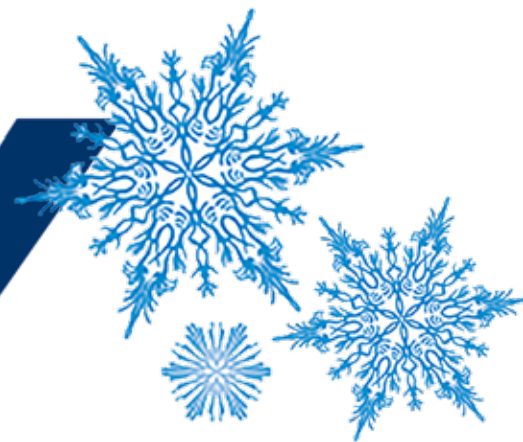


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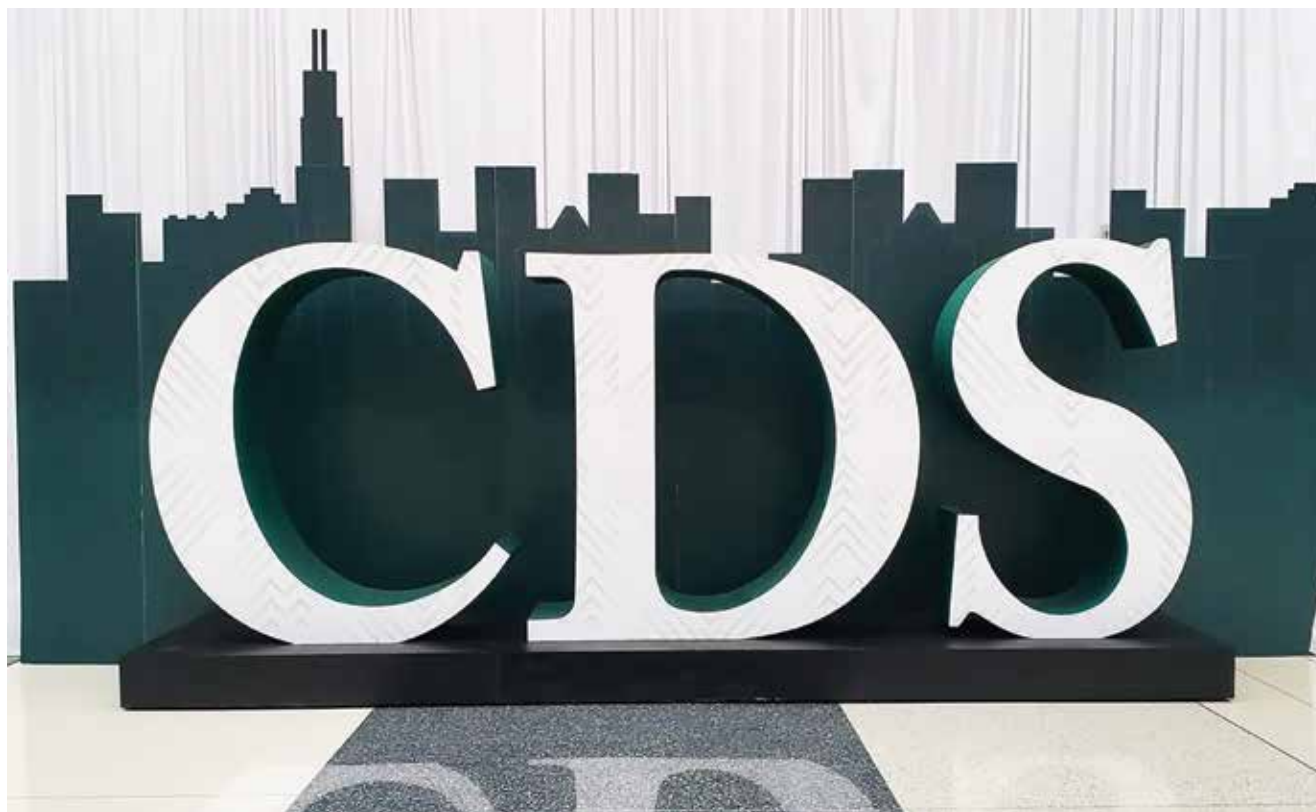
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• Welcome back! A CDS sign greets attendees to the Chicago Midwinter Meeting. (Photo/*today* Staff file photo)

Getting hot in here

By Aaron Rothkopf, *today* Staff

■ It may be winter, but things are heating up in Chicago as the Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting kicks off today. The three-day event is taking place in the heart of the Windy City at the McCormick Plaza West from now through Saturday.

Marking its 158th year, the CDS Midwinter Meeting will showcase more than 140 speakers and offer more than 240 different programs covering a wide range of topics within the dentistry field.

Dental professionals from across the country will be speaking on a wide

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ADA Foundation kicks off 21st year of Give Kids A Smile

To date, more than 7 million underserved children have received free oral health education and services



■ The American Dental Association Foundation has announced the 21st year of its Give Kids A Smile (GKAS) program, which officially launched at a national kick-off event in St. Louis, Mo., where the program first began.

