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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dr. Beth Kampschnieder
2024-25 ODDS President

Spring has sprung, ODDS!

And the season for organized dentistry is in full swing:

On the legislative front, there are a multitude of bills being considered in the state legislature. To highlight a few:

- **LB639** (Support): Regulates dental insurance companies to adopt a dental loss ratio of 85%. To put it simply, 85% of all premiums collected go directly back into patient care and introduces reporting requirements so that patients and employers can see where their dollars are going.
- **LB 147** (Oppose): This bill would remove fluoride from all municipal water supply. In order to get fluoride back, each municipality would have to vote it back in.
- **LB 146** (Support): Increase Medicaid reimbursement 12.5%

We need your support with comments on these bills—please follow our social media closely for instructions on how you can help! It's super easy to submit comments online and it does make a difference.

DATES TO REMEMBER

3/29/2025	Casino Night
4/10/25-4/11/25	NDA Annual Session
5/1/2025	ODDS Spring Social
5/15/25-5/17/25	SDDA Annual Session
8/22/2025	ODDS Fall CE Event

Did you know??

Through a reciprocity agreement NDA members can attend the South Dakota Annual Session without a registration fee. Earn additional CE & network with colleagues from another state!

On the community front:

- I was able to attend Signing Day at Creighton where I talked to the D4 class about the importance of being involved in tripartite. It looks like around 10 students are definitely staying in Nebraska with another 5 listing Nebraska as one of their top options.
- We have a lot of events coming up where I would love to see some of you: Casino Night (March 29th), Annual Session (April 10th-11th) and/or the ODDS Spring Social (May 1st)!

Hope that everyone is soaking up the sunshine. Stay safe on any spring break travels!

Respectfully,

Beth Kampschnieder, DDS
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the future of organized dentistry depends on you



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Renewal Questions?
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CASINO Night

MARCH 29, 2025

| 6:00 P.M.

| OMAHA, NEBRASKA

The ODDS Annual Giving Fund invites all Dentists & Dental Hygienists to join us for Casino Night on March 29, 2025. All proceeds from this event will benefit the Nebraska Veterans Mission of Mercy. The \$100 per person registration fee includes an hors d'oeuvres buffet, two drink tickets, and casino cash. The event will also feature a photo booth and silent auction.

Casino cash is exchanged for chips to play at the game tables. At the end of the night players will exchange remaining chips for tickets to gain entry into a prize drawing; chips cannot be exchanged for cash. There will be an option for players to buy back into the casino if they run out of chips during game play.

What is the Veterans Mission of Mercy?

The Veterans Mission of Mercy (VetMOM) dental clinic will provide a range of dental services to eligible Nebraska veterans and their spouses. Services include exams, cleanings, fillings, root canals, extractions, and a limited quantity of dentures!

The 2024 VetMOM event served almost 400 patients, providing over \$650,000 in services rendered. Dr. Charles Craft, Nebraska State Dental Health Director shared the following, "the core reason why we come together as Americans to volunteer for this annual event can be found in this comment received from a rural Veteran... 'Thank you so much for the dental care clinic you recently organized in Yutan for Veterans. I can't describe what it meant to myself and so many other Nebraska Veterans who struggle with dental coverage and costs. Sometimes we feel forgotten for our service and the sacrifices we made to this country. Your organization, and all the volunteers, helped to prove that the majority of Nebraska hasn't taken us, nor their freedom, for granted!! Thank you and all volunteers for everything...they are the heroes!'" The next Nebraska VetMOM event is planned for September 25-27, 2025.

More information about Casino Night can be found at omahadistrictds.com/philanthropy.



An intense game of blackjack from the 2024 Casino Night

Register Now

Registration is requested by March 24, 2025.

Casino Night will be held in the Pavilion at Champions Run

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LIFE EVENTS

We are celebrating the successes and life events of our members.

Congratulations to the following:

- Dr. Natalie Frost, who is the 2025 recipient of the NDA Outstanding Young Professional Award
- Dr. Dennis Anderson, on being selected as the 2025 NDA Hall of Fame award recipient

Dr. Frost and Dr. Anderson will be recognized during the awards dinner as part of the NDA Annual Session on 4/10/2025.

