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# Expert education

■ One of the best things about being back in person for the CDA Presents The Art and Science of Dentistry is the bringing together of the collective experience and expertise of industry leaders and CDA's dedicated team of dental experts.

Many of these experts are giving presentations during the next couple days, and you can find them speaking on such subjects as practice management, dental benefit plans, regulatory compliance and employment practices.

Here is a look at some of the presentations.

- "Managing Patient Records – Who, What, When and How," by Katie Fornelli, 10–11 a.m. Friday, in The Spot, Hall D. In this session, Fornelli will review best practices for managing patient records and discuss some of the most frequent patient-records scenarios members encounter.

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• You can find numerous education sessions at The Spot, located in Hall D, during the CDA Presents The Art and Science of Dentistry, just like these attendees did during a past meeting. (Photo/today Staff file photo)

## Nominate a Calif. dentist for CDA Foundation's Humanitarian Award

**Nominations for 2022 award honoring the late Dr. Andrew Soderstrom accepted through June 30**

■ CDA members and component dental society directors are invited to nominate an active or retired licensed California dentist for the CDA Foundation's 2022 Humanitarian Award honoring the late Andrew Soderstrom, DDS.

Established in 2008, the award recognizes

California dentists for their individual lifetime of volunteer commitment and leadership that have broadly and positively impacted oral health and improved the human condition.

Nominees may also be honored for actions that have enabled the dental

profession to respond more fully to the needs of individuals at the local, state, national or international level.

The CDA Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the California Dental Association, accepts online nominations.

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# TDIC earns 28th consecutive AM Best 'A' (Excellent) rating

Financial strength, quality insurance products and service reflected in rating

■ The Dentists Insurance Company has earned the AM Best "A" (Excellent) rating for the 28th consecutive year.

AM Best Company ratings include comparisons to peers and industry standards as well as assessments of operating plans, philosophy and management.

"TDIC's financial strength and mission to provide policyholders with outstanding insurance products and high-quality service are reflected in these consistent 'A' ratings," said Dr. Dan Davidson, TDIC board chair. "For more than 40 years, TDIC has been committed to living up to our goal of protecting dentists better than any other insurance company."

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AM Best Company is a global credit rating agency with a unique focus on the insurance industry. Insurance professionals, brokers, regulators and consumers refer to Best's Credit Ratings as an opinion of the financial strength and creditworthiness of risk-bearing entities and investment vehicles.

For more information about The Dentists Insurance Company, visit [tdicinsurance.com](http://tdicinsurance.com).

## About The Dentists Insurance Company

Founded in 1980, The Dentists Insurance Company, a subsidiary of the California Dental Association, underwrites professional liability policies, commercial property, cyber suite liability and workers' compensation coverage (not all lines of coverage are available in all states) exclusively for dentists.

Rated A (Excellent) by AM Best Company, TDIC insures more than 24,000 customers and is endorsed by 10 state dental associations and societies. For the latest rating, access [ambest.com](http://ambest.com).

(Source: California Dental Association)

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- "To Contract or Not to Contract? Working with Dental Benefit Contracts" by Lisa Greer and Matthew Nelson, 11a.m.-noon Friday, in The Spot, Hall D. With so many different dental benefits plans on the market, how do you select the right ones? This session will focus on the pros and cons of contracting with dental benefits plans in your practice.

- "Embezzlement Controls" by Matthew Nelson, 2-3 p.m. Friday, in The Spot, Hall D. In this session, dental practice and policy expert Nelson

will review best practices for embezzlement and audit controls. He will also address common scenarios that dentists encounter with their staff.

- "Ask the Expert: Dental Benefits" by Lisa Greer, 3-4 p.m. Friday, in The Spot, Hall D. Greer will review the top 10 dental benefits questions asked by dentists and their staff.

- "Ask the Expert: HIPAA Compliance Essentials" by Teresa Pichay, 2-3 p.m. Saturday, in The Spot, Hall D. More than 20 years after HIPAA became law, practices continue to struggle with understanding what is necessary to be compliant. Pichay will

review the essential elements to compliance with patient rights, uses and disclosures of information requiring patient authorization, required and addressable safeguards, written policies and procedures, employee training and discipline and conducting a risk analysis. Attendees will leave with a checklist to guide their efforts.

After each session, CDA's team of experts will be available for one-on-one guidance at the member Benefits Center at booth No. 1102.

(Source: California Dental Association)

## AWARD *from page 1*

tions every year from April 1 to June 30.

