



151st MDA Annual Session

**June 11–14, 2026
Perdido Beach Resort
Orange Beach, Alabama**

Thursday, June 11, 2026

8:00 – 11:00 am	Board of Trustees' Meeting Exhibit set-up
12:30 – 1:00 pm	Opening Session – Welcome address and overview of meeting by MDA President, Dr. Charles Belknap
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Keynote Speaker
2:00 – 2:30 pm	Exhibits open – break time with the vendors
2:30 – 5:30 pm	Pediatric Restorative Dentistry: New Frontiers in Dental Materials to Use in the Pediatric Patient <i>Speaker: Dr. Juan Yepes</i>
2:30 – 5:30 pm	The Communication Advantage: Strategically Align Your Team to Elevate Patient Care & Efficiency <i>Speakers: Mēghan Conger, Erin Wilk & Connie Traynor</i> <i>Sponsored by: Dynamic Dental Advisors</i>
6:30 – 8:00 pm	President's Reception & Family Fun Night

Friday, June 12, 2026

8:00 am – 2:00 pm	Exhibits open
8:00 am – 11:30 pm	Strategies for Success in a Changing Environment & Navigating Dental Practice Transitions <i>Speaker: Ian McGinnis</i> <i>Sponsored by: Dental Wealth Partners</i>
	The Connection Between Professional Boundaries, Professionalism, & Self-Care: A Review of Types of Boundaries & How Boundaries Can Enhance Professionalism & Support Self Care <i>Speaker: Sally Moody</i> <i>Sponsored by: Pine Grove Behavioral Health & Addiction Services</i>
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Indoor Picnic Lunch with the Exhibitors
12:30 – 3:30 pm	Oral Radiology: Benign & Malignant Lesions of the Jaw <i>Speaker: Dr. Juan Yepes</i>
3:30 – 5:00 pm	Smart Growth: How to Identify, Target, Attract, & Retain the Patients You Want <i>Speakers: Mēghan Conger, Erin Wilk & Connie Traynor</i> <i>Sponsored by: Dynamic Dental Advisors</i>
6:30 – 8:00 pm	Young Career Dentist Sunset Catamaran Tour (10 years in practice or less) Children are welcome.
6:00 - 9:00 pm	Annual Dinner – Pierre Fauchard Academy, American College of Dentists, International College of Dentists (By Invitation Only)

Saturday, June 13, 2026

8:00 – 10:00 am	Member Recognition Breakfast
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	General Assembly
12:00 pm	Afternoon Free
6:00 - 10:00 pm	Belknap's Boots, Bling & Blue Jeans Bash <i>Cocktails and Dinner</i> Entertainment by Mustache the Band

Exhibitors for 2026

Exhibitors will be on hand providing opportunities for you to connect and get up-to-the-minute details on the products and services they offer. Be sure to stop by and visit with our exhibit sponsors and thank them for supporting Mississippi dentists.

Thursday, June 11**President's Reception & Family Fun Night (refreshments & games)****6:30 – 8:00 pm****Friday, June 12****Indoor Picnic Lunch with the Exhibitors****11:30 am – 12:30 pm****Annual Dinner for Pierre Fauchard Academy, American College of Dentists, International College of Dentists****6:00 – 9:00 pm****Fee applies**

Members of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, American College of Dentists and International College of Dentists are invited to attend. Information will be mailed in April to all Academy members.

Contacts: Dr. Alan Lucas or Dr. Melinda Lucas - 601-264-0537

Young Career Dentist Sunset Catamaran Tour**6:30 – 8:00 pm****Fee applies**

If you've been out of dental school for 10 years or less, join the MDA on a sunset catamaran tour with food and beverages. Children are welcome; ages five and under are free. Space is limited – reserve your spot early!

Saturday, June 13**Member Recognition Breakfast****8:00 – 10:00 am**

Join us to close out the 2025-2026 outstanding year of leadership under current MDA President Dr. Charles Belknap as he provides his end of the year message.

Recognitions and awards will include MDA Past Presidents, New Dentist and Dental Champion of the Year, as well as a memorial donation presentation to the UMMC School of Dentistry to honor our members lost in 2025-2026.

151st General Assembly Business Session of the Mississippi Dental Association**10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

Join us for our general assembly where Dr. Peter Boswell will deliver his President's address as he is installed as the 151st President of the Mississippi Dental Association.

2026-2027 MDA Officer Elections will take place for the following positions: Second-Vice President, ADA Delegate, ADA Elected Alternate Delegate, Board Member-at-Large (any member), Board Member-at-Large (dentist in practice five years or less).

