



Reach for the Stars

In this day and age, everyone wants to be “new and improved.” Dentistry is no different. Each day, we strive to improve our profession by learning more about what we do in the operator. A major vehicle is the internet, which gives the public so much information, so quickly that patients are coming to us asking for very specific treatment. The need is greater than ever to keep up with new cutting edge technology, and techniques.

But, things have changed so much. For instance, years ago you could ask for a cup of coffee and know exactly what you were getting. Today, there’s espresso, latte, two percent milk, skim milk, and several types of sweeteners. This analogy demonstrates that life is full of choices—the same goes for dentistry. Patients want what they want and, if appropriate, dentists should be able to fulfill these wishes. Choices abound, and AGD can help with these by offering options in continuing education.

If you are an AGD member, there are many options. One...

Distinguish Yourself in Dentistry! Become an AGD Fellow

If you’re seeking the best opportunity to distinguish yourself professionally through quality continuing education, consider a Fellowship in the AGD. Fellowship involves being a member for three years, earning 500 hours of approved continuing education, and passing a written exam.

If you are already a Fellow...

Achieve the Highest AGD Honor— Become a Master!

Achieving a Mastership is a professional designation within the AGD beyond Fellowship, and reflects a general dentist's ongoing commitment to provide quality care through continuing education. Earning your Mastership involves continuing your Fellowship, an additional 600 hours of continuing education credits (400 of these need to be participation credits), continued membership and attending the annual session when receiving your Mastership.

New Jersey has a Master Track program where sessions are 3½ days and run every six months. The course is for 2½ days (Friday - Sunday) and the participants are given an assignment which needs to

be presented approximately 6 months later (on a Thursday) to the rest of the class.

The camaraderie and support is unbelievable. We also have social events on Friday and Saturday night – a wine and cheese reception and a formal dinner. I made friends and learned a lot during these social events. The instructors are very competent, assist with the assignments and hold your hand when you are learning something new.

Taking these courses has improved my practice tremendously and makes my patients happy that they don’t have to be referred out as much and they have so many choices. I feel like I am a true general dentist doing many different things.

If you are already a Master...

Distinguish Yourself As a Leader Among Leaders! Apply for the Lifelong Learning and Service Recognition

Qualified candidates for the Lifelong Learning and Service Recognition (LLSR) are Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) Masters who wholly embrace the AGD’s core principles and ideals even after achieving a Mastership. They continue their commitment to lifelong learning, volunteer their services to communities in need, act as mentors to associates and new dentists, and act as a voice of general dentistry by participating in organized dentistry.

If you need more detailed and specific information please call (888) AGD-DENT or visit their website www.agd.org and click on the “education” tab.

To learn more about the programs available in NJ, call (866) GONJAGD or visit www.njagd.org.

If you would like to contact me personally, you can email me at gentledental@verizon.net.

If you have achieved your Mastership, you can continue to give back to your community, teach and lecture at dental schools, study clubs, CE meetings to name a few. Come and join the NJAGD Board, volunteer and give something back to the organization that gave you so much.

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