### Honoring the late Dr. Soderstrom, co-founder of CDA Cares

The late Dr. Andrew Soderstrom, for whom the Humanitarian Award is now named, received the award himself in 2015.

The CDA past president co-founded the foundation's flagship program, CDA Cares, an all-volunteer run dental clinic, and continuously served the dental needs of children, regardless of their families' economic situation.

He was also recognized for a long-fought battle to fluoridate community

water in his hometown of Modesto, Calif.

More recent recipients include Herbert Yee, DDS, in 2018, and Lester Low, DDS, in 2017.

### Selection criteria and required documentation from nominators

Nominators must submit several attachments with their online application, including a curriculum vitae or resume highlighting the nominee's humanitarian contributions and one letter of support from an individual other than the nominator.

Among other humanitarian ideals and attributes, nominees should:

- Demonstrate a lifetime of outstanding humanitarian volunteer accomplishments that bring honor to the profession.

- Serve as an inspiration to the dental profession.

- Show selflessness in regard to direct personal or organizational gain or profit.

Recipients of the award are typically presented with the Humanitarian Award at an appropriate CDA event and recognized in CDA and CDA Foundation publications in the fall. When funding is available, a monetary contribution may be given to the recipient's nonprofit of choice.

To submit your nomination, go to [www.cda.org/Home/About/CDA-Foundation/Grants-Awards/Humanitarian-Award](http://www.cda.org/Home/About/CDA-Foundation/Grants-Awards/Humanitarian-Award). Nominations must be submitted by June 30.

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# ‘Sugar toolkit’ for helping patients reduce consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages featured in CDA Journal

■ The May 2022 issue of the Journal of the California Dental Association provides a “sugar toolkit” with simple visuals and messages dental providers can use to talk with patients about reducing and eliminating sugar-sweetened beverage consumption to reduce dental decay and other associated chronic diseases.

“The inclusion of the sugar toolkit in this month’s journal is part of CDA’s ongoing collaboration with the California State Office of Oral Health and the California Department of Public Health to help reduce sugar intake across the state,” said Kerry K. Carney, DDS, editor-in-chief of the Journal.

Other articles in the May issue include:

- “Allergic Manifestations in the Oral Cavity” by Usha Dayanarayana, MDS; Shilpa Padar Shastry, MDS; Chetan Shankar, MDS; Naveen Kumar N, MDS; Rama Murthy TK, MDS; and Mahesh BS, MDS.

- “Informed Consent in the Older



• Find simple visuals and messages to help talk with patients about reducing and eliminating sugar-sweetened beverage consumption in the May issue of the Journal of the California Dental Association. (Photo/@mrmattin, freeimages.com)

Adult Population: A Mixed-Methods Study” by Katherine Lambert, BS; Grace Yasewicz, BS; Garrett Finney, BS; Thomas Meuser, PhD; Regula Rob-

nett, PhD; and Yang Kang, DDM, PhD.

- “Management of the Glycemic Index Through Periodontal Management With Pharmacological

Agents” by Christian Pretto, DDS; Joshua Tordjman, DDS; and Aviv Ouanounou, BSc, MSc, DDS.

The Journal of the California Dental Association is an award-winning, peer-reviewed scientific publication that keeps dentists up to date about scientific advances, business management strategies and new products.

## C.E. opportunity

Dentists can earn .5 units of core continuing education by reading the article “Informed Consent in the Older Adult Population: A Mixed-Methods Study” and successfully completing a 10-question test online.

Find the issue and archived issues of the CDA Journal online. The journal can be read on a computer, tablet or smartphone through the Issuu platform. Download the Issuu app from the App Store or Google Play.

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# Keep your chin up and neck straight with Infinity VUE

By Designs for Vision Staff

■ Designs for Vision has several new and innovative products, including the Infinity VUE, Panoramic Field and REVEAL.

Designed to provide a straightforward approach to ergonomics, Infinity VUE loupes are available from Designs for Vision in 3.0x and 3.5x magnification.

Infinity VUE (Vision Up Ergonomics) keeps your chin up, your neck straight and your eyes forward while viewing the magnified oral cavity. You need to try these loupes on to see (and feel) the difference in your posture.

The new patented Panoramic Field

## Here in Anaheim

You can see the Visible Difference yourself by visiting Designs for Vision at booth Nos. 1202 and 1216, or contact the company to arrange a visit in your office by calling (800) 345-4009 or emailing [info@dvimail.com](mailto:info@dvimail.com).