Belknap's Boots, Bling & Blue Jeans Bash**6:00 – 10:00 p.m.****Kick Up Your Heels in Style! \$50.00 per person, \$25.00 child (12 and under)**

Join us for a fun, family-friendly night of country music and sparkle! Wear your boots, denim, and bling as we enjoy entertainment from Mustache the Band. It's the perfect mix of lively music, great company, and Southern style – fun for all ages! Space is limited so reserve your spot early!

6:00 - 8:00 pm**Cocktails and Dinner****8:00 – 10:00 pm****Entertainment by Mustache the Band****Complimentary Beach Chair Set Up****9:00 am – 5:00 pm**

Brought to you by your MDA, it's a "come & go" beach spot reserved especially for our meeting attendees. This relaxing space on the beach will include set-ups with chair/umbrella sets, providing a great area for our MDA families to hang out and enjoy the sun and waves. No registration required. Chair/umbrella sets are limited and available on a first come, first serve basis.

Annual Session Accommodations at Perdido Beach Resort

MDA Booking ID # 19703

Room Block Rate - \$299.00 + taxes

Rate is based on double occupancy. There will be a \$10.00 charge for each additional adult per room. Current state and local taxes of 16% will apply.

The cutoff date for the MDA Group Rate is May 12, 2026. Our group block rate will no longer be available after the cutoff date.

A first night's room deposit will be charged to confirm an individual reservation. To ensure accommodations availability, reservations must be made at least 30 days prior to arrival. A full refund of an individual room deposit will be forfeited unless cancellation is received 5 days prior to arrival; otherwise, one night's room and tax will be charged to the credit card on file. To avoid an early departure fee the hotel should be notified at or before check-in of any changes to your original planned length of stay.

Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-634-8001 or via the hotel QR code.

Check-in time is 4:00 PM

Check-out time is 11:00 AM

The Perdido Beach Resort makes every effort to accommodate guests arriving before the check-in time; however, rooms may not be immediately available, and early check-in cannot be guaranteed. Any request to retain rooms beyond normal check-out time should be directed to the front desk once you have arrived on-site. Should it be possible to extend a late check-out, a late departure charge may be applicable, so please be sure to inquire at the front desk.



HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Registration & General Policy Information

**Register by April 30th
and save \$50.00.**

	Early Bird	After April 30, 2026
MDA Dentist	\$400	\$450
Out-of-State ADA Dentist	\$500	\$550
Non - ADA Dentist	\$845	\$895
Hygienist, Assistant or Office Staff	\$125	\$175
2025 or 2026 Dental Graduate	\$125	\$175 (Holding valid MS Dental License)
UMMC School of Dentistry Student	\$50	\$100
MDA Retired Life Member	No Fee (No CE credits awarded)	

Online registration will be available January 1, 2026, at msdental.org or by scanning the "Register Now!" QR code. Pre-registration with the MDA is encouraged to secure lower registration fees and to eliminate waiting at on-site registration. It is important to note Perdido Beach Resort will not honor MDA group rates when booking room reservations if you have not pre-registered for our 151st Annual Session. Remember that online pre-registration closes on May 30th.

Opening session begins at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 11th. Name badges will be included in registration packets and will be required for admittance to all events. CE record forms will be included in your on-site program books.



REGISTER NOW!

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Dr. Juan Yepes

Pediatric Restorative Dentistry: New Frontiers in Dental Materials to Use in the Pediatric Patient 3 CEUs

This seminar will provide the attendee with the most up-to-date information regarding the fascinating field of restorative dentistry in children. The seminar will use case-presentation as the learning and discussion format and will cover the entire spectrum of restorative dentistry in pediatric dentistry with special emphasis in new materials available for the dentist.

Objectives

After attending this seminar, the participant will be able to:

- *Understand the indications and criteria for the use of dental materials in the pediatric patient*
- *Learn the most updated information about silver diamine fluoride*

Oral Radiology: Benign & Malignant Lesions of the Jaw 3 CEUs

This seminar will provide to the attendee the most common radiographic lesions that are presented in children and adults. The seminar will use case-presentation as the learning and discussion format and will cover the entire spectrum of oral radiology dentistry. Topics such as radiographic interpretation and common radiographic lesions will be covered in this seminar.

Objectives

After attending this seminar, the participant will be able to:

- *Understand the importance of "building" a differential interpretation in radiology*
- *Learn the most common radiographic lesions in infants, children, and adults*



Ian McGinnis

Strategies for Success in a Changing Environment & Navigating Dental Practice Transitions 3.5 CEUs

Dentistry is experiencing meaningful structural change. The growth of private equity and DSOs, shifting workforce trends, and the long-term impact of student debt are influencing how dentists enter the profession, pursue ownership, and plan for eventual transitions. This session is designed to provide dentists with a clear, practical understanding of these changes and how they affect real-world decision-making.

