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Win in Vegas with the Team Dentist Course

Dr. Ray Padilla

It has been six months since our last symposium in Washington D.C.. I felt it was one of the best meetings we have ever had. The information presented gave us a lot of food for thought-some basic established protocol, some controversial. I feel this is all essential for the ASD to continue to be the focal point of knowledge in athletic orofacial trauma treatment and prevention. Now we are preparing for our next meeting in Las Vegas in June. This should again prove to be another special meeting. Yes, we continue to have the best speakers on all related sports dentistry topics, but this year's meeting is especially distinctive because it will be the only meeting where you may obtain your team dentist training certification. Some professional organizations such as Major League Soccer (MLS) now require their team dentists to be ASD Team Dentist Certified as a prerequisite for being a team dentist for their league. Hopefully in the future other professional and collegiate organizations will require the same certification.

I am often asked what a dentist needs to be familiar with to become a team dentist. It sometimes involves topics not usually covered in dental school or other CE courses. A team dentist works closely with the team athletic trainers, orthopedic surgeons and physicians as many of the injuries are interrelated and interdisciplinary. How can we best serve the athlete in these situations when they are injured, as their livelihood may depend on their participation? How can we help prevent orofacial injuries? During treatment, how can we not jeopardize the well being of the patient, yet get them back to participation as soon as possible? What are the best mouthguards to wear and what are the different designs for each sport and level of competition? What about doping control and what is legal or illegal when it comes to medications? All these questions will be answered in our team dentist course and our general meeting.

I look forward to seeing all our members in Las Vegas. This year I would like to challenge all the regular attendees to bring another dentist who may have team dentist or sports dentistry aspirations. Adding sports dentistry to their private practice is a great way to increase productivity and provide a service most offices do not offer. There are many teams and NCAA institutions that do not have team dentists. This symposium will be of great benefit to them. Let's double the attendance.

See you in Las Vegas!!

Academy for Sports Dentistry Position Statement on the use of Mouthguards and other Oral Appliances for the Prevention of Concussion and Enhancement of Strength and Performance

The Academy for Sports Dentistry has not yet (2011) identified any sound, independently peer-reviewed, published scientific research which either supports or refutes the wearing of any type of mouthguard or oral appliance for concussion prevention, or athletic performance and strength enhancement. The Academy for Sports Dentistry supports continued and future scientific dialogue and research which has been substantiated by sound, peer-reviewed independent scientific data published in credible journals.



Editor's Column To Be Your Very Best

Steve Mills, DDS Editor

You are a good dentist. You have just completed a complicated case for a very appreciative patient. Your patient feels great, looks great and is going to tell all of her friends how wonderful you are. One of the patients who is told is an executive with the local professional sports franchise. When you first meet, he is impressed with you and asks if you like sports and would consider being the team's dentist. You have always loved sports and you would love to be involved with this team. You've never been involved with high-level athletes before but you are a good dentist and you're sure that you can pick up what you need. You accept the position of Team Dentist.

Then it hits you. Am I supposed to be responsible for the general dental health of the players? Will I be "on call" a lot or will I just have to go to the games? What are the chances that my players will get injured and have I really kept up on the appropriate injury treatment protocols that are currently accepted? What if my player wants to go back in the game after an injury? Either before or after an accident occurs, do I really know which oral protective device is best for my players and my sport? How am I supposed to have emergency equipment available at the arena and what do I need?

The modern sports medicine team is much more complex than many people realize. This team is not just made up of a certified athletic trainer and a team physician. Specialists such as strength and conditioning experts, sports psychologists, nutritionists, rehabilitation specialists, dermatologists, plastic surgeons, neuropsychologists and massage therapists all interact on the team along with internists and orthopedic surgeons. The specific team members are experts in their particular specialties but also know how their specialties relate to sports and the players. The team dentist is expected to be just as much of an expert.