Loupes (US pat. 8928975B2) represent the most significant advancement in telescope design in more than 100 years, according to the company. The viewable areas are twice as large as prismatic expanded field designed loupes and up to five times greater than Galilean loupes. Panoramic Field loupes provide unprecedented



• Infinity VUE loupes, one of many innovations from Designs for Vision, are designed to help improve posture. (Photo/Provided by Designs for Vision)

field of view, clarity, definition and color.

Designs for Vision is also offering REVEAL (US pat. 10215977B1), which provides hands-free and fluorescence-enhanced theragnosis (FET). REVEAL supplies the visual information to support decision making and facilitate proper treatment options in cariology, oral hygiene, periodontology-implantology and restorative dentistry.

Another Designs for Vision product is the patented (US pat. 8,851,709 & RE46,463) intuitive response technology of the Micro IR HDi headlight.

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Designs for Vision's WireLess headlamps free you from being tethered to a battery pack. The simple modular designs uncouple the headlamps from a specific frame or single pair of loupes.

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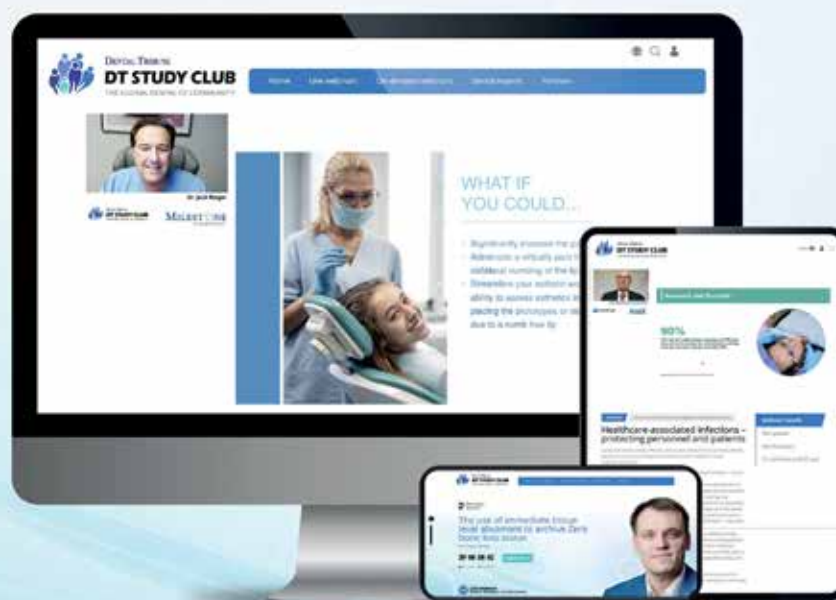
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# Medit i700 wireless: Scanning made easy with a simple touch

By Medit Staff

■ Moving beyond the proven tech and best-selling success of the i700 intraoral scanner, Medit has announced the release of the i700 wireless — newly designed as a portable wand with the same speed, accuracy and lightness.

“We’re tirelessly listening to our customers to provide them with the utmost customer care, which is at our core to continuously evolve,” said GB Ko, CEO of Medit. “Our i700 wireless model is a game-changer with its effortless, wire-free capabilities and powerful, long-lasting battery.”

Free from wires, the light, weight-balanced i700 wireless offers a smooth and quick scanning experience utilizing mm wave-based next-generation wireless communication

## Here in Anaheim

To learn more about the i700 wireless intraoral scanner, stop by the Medit booth, No. 1370.

technology, according to the company. One battery offers one hour of continuous scanning and eight hours in standby mode.

The camera captures up to 70 frames per second, collecting more data with each pass, in realistic color and crisp images, the company asserts. The updated design boasts a reversible tip and wider scanning area, allowing for scanning at any angle with no constraints to movement.

To counter COVID-19 concerns, a remote-control button means clini-

cians can check scan data from the scanner and show patients without worry of cross-contamination. The self-disinfecting UV-C LED further keeps the unit clean.

For a complete, trouble-free experience, the i700 wireless runs on Medit Link, Medit’s software featuring integration with various other CAD/CAM providers as well as Medit’s own apps, including Medit Design, Smile Design, Ortho Simulation, Model Builder, Crown Fit and more.

“Packed with the latest Medit technology, the i700 wireless continues our commitment to delivering an amazing digital dentistry experience through better tools and solutions,” said GB Ko.

For more information about Medit products and software, visit Medit’s official website, [www.medit.com](http://www.medit.com).



• The new i700 wireless intraoral scanner. (Photo/Provided by Medit)

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