

## Illinois Director Report

Illinois Society of Orthodontists

October 12, 2023

### **Officers:**

President:	Dr. Pranav Patel
President-Elect:	Dr. Ray Tsou
Vice President:	Dr. Therese Galang
Secretary/Treasurer:	Dr. Andrew Clark
Immediate Past President:	Dr. Libby Graham

### **Trustees:**

Dr. Daniel Kelly	Dr. Bronwen Richards	Dr. Ben Youel
Dr. Jahnvi Rao	Dr. Clarence Red	Dr. Sami Taraji

### **Illinois Society of Orthodontists:**

ISO restructured format of our meetings to two half day CE courses on Fridays with networking reception to follow. We are focusing on different types of speakers that are pertinent to a wider audience and trying to appeal to new and younger dentists.

***Reminder:** Illinois dental licensure currently requires 48 hours of CE courses every three years. For the most current licensure information, contact the Illinois State Dental Society.*

### **Upcoming meetings:**

Friday, November 3, 2023

8:30 am – 1:00 pm Social/Networking Reception to Follow  
ISO Lecture for Doctors  
Speaker: Mr. Chris Bentsen  
*The Three Orthodontic Career Stages & How to Succeed in Each*

Friday, April 5, 2024

8:30 am – 1:00 pm Social/Networking Reception to Follow  
ISO Lecture for Doctors  
Speaker: Dr. Hera Kim-Berman  
*Current Trends in Digital Orthodontics and Craniofacial Orthodontics*

AAO Non-Member list of 60 people was divided between the ISO board. After transition to the new board, we need to have additional grass roots efforts to determine what dentists on the list are viable potential members.

## **University Relations:**

### **Southern Illinois University (SIU) (newest residency program)**

- 2 year program, seeing patients in Advanced Care clinic in Alton
- 2 residents each year (both classes full and interviewing for incoming class)
- 4 ortho faculty
- Accredited program under a CODA review, undergoing the 3 year process of review

### **University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) Department of Orthodontics**

- UIC Department of Orthodontics Attended AAO Annual Session in Chicago April 22 – 24, 2023.
- The Department of Orthodontics is heavily involved in the state of art technology and advancements in areas of Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Diagnosis, Clear Aligners, National Dental Practice-Based Research, and much more.
- Several faculty and alumni from the UIC Department of Orthodontics presented their impressive achievements in education, clinical care and research during the AAO Innovation Pavilion FRED Talks.

## **ISDS Update**

- ISDS is hosting a live webinar to help inform dental practices of a new law requiring employers to provide ALL employees paid time off, going into effect in 2024, and will allow time for Q&A with the presenter.
- Immediate past 8th District Trustee, Dr. Susan Becker Doroshow, announced her candidacy for President-elect of the American Dental Association (ADA) at the 2022 ADA House of Delegates meeting in Houston, TX.
- Dr. Randall Markarian, ISO and MSO member is serving as the 8<sup>th</sup> District Trustee to the ADA representing Illinois. We value his expertise representing orthodontics as well as the dental profession.

## **2023 ISDS End of Legislative Session Report**

The key focus of legislative agenda in 2023 was dental insurance reform. ISDS helped to pass two pieces of legislation to begin addressing dental insurance reform in Illinois.

- The legislation addressed network leasing, a bait-and-switch tactic insurance companies use to gain more revenue. Passed house and senate that insurance companies must notify a dentist if the network is being leased out.
- A second piece of dental insurance reform legislation, virtual credit cards, was passed to address the issue of insurance companies requiring dentists to pay a fee to obtain payment for the services they have rendered to patients.

ISDS passed legislation related to the upcoming e-prescription requirements and legislation clarifying Illinois Dental Practice Act provisions. They also agreed with the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) to implement rules to clarify when orthodontics is covered under the Medicaid program.

*ISDS advocated very strongly to defeat the proposed Medicaid provider tax, which would have taxed all dentists in Illinois. We are pleased to announce that this tax did not pass this legislative session.*