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## SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, May 28

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| 8:00 am | MDA Board of Directors Meeting  |
| 5:00 pm | American College of Dentists and International College of Dentists Dinner |

### Thursday, May 29

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| 7:00 am         | American College of Dentists and Academy of General Dentistry Business Meeting |
| 8:00 am–5:00 pm | Continuing Education Courses   |
| 9:00 am–5:00 pm | Dental Trade Show  |
| 12:15–1:30 pm   | President's Luncheon and MDA General Assembly                                  |
| 12:15–1:30 pm   | Dental Trade Show Walk-Around Buffet Luncheon                                  |
| 5:30–7:00 pm    | President's Reception & Vendor Social in the Vendor Ballroom                   |

### Friday, May 30

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| 7:00 am         | MoDePAC Breakfast              |
| 7:30 am–1:30 pm | Dental Trade Show              |
| 8:00 am–4:30 pm | Continuing Education Courses   |
| 12:00–1:30 pm   | Walk-Around Buffet Luncheon    |
| 4:30 pm         | Continuing Education Concludes |



# MDA 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

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## Dentistry's Role in Complete Health: Sleep apnea, inflammation & TMD critical connection

Presented by Dr. DeWitt Wilkerson  
Thursday, 8:00 am–5:00 pm | 6 CDE | Lecture  
*Suitable for the entire team*

We live in a viral and dangerous world! Despite being the most advanced nation in history, we continue to struggle with chronic health issues such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes and Alzheimer's. But what does that have to do with Dentistry? Everything! More than ever we are learning that oral health is critical to complete health.

Dentistry is the specialty of oral medicine. The mouth is the gateway to the whole body, and we are the gatekeepers of the gateway.

In this presentation, we will review what we are learning about the oral-systemic connection and steps we can take proactively engage in a more comprehensive level of care for ourselves, our families, our patients and our country. Dentistry should and can be the most highly respected "specialty" in all of health care!

### Course Objectives

At the end of the course, participants will be able to:

1. Assist in patient care using the "IDM Checklist".
2. Describe the three pillars of Integrative Dental Medicine (IDM).
3. Begin testing for breathing disordered sleep, oral pathogens and continuous blood glucose levels using the resources provided.



**Dr. DeWitt "Witt" Wilkerson** has worked for over 35 years seeing thousands of patients suffering with joint problems, bite problems, bruxism, headaches and sleep apnea.

He joined Dr. Peter Dawson's private practice in 1982 where he is a partner. This has provided invaluable clinical experience in a world-renowned clinical culture. Dr. Wilkerson lectures worldwide about restorative dentistry, dental occlusion, temporomandibular disorders, airway/dental sleep medicine, and integrative dental medicine. He serves as a Senior Faculty/Lecturer and Director of Dental Medicine with the Dawson Academy.

Dr. Wilkerson is Past-President of the American Academy of Oral Systemic Health (AAOSH) and Past-President of the American Equilibration Society (AES). Additionally, he is pleased to serve as Director of Dental Medicine at the Dawson Academy, Adjunct Professor of Graduate Studies, the University of Florida College of Dentistry, and former Associate Faculty and Special Lecturer, the L.D. Pankey Institute.

## MDA General Assembly & President's Lunch

Featuring Dr. Brett Kessler, ADA President  
Thursday, 12:00–1:15 pm | *Dentists only*

Join your colleagues to discuss MDA governance and learn more about what's happening in dentistry across the state.



## Enhancing Your Career Through Ergonomics: Preventative Medicine for Your Life

Presented by Tija Hunter

Thursday, 8:00–11:00 am | 2 CDE | Lecture  
*Suitable for the entire team*

Women suffer higher rates of work-related musculoskeletal disorders. Because dentistry is so physically demanding, we see a higher rate of back, neck, and shoulder issues. This course talks about the common problems we face ergonomically and changes we can make to correct these issues. As women, we tend to take care of everyone but ourselves. Let's discuss ways we can fix that!

### Course Objectives

1. Identify the common problems physically we face daily.
2. Discuss ways to take better care of ourselves and why.
3. Learn better techniques for posture and positioning.

