

# Digital Member Resources Guide



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TDA Can Do for **You**

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Follow us:



# Regulatory and Compliance Help

## Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (TSBDE)

The TSBDE is responsible for regulating the practice of dentistry in Texas. The **rules and regulations** that affect how you practice dentistry can change any time. How do you know you're in **compliance**?

TDA works directly with the TSBDE to keep you in the loop on what's changing at the state level—and how to stay compliant.

TDA members can also contact us to get **personalized compliance assistance**. We're here to help.

Questions about a specific TSBDE rule? Call 512-443-3675, or email Senior Policy Manager Diane Rhodes at [drhodes@tda.org](mailto:drhodes@tda.org).

## Non-TSBDE Regulatory Issues

Did you know Texas has **new controlled substance regulations**? And **new dental x-ray equipment regulations**?

We also publish "Practice Points," which helps keep TDA members up to date on non-TSBDE regulatory compliance, including **controlled substances, x-ray equipment, amalgam separators, and more**.

We can also provide individual assistance with these non-TSBDE regulations. Call us at 512-443-3675, or email [drhodes@tda.org](mailto:drhodes@tda.org).

# Patient Dispute Resolution

**Dentists and patients always see eye to eye. Until they don't.**

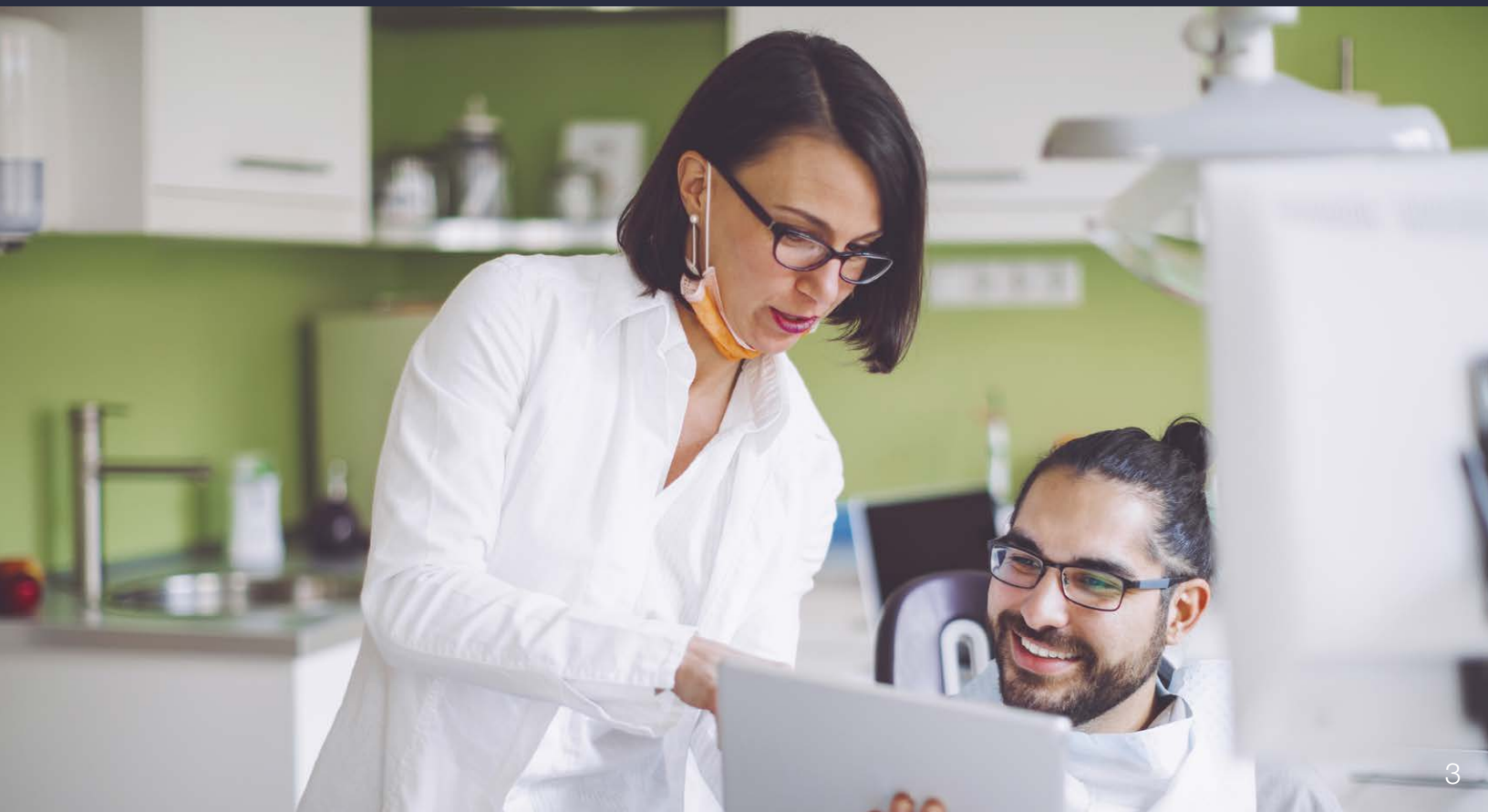
TDA can help.