Since its national launch in 2003, GKAS volunteers have provided free oral health education and services to more than 7 million underserved children in the United States.

In 2023, nearly 1,200 GKAS events are scheduled to take place throughout the United States, and it is estimated that approximately 300,000 underserved children will receive free oral health education, screenings and preventive and restorative services, such as cleanings and fillings.

These services will be provided by approximately 30,000 dentists and dental team members who volunteer at local GKAS events, using essential oral health care products donated by national sponsor, Colgate-Palmolive,

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as well as Henry Schein and its supplier partners.

“What began as a grassroots effort in St. Louis has become a national movement to ensure access to quality oral health care for all children,” said Dr. Craig Armstrong, chair, American Dental Association Foundation. “The success of GKAS would not be possible without dental professionals who volunteer at local events each year in addition to national sponsors, Henry Schein and Colgate. My sincere appre-

ciation and thanks to all who have been a part of the program, some from the very first day. We are all involved for the right reason – to Give Kids A Smile and help children in need.”

Since the program’s inception, Henry Schein has contributed more than \$20 million in oral health care products in partnership with its supplier partners. Team Schein has also donated thousands of hours preparing and sending more than 40,000 dental kits to ensure volunteers had the supplies to deliver much needed oral health care.

“Henry Schein is pleased to be an exclusive national partner of the ADAF’s signature access-to-care program Give Kids A Smile since its national launch in 2003,” said Dave Steck, vice president and general manager, U.S. Dental Group, Henry Schein. “GKAS represents Henry Schein’s commitment to expand access to care to those who need it most. Congratulations and thank you to the American Dental Association and ADA Foundation for your leadership, to our supplier partners for their unwavering commitment and collaboration, and all the volunteers who have donated their time and expertise to grow GKAS into one of the largest, charitable dental health programs in the country.”

(Source: ADA Foundation)

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assortment of dental topics within their fields of expertise. Topics and sessions range from hygiene, digital dentistry, implants and technology. Some of the many sessions you can attend include Todd Snyder’s “Ceramic Veneers: Systems and Secrets to Create Ultimate Smiles,” David Clark and Lauren Yasuda Rainey’s session on “Epidemic of Cracked Teeth, From Mild to Wild” and Charles Loretto’s “Owning Your Dental Practice, Bridge to Financial Freedom.”

This year, the exhibit floor will feature the latest products for dentists and their teams to test out and purchase. And there are several special events planned as well, including a general session, early career dentist reception, a dental student reception as well as a culminating event Saturday night, the President’s Dinner Dance, at the Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel.

Attendees looking for C.E. credit

will have ample opportunities. Credits range from 1.5 credits for short lectures, 3 credits for longer lectures and 3 to 6 credits for workshops. Visiting the exhibit hall daily will also net attendees 1 C.E. hour per day for a total of three hours over the three-day event.

There is still time to register for many of sessions you may be interested in attending although several of them require a fee. Make sure you have your badge with you at these sessions since the scan and the verification code are necessary for you to receive the credit.

Bruce Christopher will give the keynote address this morning. Known as America’s foremost “Enter-Trainer”, Christopher is a licensed psychologist who has spoken at numerous dental conventions across the United States. His humorous approach to what impacts personal, professional and practice lives is achieved through his mission: “Laugh till you cry, learn till you change”

After a good belly laugh from Christopher, why not fill your belly with ice cream? That’s right – ice cream in Chicago in February! As part of this year’s event, enjoy your favorite flavor while networking with colleagues and learning about the latest dental innovations and technologies from more than 450 exhibitors on the exhibit hall floor.

And if ice cream isn’t your thing, Friday you’ll have another opportunity to network as part of Brews and Bargains, where you can meet with colleagues and new friends while having a beer.

The exhibit hall for this year’s event is open today until 5:30 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

And once again, you can have everything that’s going on at your fingertips. Just download the Midwinter Meeting app to plan your schedule, preview speakers and exhibits and connect with other attendees. You can find it in your app store.

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As RGP approaches 30 years in business, it's better than ever

By RGP Staff

■ As the pandemic slowly fades away into the rear view mirror and the smoke from a couple years of uncertainty clears, RGP is standing stronger than ever in the dental stool game, according to the company.

Based in historic Bristol, R.I., RGP spent all of 2022 pumping dental chairs out of their factory at a record pace.

“In the spring of 2020, we were standing there wondering which direction we would go when everything hit the fan with Covid. We knew we had to get creative and roll up our sleeves to ensure that as a small business, we could withstand the blow of the pandemic,” said RGP Vice President Jason DeCosta.

“Thankfully, we have some incredibly loyal customers who even in the midst of that whole situation found their way to our website and to our phone lines and were still ordering chairs and other items from us, helping us push forward during that tough time,” Costa said. “We ended up having an overall successful 2020, which was amazing. 2021 followed suit and sales grew back to our pre-pandemic levels”

When asked about 2022 DeCosta said: “We were very fortunate to have had an incredible year of growth last year. It was by far our best year since our inception back in 1995.