We will review key national and Mississippi-specific trends, including how associate contracts and loan repayment incentives are influencing career paths why fewer dentists are becoming immediate owners, and where new graduates are choosing to work. These trends will be tied directly to how ownership opportunities, practice values, and transition strategies are evolving.

The session will walk through the primary models of practice transition used today—traditional buyouts, associate-to-owner pathways, partnerships, and private equity/DSO transactions. Each model will be discussed in terms of structure, timing, advantages, limitations, and common points of risk. A significant portion of the course will focus on practice valuation. Dentists will learn the most commonly used valuation methods, what truly drives enterprise value, how brokers typically function in transactions, and where conflicts of interest can arise. We will also cover due diligence best practices and why early preparation often has a greater impact on outcomes than timing the market.

In addition to the financial and structural components, the session will address the leadership and relational side of transitions—staff communication, patient continuity, leadership handoff, and preserving goodwill through periods of change. The course will conclude with real-world case examples, open discussion, and practical takeaways.

This session is intended for dentists at all stages of ownership—from those considering their first purchase, to established owners evaluating partnership or growth, to senior dentists planning for a future transition.

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Mēghan Conger, Connie Traynor, Erin Wilk

The Communication Advantage: Strategically Align Your Team to Elevate Patient Care & Efficiency 3 CEUs

A connected team inspires confidence in patients, builds loyalty and makes the team environment more engaged and enjoyable. This course explores practical methods for improving communication among dental professionals, ensuring clarity and empathy at every step, and ensuring a satisfied patient base. Attendees will gain skills to improve team dynamics, streamline interactions and create a supportive, collaborative atmosphere that benefits both the team and those they treat – leading to stronger relationships and better outcomes.

Objectives:

- *Understand the role of team alignment in reducing stress & improving workflow*
- *Apply strategies for creating unified messaging that reflects practice values*
- *Understand how to evaluate & utilize the dental solutions within the practice effectively*
- *Develop methods for resolving communication breakdowns quickly & effectively*
- *Create a positive, patient-centered environment by aligning team communication with practice goals & values*



Smart Growth: How to Identify, Target, Attract, & Retain the Patients You Want 1.5 CEUs

Growth isn't just about getting more patients – it's about getting the right patients for your practice. This course helps dental offices define their ideal patient profile, understand why those patients align with their practice vision and goals, and create a strategic plan to attract and retain them. Starting with internal marketing strategies like referral programs, we'll explore how to leverage your existing patient base before expanding into external marketing tactics. Attendees will leave with a clear roadmap to align marketing efforts with practice goals and values.

Key Takeaways:

- *Define your ideal patient mix and align with your practice vision and goals*
- *Clarify the "why" behind patient targeting & how it supports sustainable success*
- *Develop effective internal marketing strategies, including referral programs and team-led initiatives*
- *Assess external marketing options and identify those that best complement internal efforts to drive consistent growth*
- *Build a clear roadmap for attracting and retaining the right patients through focused communication and cohesive branding*

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Sally Moody

The Connection Between Professional Boundaries, Professionalism, & Self-Care: A Review of Types of Boundaries & How Boundaries Can Enhance Professionalism & Support Self-Care 3.5 CEUs

This session will review the difference between boundary crossings and violations, dual relationships, and discuss several types of boundaries. Participants will be encouraged to consider how they implement professional boundaries in their work environments, as well as explore professional boundaries that may need to be established. There will also be an opportunity to discuss different examples of how boundaries may be handled in a professional setting. Participants will be able to consider how boundaries can promote professionalism, as well as serve as a way to provide self-care for the professional. There will be discussion about how to recognize burn-out and what steps can be taken to promote self-care.

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MDA Policy

The MDA reserves the right to cancel or make adjustment to all planned events as deemed necessary by the Mississippi's Dental Meeting Committee due to enrollment, weather or other unforeseen conflicts.

Continuing Education (CE) courses offered are provided at no additional cost to registered Mississippi's Dental Meeting participants. Courses provided are approved for continuing education credit through the Mississippi Dental Association. The number of hours approved per course is noted on the schedule. You must attend the entire program to receive the validated CE credit. An attendance verification form is provided in the on-site MDA Annual Session packet. CE verification forms cannot be duplicated, and it will be the attendee's responsibility to maintain the original CE record form.

Cancellation: Please advise the MDA office by written notice (email or U.S. mail) if you need to cancel your registration. A refund less a \$50.00 administration fee will be made for cancellations received prior to April 30, 2026. No refund will be issued for no-shows or cancellations made after **April 30, 2026.**

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