TDA and its 26 local societies offer the **peer review process** as a service to the public, and to Texas dentists. Its purpose is to resolve disputes concerning the quality and/or appropriateness of dental treatment. It gives dentists and patients an alternative to litigation.

A Peer Review Committee, composed of TDA member dentist volunteers, evaluates all evidence that is available pertaining to each dispute and follows specific guidelines in order to make a fair and impartial decision.

In addition to patient-initiated complaints, peer review handles **utilization review** resulting from differences of opinions between **doctors and third-party carriers**.

Call us at 512-443-3675 and dial 152 to speak with Debbie Rogers, program manager, to start a conversation with us.





# Continuing Education

From the **excitement** of the largest dental meeting in the state, to the **convenience** of your local society, your membership gives you access to unparalleled CE opportunities.

## State

### The TDA Meeting



Leading-edge topics. World-class speakers. Courses that meet TSBDE requirements. A chance to reconnect and have fun with your colleagues. Education for the whole team.

Get all your CE in one weekend, in downtown San Antonio. And check out our amazing Exhibit Hall.

**CE doesn't have to be fun. But at the TDA Meeting, it is!**

Visit [www.tdameeting.com](http://www.tdameeting.com) for up to date information, or call us at 512-443-3675.



## Local Component Societies

Can't make the TDA Meeting, or prefer something in your area? Many component societies offer convenient, local CE opportunities, in the form of events like regular meetings, brunches, and study clubs. Each year, Dallas County Dental Society hosts the Southwest Dental Conference, and Greater Houston Dental Society hosts the Star of the South.

[Click here to connect with your component society.](#)

## National American Dental Association

From regularly scheduled webinars to the ADA Annual Meeting, the American Dental Association has a wealth of opportunities. Your tripartite membership gives you access to national-level CE programs.

[Click here to access ADA's online CE.](#)

[Click here for info on the ADA's annual meeting.](#)

# Legislative Advocacy

What lawmakers do at the capitol can **affect what you do in your office every day**. TDA is there.

From major wins with insurance, to preventing unwarranted scope expansions, TDA's effective relationship with the state legislature is key to protecting your practice and the patients you serve.

In 2019, TDA secured passage of dental insurance reform that brings much-needed relief to dentists. To learn about the most recent legislative wins for Texas dentists and patients, click here for our **Legislative Report Card**.

TDA works with the Texas legislature to make sure dentists are involved in the legislative process. Together, we help **ensure your career—and your patients—are safe**.

That means dentists **and** patients win.