## Learn, Leverage and Lead

Presented by Tija Hunter

Thursday, 1:30–3:30 pm | 2 CDE | Lecture  
*Suitable for the entire team*

All dental team members are leaders; you don't always see yourself that way, and there are no titles or labels. Each team member is vital to the practice's success, and with a little direction and the right attitude, they can have an amazing impact on the practice. We will discuss how to bring out your inner leader to push your practice and yourself in amazing new ways.

### Course Objectives

1. Discover ways to use your talents.
2. Explore key steps to self-improvement.
3. Learn how to maximize all you have.



**Tija Hunter, CDA, EFDA, CDIA, CDSO, MADAA,**

began her dental assisting career in 1981 and has never looked back.

Being named one of the "Top 25 Women in Dentistry" in 2015 by Dental Products Report was one of the highlights of her career. She is a former vice president of the American Dental Assistants Association, where she holds the honor of Master. She has worked in her current office since 2003 in O'Fallon, Missouri, as an office manager and dental assistant. Hunter's love of traveling takes her worldwide, where she speaks to dental assistants and dental teams.

## President's Reception & Vendor Appreciation Social

at the UC Center Vendor Ballroom

Thursday, 5:30–7:00 pm

*Refreshments served.*

*Everyone welcome!*

This event has always been a great venue for celebrating the dental team. Join us to thank MDA President Dr. Mike Bowman for his leadership during the past year. And to honor the achievements of MDA members and the dental team as they receive awards for Outstanding Clinician, the T.T. Rider Award, and Outstanding Dental Hygienist, Dental Assistant, and Dental Office Manager of the year.

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## Peri-Implantitis Prevention is Key to Implant Success!

Presented by Susan Wingrove, BS, RDH,  
Wingrove Dynamics

Thursday, 8:00 am–12:00 pm | 6 CDE | Lecture  
*Suitable for the entire team*

Learn what clinicians need to know to prevent peri-implant complications based on Susan's textbook: *Peri-Implant Therapy for the Dental Hygienist: 2nd Edition*. This course will provide clinicians the protocols to detect early signs of peri-implant disease, diagnose any implant complications, and be able to provide treatment. Peri-Implant prevention starts with providing professional in-office assessment, maintenance, and personalize home-care recommendations, vital for long-term implant success!

### Course Objectives

1. Detect: Put into practice assessment and monitor protocols for all forms of implant-borne restorations/prosthesis patients.
2. Diagnose: Understand the major risk factors for peri-implantitis for early intervention based on American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) peri-implant soft and hard deficiencies classification.
3. Treatment: Be able to perform in-office professional implant maintenance, disease treatment, and identify home-care strategies for more predictable outcomes – peri-implantitis prevention.



**Susan Wingrove  
BS, RDH**

Dynamic innovator, international speaker, researcher, writer, and consultant.

2016 RDH Award of Distinction Recipient and 2022 Western Society of Periodontology Hygiene Educator. Co-designer of the Wingrove Titanium Implant Series, ACE probes, and Queen of Hearts instruments for PDT. Susan specializes in sorting through the science to develop protocols for healthy teeth, implants, and disease treatment. Published author; American and International journals on peri-implant therapy, regeneration, and advanced instrumentation. Textbook: *Peri-Implant Therapy for the Dental Hygienist: 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*. Susan resides in Missoula to enjoy fly fishing, hiking, and snowshoeing.



**Joe Meng, DDS, MS, FACP**, is a board-certified prosthodontist and has been in private practice in Missoula since 2009. Joe completed his dental degree at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry and prosthodontic residency training at Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas, TX. Joe's true passion is clinical dentistry and patient care. His dental practice focuses explicitly on comprehensive driven care encompassing a wide gamut of services, including conventional fixed and removable prosthodontics, direct restorative, surgical, implant, and maxillofacial prosthetic services. Joe is a lifelong student who has most recently gone down the "rabbit hole" of alternative medicine as it

relates to longevity and wellness, specifically the wide application and use of photobiomodulation in dentistry and everyday life. When not fixing teeth or laying under a red light, Joe enjoys family time with his wife and two boys, camping, mountain unicycling, skiing, and playing/coaching hockey.

