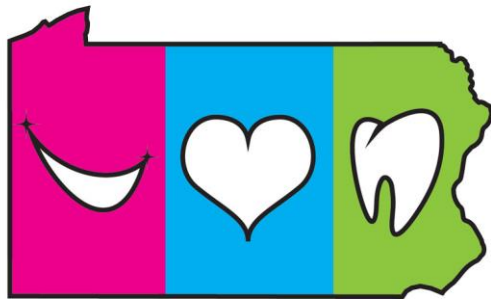


# Newsletter

Summer 2023



Pennsylvania  
Dental Assistants Association

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Visit our website:

[www.padentalassistants.org](http://www.padentalassistants.org)



### Our Mission Statement

The Pennsylvania Dental Assistants Association is an active group of dedicated dental professionals with the desire to gain more knowledge and to promote dental assisting as a profession.



The PDAA is proud to announce our  
**NEW 2023 Members!**

~Amy Cleckler

~Dolly Grimes

~Jenna Basham

~Carol Hodges

~Carly Conlin

~Ruby Santiago

~Joy De La Cruz

Welcome to the PDAA family! We hope to see you at our Spring and Fall Seminars!



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# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

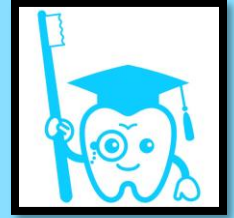


- **Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup> Benco's Dental Assistant Day**  
*Benco Dental, 295 Centerpoint Blvd, Jenkins Township, PA 18640*
- **Friday and Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> PDAA  
Fall Seminars and General Assembly Meeting**  
*GIANT COMMUNITY CENTER, 315 YORK ROAD, WILLOW GROVE, PA 19090*
- **March 3-9, 2024, Dental Assistants Recognition Week**
- **March/April 2024, PDAA Spring Seminars (dates TBD)**  
*Benco Dental, 295 Centerpoint Blvd, Jenkins Township,  
PA 18640*



**Contact us for more information.**

## CE REQUIREMENTS:



**DANB Certified Dental Assistant:** 12 hours of continuing education per year. Including two hours in infection control, one hour in OSHA bloodborne pathogen standard, and CPR certification.

**\*EFDA:** 10 hours in each renewal period, two hours in child abuse recognition and reporting, and CPR certification.

*\*Five of the ten hours must include live courses.*

**\*\*Radiology:** two contact hours (live courses) or 4 hours online course in radiation health and safety.

*\*\*Requirements are every 4 years and mandated by the DEP.*



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Northeast Pennsylvania welcomed the PDAA To Benco Dental, Pittston for our 2023 Spring Meeting and Seminars. Friday's event featured Don Malizia DDS. Dr Malizia gave an enlightening full day lecture on TMJ, Pain Management, and Sleep Apnea. His evidence-based approach taught us the difference between acute and chronic pain, as well as how the dentist can assist in diagnosing and treating sleep disorders.



The PDAA business meeting was held at Fairfield Inn & Suites in Wilkes-Barre. Attendees were treated to a delicious dinner followed by in depth conversation about ways to advance the mission of the PDAA. After the meeting we spent time catching up with old friends and welcoming new members.



Saturday was a true celebration of dental assistants!  
Our Dental Assistant Recognition Week began with coffee and tooth shaped cupcakes compliments of Casey Dental, Pittston and Century Dental, Scranton.



Our speaker, Shannon Pace Brinker CDA, was sponsored by Ivoclar. Shannon gave an educational, and at times very entertaining lecture that spotlighted the major roles dental assistants play in dentistry. She explained oral pathology can be condition as well as pharmacologically induced. Covered comprehensive screening and evaluation techniques that we can use to help explain treatment to our patients and what may result in their failure to follow recommended treatment. A portion of the morning was a hands-on session with composite materials. We would like to thank Dr Don Malizia and Shannon Pace Brinker for being our speaker, Tammy Summa from Ivoclar, Casey Dental, and Century Dental for being our sponsors, Fairfield Inn for their meeting room, Benco Dental for opening their beautiful facilities for these seminars, and most of all YOU, our fellow dental assistants, for making this event a huge success. Happy Dental Assistant Recognition Week and THANK YOU for all you do to improve the lives of our patients.



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# President's Message

Joan Burke, CDA, EFDA  
PDAA President

Happy Summer! I hope your summer is off to a good start and hopefully you get to enjoy some lazy days of summer! I would like to first thank you for your membership to the ADAA, which includes your state association, PDAA. Your continued support means a lot and please know we appreciate YOU!

ADAA has been busy working on enhancing your membership experience to provide you with an even stronger association that can further meet the changing needs of assistants. If you are not already a member, would you not consider joining? Membership has many benefits, one being discounted fees for PDAA in person meetings!

And speaking of meetings, PDAA is happy to announce we will be returning to the Giant Supermarket in Willow Grove, October 27-28, 2023. Thank you to everyone who attended last year, it was a great time and look forward to seeing everyone again, and hopefully some new faces! Our seminars are open to all team members as we are Pace approved. Specifics to follow as we are putting the final details together. Please check our website for updated information and a flyer will be sent to you by email as time draws closer to the seminar. Please save the date so you don't miss what promises to be a worthwhile seminar. Hope to see you there!

In closing, I just want to say thank you for all you do! I know our jobs aren't always easy, but at the end of the day you know you made a difference. If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me, [burke5626@verizon.net](mailto:burke5626@verizon.net) or call/text 215-317-0779.

All the best to you,

*Joan*