**DENPAC**

DENPAC, the general purpose political action committee of the Texas Dental Association, is a voluntary, non-profit, unincorporated group of dentists whose goal is to influence the nomination or election of state candidates who have demonstrated their concern for the preservation of dentistry as an independent profession, and for the dental health of the people of Texas.



When TDA member dentists talk, **lawmakers listen.**

Go to [www.tda.org/Advocacy](http://www.tda.org/Advocacy) to learn more.





# Third Party Payer Assistance

**“I love navigating insurance, third party payer, and Medicaid issues,” said no dentist ever.**

Fortunately, we have your back.

## TDA's Personalized Third Party Payer Assistance

TDA offers **personalized help with third party payer and insurance issues**. Call or email us to get in touch. Give us a call at 512-443-3675 extension 152 for Debbie Rogers, program manager or email [drogers@tda.org](mailto:drogers@tda.org).

## ADA's Third-Party Payer Concierge™

Third party payers. Dental benefits. Provider issues. Coding issues. Dental plans. Your membership gives you access to the ADA's Third-Party Payer Concierge™. You can call or email any time and get one-on-one, expert assistance on dental benefit issues.

## Contract Analysis and Credentialing

Your membership also gives you access to ADA benefits such as contract analysis and credentialing, available on [ada.org](http://ada.org).

## Medicaid and CHIP Updates and Personalized Help

Members can call or email TDA for personalized assistance. And in our publications **TDA Today** and **The Root**, TDA gives you news and updates on Texas' public health insurance programs, including Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

Click here for our Texas Dental Program page, or email Senior Policy Manager Diane Rhodes: [drhodes@tda.org](mailto:drhodes@tda.org).

# Being a TDA member connects Texas dentists with your greatest resource: each other.

Learn from your colleagues about what's working for them. Meet your next employer, or hire your new associate. Find a referral source, or a great specialist. Find a mentor—or a mentee. Get your CE. You might even make a friend (or 3).

Whether it's your local society, the annual TDA Meeting, ADA, or other spaces or events, TDA connects you with the biggest and best dental community in Texas.

No matter what stage of your career, area, or practice model, you aren't alone—and you can benefit from being plugged in to your community.

[Click here to find your local component society.](#)

[Click here to learn about the TDA Meeting.](#)



# Being a member connects dentists and patients.



## How do patients know how to find a dentist—and who to trust?

When patients search for dentists online, they can use the ADA's "Find a Dentist" tool to **search for member dentists** in their area.

By joining the TDA, ADA, and your local society, you've made a pledge to adhere to a code of ethics. That doesn't just matter to your colleagues—**it matters to patients, too.**

(If you haven't yet, make sure you add a photo and contact info to your Find a Dentist profile. This will help patients find you.)

[Click here to update your Find a Dentist info.](#)

# Publications and Information Resources



## TDA Today

TDA's monthly newsletter keeps you in the loop on everything from changing rules and regulations that govern the way you practice dentistry, to community events you can't afford to miss.

As a member, you get the **TDA Today** in print, and you can also access it online.

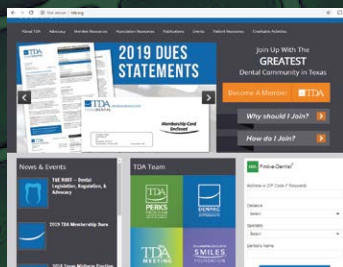


## Texas Dental Journal

From new science research to job listings, the **Texas Dental Journal** is your print and online guide to valuable information.

Published since 1883, the **Texas Dental Journal** is the longest-running continually published dental periodical in the Western Hemisphere.

Click here to access the **Texas Dental Journal** online.



## tda.org

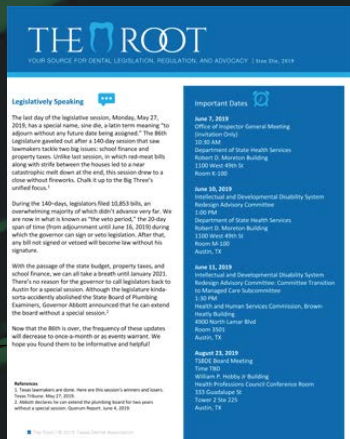
The TDA website is your portal to accessing everything TDA has online.



