

BE A VOICE FOR DENTISTRY



What Is a Dental Advocate?

A **Dental Advocate** is a passionate supporter of oral health and the dental profession who works to influence public policy, legislation, and regulations that impact dentistry in New York State. As a dental advocate, you help ensure that the voice of dentistry is heard loud and clear in Albany and beyond.

Your Role as a Dental Advocate

- ✓ **Engage with Legislators:** Meet with state lawmakers to discuss key issues affecting dentistry and patient care.
- ✓ **Raise Awareness:** Educate the public and policymakers about the importance of oral health.
- ✓ **Support Pro-Dentistry Legislation:** Help shape laws that improve access to care, dental insurance reform, and workforce development.
- ✓ **Join Advocacy Events:** Participate in NYSDA's Advocacy Day, local meetings, and national efforts in Washington, D.C.

Together, We Make a Difference

Whether new dentist or seasoned professional, your voice matters. Advocacy is how we protect our profession and promote better oral health for all.

LEARN MORE & GET INVOLVED:

 www.nysdental.org/advocacy

Why Advocacy Matters

The New York State Dental Association (NYSDA) is the **leading oral health advocate** in the state. With over 10,000 members, NYSDA ensures that dentists have a **seat at the table** in legislative and regulatory discussions. Advocacy protects your profession, your patients, and the future of oral health care.

How to Get Involved



Join NYSDA

Membership gives you access to advocacy tools, updates, and events.



Stay Informed

Subscribe to NYSDA News and alerts.



Take Action

Write to your legislators, attend events, and share your story.



Support NYSDAPAC

Contribute to the Political Action Committee that amplifies our voice in government.

Key Issues We Champion

- Access to quality care for all New Yorkers.
- Fair and transparent dental insurance practices.
- Support for dental education and workforce sustainability.
- Public health initiatives that prioritize oral health.