“We had a great push in 2022 from well-known ergonomic speakers recommending our products, an incredible stretch of successful trade shows – many of which were record setting, and a few new products that really served as catalysts to push our sales to new levels.

“It was the perfect storm for our business, and we look forward to continuing that success into 2023 and beyond.”

RGP specializes in providing dental professionals with optimal seating options for proper ergonomics in the workplace.

It offers unique chair designs that can be combined with arm supports and other accessories. It mainly operates in the dental sector but also has a foothold in other industries, such as ophthalmology, dermatology, plastic surgery and veterinary.

Visit RGP in booth No. 1521 here at this year's Chicago Midwinter Meeting and see what the company has for you and your staff!



• The RGP headquarters in Bristol, R.I. (Photos/Provided by RGP)



• The RGP booth is full of attendees during a dental meeting in 2022.



• Top right, RGP spent 2022 pumping dental chairs out of their factory at a record pace.

• Middle right, you can find RGP dental chairs at many operatories around the country, or you can check them out yourself at booth No. 1521.



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Help keep mercury out of wastewater

By Dove Dental Products Staff

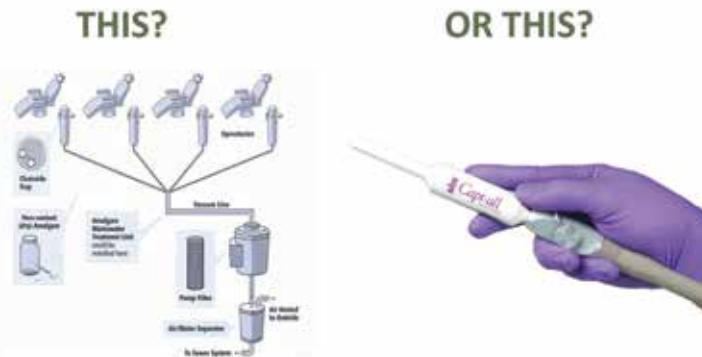
■ Dental amalgams have been a concern for many years because of the mercury content and fear that mercury would enter our water systems from dental clinics.

High volume evacuation (HVE) valves are used in amalgam procedures both in implanting and extracting amalgams. These HVE valves and their disposable tips capture and suck amalgams from the patient's mouth, down the vacuum lines and ultimately into the wastewater system.

The solution to capturing these amalgams for the last 20 years was to place an amalgam separator at the collection point for all the vacuum lines coming from all the dental operatories in a dental clinic just before exiting into the public wastewater stream. This was the basis for many states requiring dentists to insert amalgam separators in their clinics to minimize the mercury contaminating our water systems.

Capt-all, a late addition, approached the issue from what is

The Capt-All Advantage



• HVE (High Volume Evacuation) Valve and Capt-all tip instead of the traditional HVE tip used with amalgam separators. (Photo/Provided by Dove Dental Products)

inherently the best solution for capturing dental amalgams before they enter the public wastewater system — an HVE tip to contain a filter that captures the amalgam directly from the point of source, the patient's mouth.

Once the procedure is complete, the Capt-all tip is removed from the HVE valve and deposited into a provided recycle container.

This is in contrast to the amalgam

separator clinic where amalgams are sucked down the vacuum line with 70 percent captured in the chairside trap (according to EPA studies) and the remaining 30 percent finally ending up in the amalgam separator.

In addition, and more importantly, as mercury sits in the chairside trap, pump filter and amalgam separator sometimes for months, some of the mercury will dissolve and leach

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through the amalgam separator into the wastewater system. This can't happen with Capt-all since the amalgam is captured at point of source, deposited into a recycle container and doesn't enter the vacuum system.

In measuring the mercury content leaving both amalgam separator and Capt-all clinics, one study measured 31.86 mg/liter entering the wastewater system from the amalgam separator clinic while the Capt-all mercury content in the wastewater met consumer drinking standards, i.e. less than 0.0020 mg/liter.

Capt-all is an example of why the EPA added the equivalent capture device that brings new technology to prevent mercury from entering our wastewater systems. Capt-all is compliant with the EPA final ruling per 40 CFR 441.30 (a) (2).

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By exocad Staff

■ Come meet exocad, an Align Technology Inc. company, at the Chicago Dental Society's 158th Midwinter Meeting, where they are showcasing streamlined digital workflows to help you grow in-office lab capabilities and enhance communication with your patients and lab.

"Our software experts are on site to show the entire exocad software package in use," says Novica Savic, chief commercial officer and general manager at exocad.

Current applications for practices and dental labs include ChairsideCAD, exoplan and DentalCAD. All exocad software applications blend seamlessly together and can be built out with additional modules. Please visit and ask us about the latest features of the new 3.1 Rijeka release series.

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across the digital workflow, including DentalCAD.

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Booth visitors can learn about the latest DentalCAD 3.1 Rijeka features and modules, which launched in October 2022:

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- InCAD IO Camera Support for iTero allows iTero NIRI technology and intraoral camera images to be automatically incorporated when designing restorations, enabling technicians to visualize the internal and external tooth structure and optimize the process of margin line tracing.

- The new xSNAP Module is a

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