So who can help you out? Who can tell you what to do before the season gets started? What kind of emergency kit do you need? Where is a good place to get your trauma information? What kind of mouthguards should you give to your players and do you have to make them yourself? Can mouthguards really prevent concussions and what about those performance claims? Finally, what's it like dealing with athletes? What does an athletic trainer do? Can you do this?

The Academy for Sports Dentistry is here to help you. The Academy has many members who have functioned as team dentists at many levels of sports for many years. One of these elite team dentists, Dr. Emilio Canal of Reston, Virginia, the immediate past president of the Academy, decided last year to resurrect the Team Dentist Course, which the Academy initiated in 2002. The course will be available as a full-day course on the Wednesday prior to the Annual Symposium in Las Vegas on June 22, 2011. There are plans to make it available as a DVD series in the near future.

Since this is supposedly an editorial and I get to give my opinion, I now get to say that I, and many of my Academy friends, bristle at least, if not get just plain annoyed, when people who call themselves team dentists don't take the time to be involved with the Academy as the formal arm of the niche area of sports dentistry. If someone is supposed to be a team dentist what other way is there to legitimize your status other than being a member of the foremost organization in sports

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dentistry and by completing the team dentist course? In fact, Dr Canal has been instrumental in making it a requirement for team dentists involved in major league soccer here in the United States that all of these dentists must be members of the Academy and all must have completed the Academy's Team Dentist course.

Good dentists who have become team dentists have called me and asked my opinion on where and how to get mouthguards to their players. I have been asked how long to splint teeth after various injuries. I have been asked how to make a mouthguard for an athlete after a significant dental injury. These are reasonable questions but a good team dentist should have answers for them before becoming a team dentist. Being a good dentist is a prerequisite for being a team dentist but it is not enough no matter how you became involved with a team.

I would agree with Dr. Canal that some sort of requirement should be achieved before a dentist is given the responsibility of being a team dentist. This mandate is not going to happen right away and until it does I plead with all of you who seek to be team dentists to take this course and become active members of the Academy.

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ASD Members Urged to USE the Websites' Forum Section

The Academy for Sports Dentistry has made improving the organization's website a priority over the last several years. Under the direction of Mr. Ryan Salazar, the website has become much more useful to the membership and the general public.

One feature of the website which seems to be potentially very useful and yet is under- utilized is the "Forum" section of the "members only" section of the site. This section gives members the opportunity to pose questions, post announcements, or to simply editorialize about anything to do with sports dentistry.

Some of the topics which have been discussed in recent months are: what to do with discolored incisors, questions about the upcoming Team Dentist Course, how to place logos or decorations on mouthguards, and several postings about performance enhancing intraoral appliances. This section gives members a chance to interact with the entire membership of the ASD. It is new, however, and it seems that many members do not routinely check the Forum. In fact, executive secretary Shelly Lott estimates that only 40% of the membership has even registered to be able to create the username and password necessary to login to the members only segment of the website.

Dr. Whitney Johnson of Berkeley, California, a longtime member of the Academy, is a frequent contributor to the Forum's "conversations." He feels that "The ASD website should be considered THE 'off season' (the time prior and after the annual symposium) source for ASD and sports dentistry info....the Forum is a great way for members to ask questions. I try to encourage its use with each of my replies."

The way to access the forum section is very simple. The ASD website is <u>www.academyfor</u> <u>sportsdentistry.org</u>. After entering the site you login to the members only section buy clicking on the padlock icon, and then entering your user id and password. You must register to create your password and username. Firefox or Internet Explorer are the recommended browsers when registering. The following are the instructions for registering:

- 1. Please add <u>web@academyforsportsdentistry.org</u> as a contact in your email system or if you have spam filters, include <u>web@academyforsports</u> <u>dentistry.org</u> in the safe list. This will help prevent any necessary emails coming from the website from accidentally being placed in junk folders, etc.
- 2. Go to <u>http://www.academyforsportsdentistry.org</u> /<u>Home/Registration/tabid/83/Default.aspx</u> to begin the account creation process. Fill in the necessary information such as username, password, valid email address, address etc. Note: When creating a user name, please avoid using spaces and special characters such as #, %, etc.
- 3. Once the registration form has been completed, you will receive an email to verify your account (please allow a few minutes for email to be sent). The email will include your username, password, verification code along with instructions and a link to complete the registration process. After your account has been verified you will then have access to exclusive sections of the site. Now that you are a verified user please create your Team Dentist Search Listing so people looking for services you provide can locate you and get more information. Watch the video tutorial on creating your http://www.academyforsports dentistry.org/tutorials/AddingTeamD.

After accessing the members only section, place the cursor on the "Team Dentist Community" section on the header bar. In the list which then appears, click on the "Forums" section. There will be two segments shown: the General Discussion Section and the Leadership section. The general area is where member-driven conversations are held.

In the past when anyone, member or not, had a

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question or a circumstance for which they wanted advice, the only recourse was to contact individual members, the Board of Directors or executive secretary Shelly Lott. By using the Forum it is possible that hundreds of other members will be able to engage on an individual topic. The personal interaction between members of our small but tight-knit organization has always been one of the strongest benefits of membership. With the Forum section, members have the ability to utilize this benefit all year and whenever the necessity hits. It also gives members a chance to weigh in on a variety of subjects.

The Academy strongly urges all members to become frequent and regular visitors to the Forum section. Many sports dentists have opinions on every aspect of sports dentistry. The Forum section can become a pleasant and useful addiction for all active sports dentists. A once-aweek (or more) appointment with the Forum should be a regular activity for all members.

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Changes to the **Constitution and Bylaws** of the Academy for Sports Dentistry

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee brought several motions to the Board of Directors at the December 2010 board meeting amending the Constitution and Bylaws. The Board considered these amendments and voted to bring them to the membership for a vote at the annual meeting in June 2011. In accordance with Article XIII Section 1 of the ASD Constitution, any changes to the constitution must be published in the official publication of the ASD (The Newsletter of the ASD) "at least 60 days prior "to the Annual Session of the Academy. The amendments are listed below. The additions are highlighted by bold print and any deletions are show by the strikethrough marks.

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE VIII - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

Section 2. Nominations by Petition.

Additional nominations may be made by petition, signed by five active members of the organization and the nominee and received by the Executive Secretary, at least fourteen days before the annual **business** meeting at which the elections take place.

ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Section 2. Voting Procedure.

Amendments may be proposed by the Board of Directors on its own initiative, or upon petition of any five regular members addressed to the Board **14 days prior to the annual business meeting**. All such proposed amendments shall be presented to the membership with or without recommendations **and voted on at the annual business meeting**.

BYLAWS CHAPTER VIII: ELECTIONS

Section 2. Nominations.

Nominations made in accordance with Article VIII, Section 1 of the Constitution, Chapter IV, Section VII, shall be made by the

nominating committee whose list of recommended candidates shall be published and distributed to the membership prior to the annual official session business meeting. Nominations may also be made in accordance with Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution by any active members of the organization petition provided that such nominations are made in writing, signed by five active members and the nominee. endorsed by two other active members, and delivered The petition must be received by to the Executive Secretary five fourteen days prior to the start of the annual business meeting at which the election takes place in advance of the election. The list of all proposed candidates shall be posted by the **Executive** Secretary in a conspicuous place at the annual official session business meeting.

Section 3. Voting.

Election of officers shall be made by acclamation or written ballot **of those members in attendance at the annual business meeting**, voted either separately or by inclusion of the entire slate of officers. However, any office involving a contest shall be voted separately. The candidate receiving a majority of votes cast shall be declared elected. Voting by written ballot shall be mandatory if requested by any single member who is present at the meeting and entitled to vote. The Board of Directors may authorize an election by mail ballot.