesthesia or conscious sedation training to attain Diplomate status.

Sincerest thanks to our executive secretary, Mary Starr, for her organizational skills on keeping the FDSA on track. The FDSA owes Dr. Clive Rayner a huge debt of gratitude for his guidance and wisdom.

I look forward to seeing you all in Orlando as we welcome Dr. Patrick Louis to our annual scientific session. Stay well.

Kindest Regards,
Michael Gioia, DMD
JOIN THE AMERICAN DENTAL SOCIETY OF ANESTHESIOLOGY

- More opportunities to fulfill the 4 hour CE requirement. Chicago, Las Vegas, and Charleston Meetings are in the next few months.
- We encourage all FDWSA members to join ADSA and we offer a discount on FDWSA fees for ADSA members.
- Stay abreast of dental anesthesia issues, and stay current with the latest advances in office anesthesia.
- Take the fellowship exam in general anesthesia or conscious sedation.
- Get the newsletter, the Pulse, and a quarterly scientific journal, Anesthesia Progress.
- Contact the ADSA at 312-664-8270 or www.adsahome.org.

We are proud to announce that Patrick J. Louis, DMD, MD, will be presenting our annual Continuing Education seminar this February. Dr. Louis is an outstanding speaker who is well known for his presentations on dental anesthesia. Dr. Louis is Associate Professor at the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Alabama School of Dentistry, Assistant Professor at the School of Medicine, and serves as the OMS Residency Program Director. Dr. Louis also teaches postgraduate training in IV sedation at UAB School of Dentistry and has an extensive list of professional publications. His subject is “A Review of Office Anesthesia.” Dr. Louis will cover both routine case management as well as emergency management. Special consideration will be given to the elderly patient population that Florida practitioners face. Case reports and troubleshooting the difficult patient will also be reviewed. This course will provide 6 continuing education credits, and will fulfill the new Florida Board of Dentistry 4 hour biennial CE requirement for sedation and anesthesia permits.

We are also proud to announce that our corporate sponsor this year is Southern Anesthesia + Surgical Inc, supplier of surgical and anesthesia equipment and supplies for dentistry.

Again this year we will meet at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando. Visit www.rosencentre.com for details of this hotel. The meeting is from 8:00 to 4:00 on Saturday, February 12th, 2005, and includes breakfast, breaks, lunch, and vendor exhibits. The hotel is close to Universal Studios Orlando and Universal City Walk and free hotel shuttles are available. We have also arranged for special discounts for participants at the Rosen’s “Body and Sol” Spa and a Saturday night dinner discount at the Rosen’s elegant Florida-themed restaurant “The Everglades.”

Course brochures with registration and hotel information will be mailed out soon. If you do not receive one check the website for further information or contact our executive assistant Ms. Mary Starr at starrzrus3@aol.com. You may also register and pay for the meeting, and make hotel reservations at our website www.fdsahome.org.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING & ELECTION AT FNDC

The FDWSA Executive Board will hold their annual business meeting during the FNDC on Saturday, July 9, 2005. It is scheduled for 2 – 4 PM, following the FSOMS Board meeting. All interested members are invited to attend. Please RSVP to Ms. Mary Starr, our Executive Secretary, if you plan to attend. Among other things on the agenda, we will be making plans for future CE courses, discussing future projects, and electing new officers.
UPCOMING DENTAL ANESTHESIA SEMINARS and MEETINGS

ADSA Ambulatory Anesthesia Review Course, Fairmont Hotel, Chicago, Dec 5 - 6, 2004
ADSA Office Anesthesia Assistants Review Course, Fairmont Hotel, Chicago, Dec 5 – 6, 2004
FDSA Annual Anesthesia Seminar, “IV Sedation Review,” with Patrick Louis, DMD, MD; Rosen Centre Hotel, International Drive, Orlando, Saturday, February 12, 2005
Eastern Caribbean Cruise on Radisson, Update on Office Based Anesthesia, with Dr. Robert Campbell, February 8 - 19, 2005.
ADSA OMS Winter Anesthesia Review Course, MGM Grand Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Feb 25 – 26, 2005
ADSA Enteral Anesthesia Review for GP’s, MGM Grand Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Feb 25 - 26, 2005
ADSA Office Anesthesia Assistant’s Course, MGM Grand Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Feb 25 – 26, 2005
ADSA Annual Session, in conjunction with the AAOMS, Charleston, South Carolina, March 17-19, 2005
FSOMS ACLS Course and Legislative Weekend, Radisson Hotel, Tallahassee, April 2 - 4, 2005
ASDA (American Society of Dentist Anesthesiologists) Annual Session & 25th Anniversary Meeting, Scottsdale, Arizona, April 14 – 16, 2005
SAMBA (Society for Ambulatory Anesthesia), Annual Meeting, Scottsdale, Arizona, May 12 – 15, 2005
FSA (Florida Society of Anesthesiology), Annual Conference, Palm Beach, June 24 – 25, 2005
FSOMS sponsored Medical Emergencies for GP’s Course, @ FNDC, Orlando, Friday, July 7, 2004
FDA Advanced Cardiac Life Support, @ FNDC, Orlando, Thursday, July 6, 2005
FDSA Annual Business Meeting, @ FNDC, 2—4 p.m., Saturday, July 9, 2005
ASDA (American Society of Dentist Anesthesiologists) Dental Anesthesiology Review Course, Part II, Loma Linda University, September, date tbd, 2005

Board of Medicine Report, by Dr. Marcos Diaz

As you might recall, a couple of year’s ago the Board of Medicine passed a rule eliminating all Level III anesthesia delivery in an office setting by CRNA’s and / or physicians who were not anesthesiologists.