## Lights, Lasers, Cure! Healing Light Therapies to Offer Patients

Presented by Joseph Meng, DDS, MS, FACP & Susan Wingrove, BS, RDH

Thursday, 1:30–5:00 pm | 3 CDE | Lecture  
*Suitable for the entire team*

Healing therapies are now available for dentists and hygienists to offer to their patients after surgical procedures, for pathology, and for disease treatment. Learn how healing soft tissue with Low-Level Light Therapy can reduce inflammation, increase healing, and relieve both acute and chronic pain. This program will introduce you to the latest protocols, product ingredients, diode lasers, and red-light therapy to maximize treatment results.

### Course Objectives

1. Discuss how new dental restorations and products have evolved to protect natural teeth.
2. Explore light energy, photobiomodulation, and diode laser options to reduce inflammation and provide patients with post-surgical healing and pain relief.
3. Review low-level light therapy procedures and protocols and how these therapies are being offered in dental offices and in everyday life.

## Harnessing the Power of Personalities within the Dental Practice

Presented by Kevin Henry

Friday, 8:00 am–12:00 am | 3 CDE | Lecture  
*Suitable for the entire team*

Every day, people, whether they are employees or patients with different personalities and motivations, walk into your dental practice. Employees, with their different viewpoints, can either focus on their common denominators or the things that make them distinct. In this look at harnessing the good and bad of what makes us unique, let's talk about ways to turn differences into strengths within the practice. We will focus on different personality types, both within the practice and with your patients, and how a business can be more harmonious and prosper from understanding what makes each person unique and a key part of the success puzzle.

### Course Objectives

1. Discovering through simple steps what your personality may be as well as others in your practice.
2. Learn how to find common denominators despite having different types of personalities.
3. Understand what each personality is looking to have from his or her colleagues.

### Kevin Henry

With over 20 years in the dental publishing industry, Kevin Henry is the former group editorial director for Dental Products Report and managing editor for Dental Economics. Currently, he is the editor-in-chief for DrBicuspid.com. He has spoken to dental assistants worldwide, in person and through the Dental Assistant Nation podcast series, reminding them of the important role they play every day in their practice. He is also certified as a DiSC trainer, helping dental practices learn how to understand each other better through personality assessments and training.





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## Defy Gravity: Don't Let the Demons of Dental Assisting Get You Down

Presented by Kevin Henry

Friday, 1:30–4:30 pm | 3 CDE | Lecture

*Suitable for the entire team*

Dental assistants face a variety of challenges in their jobs every day. How they meet those challenges can affect the professional and personal lives of these valuable team members. In this fast-moving and interactive course, dental assistants will learn how to identify issues that can “get under their skin” and how to deal with them.

We'll explore the typical dental assistant's four main job-related concerns (money, respect, teamwork, and attitude) and identify steps to embrace one's own potential and leadership mindset. Additionally, dental assistants will learn why they are a key part of the dental practice's business success and what they can do to enhance not only their own careers but also the bottom line of the business.

### Course Objectives

1. Identify on-the-job challenges that could affect performance and happiness.
2. Understand the steps that can be taken to minimize the effects of those challenges.
3. Explore how to have a more productive and fulfilling career as a dental assistant.

## Updates in Digital Dentistry – Reviewing the Latest in Intraoral Scanning, 3D Printing, and Milling Technologies

Presented by Michael D Scherer

Friday, 8:00 am–12:00 pm | 6 CDE | Lecture

*Suitable for the entire team*

Optical scanners have become quite popular for everyday clinical practice, but which one should I get? Am I ready to start producing restorations in my own dental office? Do you ask yourself... “I don't want to be a lab technician... but can I make some things within my office”? Learn more about how a clinician can take the next steps in digital technology, including scanning, producing restorations, surgical guides, occlusal guards, and more... all in your dental practice!! Multiple technologies and machines will be reviewed, including intraoral scanners, CAD-CAM milling machines, 3D printers, and the latest materials. Emphasis is placed on incorporating technology into clinical practice practically and seamlessly. groups face and how they are overcoming challenges and benefits from CAD:CAM, Digital Wax-ups, and Design, and high strength, aesthetic ceramic materials.

