



WHY JOIN THE NJ DENTAL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE?

Benjamin Franklin said, “We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately.” How appropriate when one talks about assuring the vitality of dentistry. Having served in a leadership role in dentistry for many years, I assure you there is strength in numbers, and power when there is unity among colleagues.

All too often, we become absorbed in our daily routine, and we often forget about those outside influences that have a tremendous effect on the way we treat our patients and how we manage our businesses. Legislators, regulators, insurance companies and countless others constantly barrage dentistry with overbearing rules and regulations that affect what we do and how we do it.

The most effective means of addressing these immense challenges is with a conversation. Conversations that educate non-dentists who need to understand us and the impact their actions can have on our businesses and the patients we treat. Dentistry has these conversations because of relationships that have been built through our political action – NJDPAC.

Strong relationships are critical to ensure we tell our own story and not be subjected to others who simply do not understand. Political action is paramount to building and strengthening these political relationships. It is the best pathway to meet and develop relationships with the state and local elected officials.

In 2021 less than 24 percent of NJDA members contributed to NJDPAC. As of today we are at 20% for 2022. That’s not adequate to face current and future challenges like corporate ownership, direct-to-consumer dentistry, mid-level providers, reduced reimbursement, third party interference, student debt, and needless overregulation. We need to do better, and we can!

Help us push our Disallowed bill to the finish line. Appreciate the work that went into having dentists declared essential health care providers during the pandemic. The Federal and State funding that so many dentists received saved many practices. Let’s not forget the work that has been done at the State and Federal level in holding off a dental benefit in Medicare.

Please join me today as a contributor to the NJ Dental Political Action Committee. NJDPAC does not support a political party. It supports our profession. Join me and take your seat at the table and be heard, otherwise you can be assured that our profession will be on the menu.

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