



Fall Newsletter 2019



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### 2020 WSSO Annual Meeting

- **February 14, 2020** at Meydenbauer Convention Center in Bellevue, WA
- **Doctor's Program**



**Dr Glenn Sameshima (USC)**

Current Scientific Developments Relating to Orthodontic Root Resorption, Lingual Orthodontics, and the Carriere Distalizer Appliance

**Dr Tung Nguyen (UNC)**

Possibilities and Challenges with Skeletal Expansion

- **Team Educational Program**

**Andrea Cook. Orthodontic Excellence**

Developing a Patient Centered Practice

*(Includes information on recent changes in the State of Washington rules regarding infection control)*

**Dr Geoffrey Greenlee**

Debond! How to safely remove brackets, bands, and bonding resin from tooth surfaces

*(Afternoon hands on lab program with separate registration)*

## Legislative Changes

**Our Legislative and Dental Practice Divisions have been hard at work trying to help DQAC institute appropriate rules for dentistry. There are several issues of great importance to orthodontic practice that we are working on at this time.**

The new rules for **Hygiene Scope of Practice** have been implemented and we are very pleased with the outcome as a board. Thank you to all of the members that attended the DQAC meeting to help by providing suggestions and insights. Here is the abbreviated summary of the final list of duties allowed under general supervision.

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/Pubs/646181.pdf>

Development of the **Dental Infection Control** rules is still in progress. There are rules that will significantly impact the practice of orthodontics.

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/2300/2019/OTS-9086-8.pdf>

DQAC is trying to institute rules that parallel the CDC rules which primarily apply to major medical and surgical procedures. We feel like some of these are not directly applicable to orthodontic practice since we are not treating active infectious disease and our offices are markedly different than medical offices and hospitals.

One particular concern that we are working on is the single use item issue. We are making headway in the allowance of cleaning and re-sterilization of single use items that we place in the mouth on order to be "sized", such as SS crowns, bands, motion appliances, etc.. We are working to move acceptance

that anything that can adequately be sterilized or disinfected should be included. Dental water line testing is a component of the proposed rules and we are providing input with the hope of minimizing negative impacts on orthodontic practices. See below for summary of proposed changes.

[Documents/2300/2019/DentalInfectionControlSummaryOfchanges.pdf](#)

The last current proposed rule change that will impact orthodontic practice is rulemaking regarding **Specialty Recognition in Dentistry**. In response to lawsuits in other states DQAC feels that they need to review and revamp the current process and definition for recognized dental specialties. Currently this is very early in the process but we have connected with the other dental specialty organizations in the state as well as the WSDA to develop an integrated approach to working with DQAC to minimize negative impact on the specialty practice of orthodontics. We have also had excellent support from the AAO Legal Department in our work on this issue. Liberal guidelines about designating specialists would be confusing to the public and also negatively impact current specialists. One meeting was held on October 25th and we will continue to be present at all further meetings to represent WSSO members interests.

At some of the DQAC meetings there is value in having WSSO members attend in addition to our expert team from the WSSO board. We will contact the membership to request that members attend to present a unified presence regarding some proposed rule changes. Thank you to those of you who have been involved already.

## Welcome New WSSO Members!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members of the WSSO! We look forward to meeting you soon and having you play a positive role in our society!

Dr. Raquel Capote  
Dr. Michael Miyamoto  
Dr. Jason Porter

## WSSO Board of Directors



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Dr Nadia Farjo	Member at Large
Dr Corwyn Hopke	Orthodontic Practice
Ms. Sally Gee	Administrative Assistant

We want to welcome Dr Sepideh Torkan and Dr Narjia Farjo as our new Members at Large.

## Important Dates/Events

- AAO Winter Conference February 7th-9th 2020. Austin, Tx
- WSSO Annual Meeting Friday February 14th 2020. Bellevue, Seattle
- AAO Annual Session May 1-4, 2020. Atlanta, GA

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