### Course Objectives

1. Understand the current state of intraoral scanning technology and review various scanners.
2. Become familiar with evidence-based decision-making procedures for evaluating technologies.
3. Review clinical applications and how to use digital technology to solve real-world clinical challenges.

## MoDePAC Breakfast

Friday, 7:00 am | *Dentists only*

*Breakfast served.*

MDA members will discuss topics of interest including the 2025 legislative session.

## Full-Arch Implantology with Locators – Overdentures & Fixed

**Presented by Michael D Scherer**  
**Friday, 1:30–4:30 pm | 3 CDE | Lecture**  
*Suitable for the entire team*

Interested in learning about simple and predictable full-arch implantology skills? Participants will attend a focused presentation that focuses on step-by-step “real-world” clinical practice procedures focusing on Locator full-arch removable overdenture and fixed cases. Emphasis will be placed on practical skills for clinicians, dental teams, and dental technicians to use in their practices on Monday morning.

### Course Objectives

1. Exposure to step-by-step clinical procedures for Locator implant overdentures and fixed restorations.
2. Acquire knowledge and confidence in the clinical protocols for restorative procedures for full-arch restorations.
3. Become familiar with the parts & pieces used for making impressions for and delivering restorations cases. Emphasis will be placed on practical skills for clinicians, dental teams, and dental technicians to use in their practices on Monday morning.

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## Montana Medicaid Update

**Presented by DPHHS Medicaid Staff**  
**Friday, 10:00 am–12:00 pm**

This seminar will provide an overview of Montana Medicaid updates.

**Michael Scherer, DMD, MS, FACP, DABOI/ID,**

serves as the Chief Clinical Officer for Zest Dental Solutions, is an

Assistant Clinical Professor at Loma Linda University, a Clinical Instructor at the University of Nevada – Las Vegas, and maintains a successful practice limited to prosthodontics and implant dentistry in Sonora, CA. He is a Diplomate of the American College of Prosthodontists and the American Board of Oral Implantology, two credentials only held by a small handful of people in the world. He has published numerous articles, books, and in-person and online courses related to implant dentistry, clinical prosthodontics, and digital technology, with a special emphasis on full-arch reconstruction.

As an avid technology & computer hobbyist, Dr. Scherer’s involvement in digital dentistry has led him to develop and pioneer new approaches with restorative & surgical full-arch implantology, 3D printing workflows, CAD/CAM systems, and outside of the box radiographic imaging and digital design concepts. Over the past 10 years, he has given over 360 presentations at dental conferences, main podium presentations, in-office training, and hands-on workshops. He has coached thousands of dentists around the world on how to integrate digital dentistry and implant dentistry from a high tech yet “wet-fingered, real-world” clinical perspective that makes his presentation style well-received by clinicians.



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4. Total conference fees for all participants and complete the payment form.
5. Partial registration is not permitted.
6. Meeting packets will be available at the registration counter and will be filed by the name of each attendee.

## FEES

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⑤ Dental Hygienist	\$205	\$255
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⑦ Dental Office Staff	\$205	\$255
⑧ Guest Attending CE, Lunches	\$205	\$205
⑨ Dental School, Hygiene or Assistant Student	\$30	\$30

## REGISTRATION CODES

### COURSES

- |   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| ① Dr. DeWitt Wilkerson                    | ② Dr. Michael Scherer - AM |
| ③ Susan Wingrove, RDH - AM                | ④ Dr. Michael Scherer - PM |
| ⑤ Susan Wingrove, RDH / Dr. Joe Meng - PM | ⑥ Mr. Kevin Henry - AM     |
| ⑦ Ms. Tija Hunter - AM                    | ⑧ Mr. Kevin Henry - PM     |
| ⑨ Ms. Tija Hunter - PM                    | ⑩ Montana Medicaid Updates |

### SPECIAL EVENTS

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| ① General Assembly/ President's Lunch (Dentists only) | ② MoDePAC Breakfast (Dentists only) |
| ③ Thursday Trade Show Buffet Lunch                    | ④ Friday Trade Show Buffet Lunch    |
| ⑤ Vendor Thank You & President's Reception            |                                     |



**MAY 29–30, 2025**

# MDA CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

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