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**New York State Dental Association (NYSDA):
 Committee on Chemical Dependency**

Don't Miss Out
 on our **Next
 CE Seminar!!**

**Thursday
 2 Speakers**

**Jan. 26,
 2017**

3 CE Credits

“Peri Implantitis Mgmt”

By

**Paul Fletcher
 DDS**

&

“Digital Dentistry”

By

**Edward Godlin
 DDS**

**Registration/
 Dinner
 5:30 pm**

**Lecture
 6:00 - 9:00 pm**

**Knights of
 Columbus**

**9A Hewitt
 Square, East
 Northport, NY**

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 County Dental
 Society, an
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 vider for the
 Academy of
 General
 Dentistry.**

(Provides State Wide Network of Dentist Peers to Confidentially Assist Dentist Members, their families and dental office staff dealing with drug and alcohol problems)

“Drug Epidemic”

We have all heard the news reports about the availability of drugs and the widespread use of drugs which has resulted in a “drug epidemic” here on Long Island. Today, many of our patients are abusing a diverse assortment of drugs. Both patients and dentists can fall prey to addiction to alcohol, prescription drugs, and illegal drugs. Addiction can have a devastating impact on a dentist’s ability to practice. Too many of our colleagues have lost their practices, their families and even their lives to addiction. Sadly, **they often fail to seek help due to fear that others will learn their secret.** However, they do not realize that their colleagues, staff, families and patients may already know their secret.

Suffolk County Dental Society is part of the New York State Dental Association (NYSDA) and is committed to aiding our colleagues in addressing substance abuse and addiction. **NYSDA’s Committee on Chemical Dependency** provides a statewide network of dentist-peers who are available to assist members, their families, and the dental office staff in addressing problems with drugs or alcohol. The Committee includes some dentists who have experienced both the devastation of addiction and the effectiveness of intervention and treatment in their own lives. Funding is available for dentists who need in-patient treatment, but do not have the financial resources to get it.

Practicing a profession while impaired can result in a charge of unprofessional conduct. When you speak with our Peer Assistance Coordinator, Dr. Bob Herzog or any of the Committee’s members, your interactions are **confidential and non-punitive.** The Committee never refers a dentist to the Office of Professional Discipline (OPD) or any other agency. When a dentist’s license is at risk, the Committee can help the dentist protect his/her license and privilege to practice through the New York State Education Department’s Professional Assistance Program (PAP).

If you or a colleague is struggling with addiction, it is easy to get help. Contact **Dr. Judi Shub at NYSDA, 1-800-255-2100 or Dr. Bob Herzog at 716-830-3055.** Your call is confidential. For additional information, visit NYSDA’s website at www.nysdental.org. **Dr. Peter Pruden** is the Chairperson of the Suffolk County Dental Society’s Committee on Chemical Dependency. If you need any information, he can be reached in his office at 631-421-2471.

Plan Ahead With “Wisdom” Tooth Reminder and Holiday Hours: The holidays and winter are fast approaching. That means your college-aged patients will be home in November, December, and January for the holiday and winter breaks. This is our most popular time for scheduling third molar surgeries.

We are now scheduling consultations and appointments so that your patients can arrange to have their surgeries during this convenient time. We will be open on regularly scheduled hours during those months. The following are **our holiday hours:**

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| Thursday, November 24, 2016 | Thanksgiving Day | CLOSED |
| Friday, November 25, 2016 | Friday after Thanksgiving | 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. |
| Saturday, November 26, 2016 | Saturday after Thanksgiving | 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. |
| Saturday, December 24, 2016 | Christmas Eve Day | 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon |
| Sunday, December 25, 2016 | Christmas Day | CLOSED |
| Monday, December 26, 2016 | Day after Christmas Day | CLOSED |
| Saturday, December 31, 2016 | New Year’s Eve | 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon |
| Sunday, January 1, 2017 | New Year’s Day | CLOSED |
| Monday, January 2, 2017 | Day after New Year’s Day | 8:00 a.m.– 6:00 p.m. |

