

NYSDA BENEFITS

CAN YOU DO IT ALONE?

Government representation and legislative advocacy	<p>Probably not effectively. Individuals can contact elected officials, but it would be difficult for one person to track all oral health-related legislation and regulations. One individual does not have the influence of the united voice of an organization representing 75% of all practicing dentists and NYSDA's powerful presence in the Legislature.</p>
CE Registry	<p>Yes, but what is the value of your time? You can keep your own CE records, but the NYSDA Registry is a free recordkeeping service for members aimed at saving you time. You have access to your most current records 24 hours a day at www.nysdental.org and are provided with a free yearly printed transcript. The New York State Education Department, malpractice carriers, hospitals and other employers accept the NYSDA transcript as verification of CE activity.</p>
Clearinghouse of information	<p>No. NYSDA professional staff offer expertise in many areas and are a toll-free call away to assist you. During business hours, all calls to NYSDA are answered by staff, not a computer-generated menu system. www.nysdental.org offers additional support and references. Reach us at 800-255-2100.</p>
Legal Services	<p>Yes, but at what price? The NYSDA Legal Services Panel is a phone call away. Initial consultations with an endorsed listing of attorneys who have expertise in dental matters are free to members with subsequent discounts on attorney fees.</p>
Local/ADA Meetings	<p>Yes, but it will cost you. Members receive substantial discounts for component meetings and the ADA Annual Session and have access to a wealth of CE options and new products for the profession.</p>
MLMIC Liability Insurance	<p>No-members only. MLMIC is the only carrier in New York State owned and operated by dentists and physicians. Member dentists represent you on an underwriting/claims committee in matters involving your insurance coverage.</p>
Peer Review	<p>No-members only. Peer Review, a quality assurance program, distinguishes you from a non-member dentist and safeguards you from malpractice actions.</p>
Networking	<p>Yes, but not in one place. Local events and directories connect you to established peers for referrals, mentoring and support.</p>
Financial Products and Office Support	<p>Yes, but be ready to shop around. NYSDA, the ADA and your local dental society offer members a variety of products and services tailored to meet the unique clinical and business needs of practicing dentists.</p>
Dentist locator on NYSDA Web site	<p>Maybe. When patients Google™ "find a dentist in New York State," the NYSDA Web site is listed first in the non-paid listings—the most respected position on the results page. The Find a Dentist portion of www.nysdental.org is undergoing upgrades and will soon provide the public with an expanded dentist locator, maps and an area for members to update practice profile information.</p>
Classified ads	<p>Yes, but non-members are charged a higher rate. If you are looking for an associateship position, you can place ads for free in three consecutive issues of The Journal and for three months on the NYSDA Web site. NYSDA members looking for an associate are charged a one-time fee of \$30 for an ad in three consecutive issues of The Journal and online.</p>
STARTING OUT for New Dentists	<p>No. The most comprehensive and up-to-date reference directory of resources for new dentists in New York State covering regulations, taxes, employees, contracts, patient records, legal updates, licensure requirements, business networks and more.</p>
The New York State Dental Journal/ NYSDA News	<p>Yes, but for subscription price to non-members. The New York State Dental Journal is a peer reviewed publication devoted to significant and original scientific articles and the NYSDA News carries features on practice operations and ethical issues confronting professionals.</p>
Library services	<p>No. The NYSDA Lending Library loans practice management and patient education resources to members free of charge. The ADA Library contains an extensive collection of books and journals, covering all areas of dentistry and oral health, including clinical, research, practice management and historical topics. Free access to members.</p>