



2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

MAY 29TH - 30TH

SKAMANIA LODGE | STEVENSON, WA

Friday, May 29th

7:00AM - 8:00AM

Breakfast, Registration & Exhibit Hall | Breakfast Sponsored by Fricke



8:00AM - 10:00AM

Cascade Locks Ballroom

Brain Science for Compassionate Practice | Derron Coles, PhD

This session will explore the neuroscience behind trauma, grief and emotional regulation as they show up in clinical encounters with denture patients. We will examine how tooth loss functions as a grief experience tied to identity, aging, and self-worth, and use current brain science to understand why patients exhibit anger, shame, or resistance. Participants will learn how neurological threat responses shape patient behavior, practice de-escalation techniques to guide patients back to calm, rational engagement, and turn the lens inward to examine how their own nervous system, implicit biases, and emotional presence directly shape the patient experience. Participants will leave with practical, immediately applicable strategies for trauma-informed communication grounded in the science.

Break

10:00AM - 10:15PM

10:15AM - 11:15AM

Cybersecurity for Denturists: Protecting Your Practice and Your Patients | Justin Benoit and Jaden Turner

Dental practices are an increasingly attractive target for cybercriminals - and most are far less protected than they think. In this session, Justin Benoit and Jaden Turner of CBIT, Inc. break down the real-world Cyber threats facing denturists today, what a breach could mean for your practice and your patients, and the practical steps you can take to protect both.

Break

11:15AM - 11:30AM

11:30AM - 12:30PM

Ivoclar Presentation | Kent Kohli

Cascade Locks Ballroom

Lunch & Exhibit Hall

12:30PM - 1:45PM

Hood Room

8:30AM - 11:00AM

BLS/CPR Training | Skamania EMS & Rescue

Build confidence and life-saving skills at this Basic Life Support (BLS) and CPR training led by experienced professionals from Skamania EMS & Rescue. This hands-on course prepares participants to recognize and respond to cardiac and breathing emergencies and fulfill BLS/CPR certification requirements.

- Earn your BLS/CPR certificate upon successful completion
- Limited space available per course
- Additional registration required
- Cost: \$100

Hood Room

12:45PM - 1:15PM

WDA Membership Meeting

WDA members are invited to attend the WDA Membership Meeting to hear directly from the Board about recent activities, accomplishments, and priorities, including membership growth, committee highlights, and the overall direction of WDA.

**Cascade Locks Ballroom**

1:45PM – 3:15PM

Buy-Sell Strategy for a Changing Market |

Loretta Evans, BSDH, Financial Services Professional, New York Life Insurance Company; Erik Bond, Bond Financial PLLC; Frank Huang, New York Life

As denturists and business owners, you've spent years building your practice, your income, and your legacy – so what happens when you're no longer the one running the show? This session is designed to help you protect what you've built and plan for a smooth, confident transition. We will discuss how buy-sell agreements can support an efficient transition, where traditional succession plans may fall short, and how to better align your strategy with your retirement goals. We will also explore ways to balance current business needs with long-term income, including how combining an LLC with permanent life insurance can create flexibility for succession and exit planning. Join us to gain practical insights and clarity around your next chapter. Whether you are planning to transition your practice to family, partners or a third party, this workshop will provide practical insights to help you move forward with clarity and confidence.

2:45PM – 3:00PM

Break

3:00PM – 4:30PM

Nutrition & Oral Health | Grace Clark-Hibbs, MDA, RDN, LD

6:00PM – 8:00PM

Flannel & Fireside Reception

Join us for a laid-back, PNW-themed happy hour with appetizers, raffles, and casual networking in true trail-ready style. Feel free to wear flannel or outdoorsy, Pacific Northwest-inspired attire to fit the theme – or simply come as you are. Following happy hour, everyone is welcome to gather around the fire pits to continue mingling.

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OR-OSHA, WISHA and Denturists | Terry Davis, RDH ret., Certified Compliance Trainer

OSHA WISHA Regulations and Compliance

10:00AM – 10:15AM

Break

10:15AM – 11:45AM

"The Know Approach" to Retirement | Loretta Evans, BSDH, Financial Services Professional, New York Life Insurance Company; Erik Bond, Bond Financial PLLC

Join us for an educational seminar on "The Know Approach" to retirement income, a practical framework designed to help you turn your savings into a sustainable income stream. We'll walk through the four key steps to retirement clarity, understanding risks like inflation, longevity, and market volatility, identifying your income needs, evaluating your options, and knowing where to turn for guidance. Whether you're approaching retirement or already there, this session will help you better understand how to create reliable income, avoid common pitfalls, and make more confident financial decisions for the years ahead.

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Telescopic Overdenture | Arian Duetsch

Hood Room

Insurance Roundtable Discussion/Review CDT Codes

Join this interactive panel for an open discussion and Q&A focused on best practices for billing insurance, including effective use and review of CDT codes to help maximize accuracy and reimbursement.

2:00PM – 2:15PM

Break

2:15PM – 3:15PM

Denturists Can Treat Sleep Apnea in Full Denture Patients | John Summer, DDS

I will describe how denturists can treat obstructive sleep apnea in the edentulous by adding tongue holding device and a soft palate elevator to denture base plates that can be worn during sleep. I will have flyers and samples of the devices and materials, and I will answer all your questions about this promising new avenue for treatment. The soft palate elevator was recently FDA cleared, and the tongue holding device is in the final FDA clinical trial, with clearance expected soon.

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