At a Board of Medicine (BOM) meeting held on 10/2/04, the Board discussed the ongoing issue of CRNA’s administering anesthesia under a non-anesthesiologist physician’s supervision. The CRNA’s had successfully sued the BOM over the issue. Reportedly, the CRNA’s were able to convince the District Court of Appeals (DCA) that there was a lack of scientific evidence to support any difference in safety when general anesthesia was administered by an anesthesiologist versus a CRNA. The DCA found that the BOM had no right to unilaterally interfere with the lawful practice of the CRNA’s as regulated by the Board of Nursing. Therefore, it is once again permissible for CRNA’s to administer anesthesia under the supervision of a non-anesthesiologist physician.

The BOM decided to fight the ruling by appealing to the Florida Supreme Court, by going to the legislature to change the Florida statute and by internally changing the delineation of privileges at the Board of Medicine Rules Committee based on scope of practice.

On another note, the Florida Society of Anesthesiology recently succeeded in passing legislation that allows anesthesiologists to use “anesthesia assistants” instead of CRNA’s. These assistant’s complete a two-year Master’s degree program, but do not need an RN or BSN degree.

Editor’s note: Both of these results essentially dilute the role of the anesthesiologist in providing office anesthesia in Florida and indirectly strengthen our position providing anesthesia as “operator- anesthetists” with our “office anesthesia assistants.”
“Education Crucial in Conscious Sedation”

Excerpts from a letter to the Editor in the August/September Issue of AGD Impact, Volume 32, Number 8; reprinted by permission of the AGD

“…..Like many general dentists, I used Valium or Ativan to calm anxious patients. For some patients, these medications just weren’t enough. I enrolled in the American Society for the Advancement of Anesthesia in Dentistry’s course in Parenteral Conscious Sedation for the General Dentist. Under the guidance of Dr. David Crystal, Dr. Hillel Ephros, and Dr. Dominic Lu it became clear to me that there is no such thing as a standard, normal or routine sedation. Every patient can’t be treated with the same medication and achieve similar sedative results. Each patient is unique requiring his or her own customized sedation plan. That plan may include a combination of medications given in a variety of ways (oral, nasal, rectal, transdermal, IV and/or IM), maybe even acupuncture or hypnosis. A dentist who treats all patients with a single sedation method is truly doing a disservice to his or her patients. Remember that every patient is different and there isn’t one prescription that fits all of the public’s needs.”

“An article in the AGD Impact, January 2004 Volume 23 Number 1 by Matt Schlossberg titled Oral Conscious Sedation—Too Big to Swallow? Comparing enteral vs. parental sedation had this catch phrase: “Enteral sedation requires less training.” With that statement I couldn’t disagree more! The pharmacologic and physiologic factors involved in taking oral medications are complex. The potential emergency situations are the same as any of the other sedation methods. All dentists should be trained in emergency situation management as well as have the capability to appropriately monitor patients that are receiving medications (from local anesthetics to CNS depressing drugs). The prevailing thought that accompanies enteral sedation is that there isn’t a need for an IV, thus seemingly less training. Without IV training it is difficult to rapidly administer life saving medications. Do you want your dentist to have “less training” in this situation?……”

“…….Dialogue between colleagues about sedation dentistry is a positive step and should be encouraged at every possible opportunity. This conversation needs to be taken to the national level where thoughts and ideas can be debated and an action plan can be developed. For any meaningful improvements in the area of sedation dentistry we must focus on the real issues, which are training, education, and standardization.”

Wade L. Newman, DDS
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FDSA Meeting Minutes, by Mary Starr

A brief rundown of the business FDSA has accomplished this year. We obtained Directors and Officers Insurance as well as our Florida State CE Providership. Our annual Scientific Meeting, “Safety First: Pre-anesthetic Medical Evaluation of the Dental Patient”, was held on February 14, 2004 with very positive feedback both on the subject matter and the venue.

In April the FDSA hosted the American Dental Society of Anesthesiology Annual Meeting in Key West. We successfully sponsored a resolution at the ADSA House of Delegates meeting to create voting and non-voting membership categories, as other dental societies typically do.

At the Annual Business Meeting, in June, the new By-Laws and Constitution were completed and ratified and new officers were elected. A decision was reached to hold the yearly CE Course in February each year and to keep the location at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando. Dr. Rayner provided a brief summary of recent Board of Dentistry actions and concerns:

♦ 4 Anesthesia CE Hours will be required as part of the existing 30 hours required every biennium.
♦ Time limit for obtaining your Anesthesia permit after completing your Anesthesia training will be 2 years.
♦ There are NO Conscious Sedation Training courses available here in Florida. The FDSA, as well as the Board of Dentistry, have been working with the Universities on how best to provide this training.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

www.fdsahome.org

- find information on upcoming FDSA CE courses and business meetings
- listings of anesthesia continuing education courses, meetings and events throughout the country
- sections with patient information on dental anesthesia, and help finding a dental anesthesia provider
- membership information, with downloadable applications and links to ADSA and NDBA applications
- information on current officers and past presidents
- links to other anesthesia resources
- a password protected members only section, with archived newsletters, a member directory, information on current legislative issues, an online discussion forum, and the most current Florida dental anesthesia regulations.

To access the Members Only section the first time: use your first initial and last name as your username, and just your last name as the password. You can then create your own password. Example:

Username: mstarr
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SAVE THIS DATE!

What: "A Review of Office Anesthesia"
Who: Dr. Patrick J. Louis, DMD, MD
       Professor, University of Alabama
When: Saturday, February 12th, 2005 from 8:00 to 4:00
Where: Rosen Centre Hotel, International Drive, Orlando, FL
Includes: 6 hours CE credit

This course covers both routine and emergent sedation management and fulfills the new Board of Dentistry 4 hour CE requirement for anesthesia permits.

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Make your meeting and hotel reservations online at www.fdsahome.org