With heavy hearts we honor the life of Dr. Jerome Smith (7/27/1942- 12/7/2024).

Do you or a dentist you know have a life event to share? We want to know! Email Executive Administrator, Erika Kampschnieder (omahadistrictdental@gmail.com). We want to celebrate weddings, births, and professional advancements as well as show our support during challenging times.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

There are currently three legislative bills being considered in committee that have the potential to make a huge impact on dental practices and oral health access in Nebraska. While the hearings have already taken place you can still make your voice heard.

Contact your senator or a senator on the applicable committees or submit a comment online. To find your senator visit nebraskalegislator.gov/senators and enter your location information. The following steps outline how you can submit a comment online.

1. Visit nebraskalegislature.gov/bills and search for the bill you wish to comment on
2. Select 'submit comments online'
3. Fill in all requested information and provide your comment (comments are limited to 500 words)
4. Monitor your email for a message from **Nebraska Legislature** with 'verify your written comment for LB####' in the subject line; a link will be provided to verify your submission

Ongoing online comments can continue to be submitted after the hearing as the bill progresses through the legislative process. Online comments are visible to senators and legislative staff. Comments submitted after the hearing are accessible for the remainder of the legislative biennium but do not become part of the official legislative record.

Save the Date

AUGUST 22, 2025

8:00am - 4:30pm

Featured Speaker:

DR. GORDON FRASER



It's important for the generalist to be able to differentiate those procedures which can be done in their office easily and successfully versus the ones they should send to the specialist. Dr. Gordon C. Fraser, Jr.'s presentations equip dentists with the knowledge and skills to perform in-house procedures and the discernment to identify cases requiring specialist intervention, fostering in-practice productivity and superior patient care.

Dr. Fraser has been trained as a Periodontist in the placement of dental implants and surgical procedures limited to the oral cavity. He is a graduate of Temple University and served our country as a periodontist in the United States Air Force. Dr. Fraser is an internationally acclaimed lecturer and has traveled internationally to teach dentists about periodontics and implant dentistry.

Two continuing education lectures are planned. One session will focus on 3D printing and digital workflows. The other session will discuss soft tissue concepts for generalists, which will be applicable for both dentists and dental hygienists. Each lecture will offer 3 CDE hours. A lunch option will be available between courses.

More information regarding course descriptions and objectives will be shared soon!

LB639 (SUPPORT)

Require dental plan carriers to meet a minimum dental loss ratio and provide a report

LB639 will require insurers to spend at least 85% of premiums on dental benefits and care improvements. This will add transparency and add accountability to dental insurance companies.

LB639 was referred to the Banking & Insurance Committee, with a hearing date of 3/10/2025.

LB 146 (SUPPORT)

State intent regarding appropriations for dental services under the Medical Assistance Act

This bill is seeking a 12.5% increase to the dental Medicaid reimbursement rate.

LB146 was referred to the Appropriations Committee with a hearing date of 3/11/2025.

LB 147 (Oppose)

Change provisions relating to approval and regulation of adding fluoride to the water supply of certain political subdivisions

If passed, this bill would eliminate the requirement for fluoride in water and repeal [section 71-3305](#), the current statute on water fluoridation.

LB147 was referred to the Health and Human Services Committee with a hearing date of 3/12/2025.



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UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

May 6, 2025

*Meetings are held in the conference room
at Omaha Oral Surgery*

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OMAHA, NE 68114**

**MEETINGS BEGIN AT 5:45 PM.
ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.**



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For more information & to register visit:
nedental.org


Register by 4/4/2025



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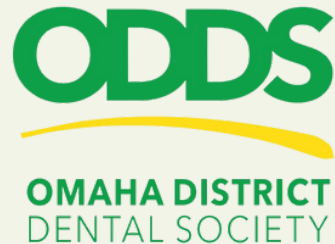
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JOIN US FOR the SPRING SOCIAL

May 1, 2025 | 6:00-9:00

Omaha Sports & Games
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All ODDS Members & their families are welcome to attend

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