## TDA SoundByte Podcast

In TDA's podcast, we take "bytes" out of the topics on Texas dentists' minds. Listen on [tda.org](http://tda.org), Apple Podcasts/iTunes, Spotify, Stitcher, Google Podcasts, or Google Play.

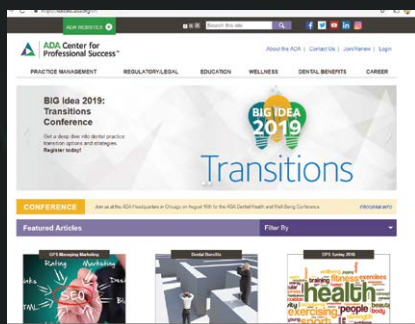
Click here to listen to the TDA SoundByte Podcast.



## The Root

Published regularly during each legislative session, **The Root** keeps you informed of the lawmaking process, and how TDA is working with state legislators to make laws that protect dentists and patients.

Click here to read **The Root**.



## ADA Resources

From valuable practice resources and answers, to publications like **ADA News** and **Journal of the American Dental Association**, the ADA offers a host of resources to help keep you informed.

Click here to get practice resources at [success.ada.org](http://success.ada.org).



## Local Resources

Many component societies keep you posted through newsletters and other resources, so you know what's going on in your local area.

Click here to find your local component society.

# TDA membership **saves.**

**We've done the homework.** TDA Perks gives members access to **good products** at **good prices**, and **outstanding discounts** and **promotions**. You get superior customer service. If you have a problem with a program, we help you get it resolved. And we provide know-how resources: need-to-have information on insurance, compliance, marketing, starting a practice, and more.

If you need any of the following things:

**Amalgam Waste Removal.** Auto Leasing. Cleaner and Disinfectant. Collections. Compliance Training (HIPAA, HB300). Rewards credit cards (for you). **Credit Card Processing.** Dental Startup Project Management. **Dental Real Estate.** **Dental Supplies.** Electronic Claims. **HIPAA-Compliant Email.** HR and Personnel Management System. **Insurance (health, business, and more.)** **ONC-Certified Practice Management Software.** **OSHA, HIPAA Compliance.** Patient Financing. **Patient Insurance Plan Information.** **Practice Loans.** Precious Scrap Metal Recovery. **Prescription Monitoring Program.** Printer Toner Cartridges. Private Television Channel. Real Estate (Development). **Sedation Equipment and Supplies.** Sonicare Electric Toothbrushes. Sterilizer, Dosimetry Monitoring. **Student Loan Refinancing.** **Websites, Video, Marketing.** Zoom! Whitening.

... TDA Perks has something for you.

Visit [tdaperks.com](http://tdaperks.com) or contact TDA Perks Marketing Specialist Josh Epstein at [jepstein@tda.org](mailto:jepstein@tda.org) for more.



# TDA membership helps.

## TDA Smiles Foundation and Texas Mission of Mercy (TMOM)

TDA's charitable arm, the Texas Dental Association Smiles Foundation, provides restorative dental care to patients in need, at no cost to the patient.

Since 2001, TDASF's volunteer dentists and dental team members have provided over 36,982 patients with nearly \$21 million worth of donated care. The volunteer power of selfless dentists is **unstoppable**.

For you, that means a chance to stand shoulder to shoulder with your peers to help those who don't have access to care.

TDASF also provides preventative care and oral health education to underserved, school-aged children through the SMART Smiles program.

For more, visit [tdasmiles.org](http://tdasmiles.org), email [smiles@tda.org](mailto:smiles@tda.org), or call 512-448-2441.

