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From the ADA President ★ ★ ★

These last several months, America has watched events in Iraq unfold. Though the intensity of the combat seems to have waned, there is still much work to do. Thousands of US troops remain in Iraq, potentially in harms way. Like all Americans, ADA members and staff hope for a successful and speedy resolution to this effort and for the safe return of our troops. We know that many of you in the Federal Services are personally involved in this action or have friends and colleagues who are taking part. Please know that you are in our thoughts and in our hearts.

T. Howard Jones, DMD, President

ADA Takes Steps to Help Limit Access to Your Email Address

The FDS Membership Office heard from several federal dentists that they were receiving unwanted email, and were concerned about where these vendors were accessing their email addresses. These days marketers are using increasingly sophisticated software to capture your email address. You don't need to give a company your email address, simply visiting their site can allow them to capture it.

With respect to your email address, we have instituted stringent reviews and opt-out capabilities to ensure that you do not receive unwanted email from the ADA. The Association will not give or sell your email address to any entity outside the ADA, its subsidiaries and affiliated entities (such as state and local dental societies). However, all member dentists' email addresses have been included on ADA.org, as directed by the ADA House of Delegates, unless the individual dentist has requested that his or her information not be included.

Because of feedback we've received regarding FDS dentists' special concerns, we want to make sure that no determined vendor can access your email address by looking you up in the ADA online directory. Therefore, we have taken steps to ensure that FDS member dentists' email addresses do not appear in the ADA online directory. FDS email addresses will, however, continue to be a part of the ADA database, so you will still receive the FDS Ememo and other ADA email updates.

If anyone WOULD like to have their email address listed on the online directory to make it easier for friends or colleagues to contact you, please send an email to fdsmember@ada.org to request that your email address be reinstated on the online directory, and we will update your record accordingly.

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American Dental Association

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Have You Moved?

Update your ADA Record

Please let the ADA know if you have changed addresses recently, so we can ensure prompt delivery of your ADA mail and publications. Be sure to keep your e-mail address up to date, as well. Just contact the FDS Membership Office.



SELECTED ADA MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

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Legislative Support in Washington

The ADA works to support federally employed dentists through its ongoing legislative and lobbying activities. The ADA Washington Office and the American Dental Political Action Committee (ADPAC) speak up for members with lawmakers and federal regulators, voicing the dental profession's positions on important legislative and regulatory issues. The ADA also works with each of the chiefs of the federal services branches to get their perspectives on issues of particular importance to federal dentists.

Dues Installment Payment Program (DIPP)

The ADA gives federal dentists flexibility in paying their annual ADA dues/assessment. Federal dentist members can sign up for the federal dental service Dues Installment Payment Program (DIPP). With the DIPP program, dentists pay their dues/assessments in four equal payments that you may choose to have automatically charged to a credit card or deducted from a checking account.

Federal Dental News & FDS Ememo

Federal Dental News is distributed twice each year to all federally employed dentists. This informative newsletter contains news from the ADA Headquarters and the Washington DC Office, editorials by Federal Dental Service delegates and other news of special interest to Federal Dental Service members. The ADA also sends federal dentists the FDS Ememo, with up to the minute information about the Association and the federal services.

The Journal of The American Dental Association and ADA News

As a member, you'll have the latest scientific and practice information right at your fingertips every month when you receive *The Journal of the American Dental Association (JADA)*, the most widely-read dental journal in the English language. And the biweekly *ADA News* will keep you informed about current events and changes affecting the dental profession. Subscriptions to both *JADA* and *ADA News* are included in annual member dues.

Transition Services

For those dentists whose plans include transitioning out of the Federal Dental Service, the following ADA programs and services may be helpful:

- **State and County Demographic Reports** offered for sale by the ADA Survey Center provide assistance in selecting a practice location.
- **Practice management and marketing resources** from the ADA Council on Dental Practice include seminars and publications on working as an associate, starting a dental practice, effective patient and practice communications, and much more.
- The publication *Roadmap to a Successful Dental Practice* is available free of charge from the FDS membership office. It provides a compilation of ADA resources that may be beneficial for dentists transitioning from the federal services to private practice.

Scientific Information

The ADA's Division of Science assists members by offering publications and resources on a wide range of scientific topics, including infection control, hepatitis B vaccine and booster information, latex allergy, waste management, the safety of amalgam, and many other emerging scientific concerns. The Division also coordinates U.S. involvement in the development of international standards for dental products and materials.

ADA Web Site (www.ada.org)

Set to launch in 2003, the redesign of ADA.org will feature enhanced content and easy navigation to the information you seek. Members and professionals will find valuable content on current issues facing the dental profession, a member directory, continuing education opportunities, *JADA* online and other professional publications, featured events and more. The Discussion Forum is a perfect venue to express opinions and share information with other members. You can also sign up for the latest ADA e-mail publications, order products online and access valuable information about practice management and planning.

Patient and Professional Materials

ADA members are entitled to discounted rates on the wide array of products contained in the *ADA Catalog*. You'll find innovative practice management tools including manuals, workbooks and CD-ROM materials. ADA patient education products are available as well, including brochures, posters and videos. New products are developed or revised each year to give members the most accurate information available.

Annual Session

Join your colleagues each year for one of the world's most premier dental meetings. As a member, you will pay a reduced registration fee to attend ADA Annual Session.

Continuing Education Resources

To help you make confident continuing education choices, the ADA's Continuing Education Recognition Program (CERP) evaluates CE provider organizations in 15 aspects of quality and holds recognized providers accountable for maintaining high standards. In addition, twice each year the ADA Council on Dental Education and Licensure produces a *Continuing Education Course Listing* as a resource for dentists seeking information on CE activities offered by ADA CERP recognized providers. Self-study courses and CE provider contact information are also included. Members may access the listing free of charge by visiting the members-only area of the Association's website. Members and non-members may purchase the print version of the CE Course Listing through the ADA Catalog.

And Much More!

ADA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Yes! Please send me an ADA / FDS membership application and more information about ADA member benefits.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

For information on ADA/FDS membership, please send this form to:

ADA Federal Dental Services Membership Office

211 E. Chicago Avenue

Chicago, Illinois 60611

or

Fax to the attention of the FDS Membership Office at 312-440-2883