It was time to spring forward in more ways than one in March. While many people reset their clocks last month, DOCS Education initiated its first Sedation Dentistry Safety Week as an annual reminder for some 10,000 sedation dentistry dentists and their staffs to review the procedures, equipment and supplies used with every patient.

Each day of the week focused on a specific aspect of sedation dentistry such as important checklists for dentists and patients, and the vital role of dental assistants and staffs in sedation dentistry procedures, but also offered the opportunity for practitioners and consumers to speak to sedation dentistry experts. In addition, one dentist was recognized as the Safe Sedation Dentist of the Year, Dr. Anthony Carrocci, for his contributions to the field.

On March 11, DOCS Education honored Tennessee dentist Dr. Anthony Carrocci with the title of 2009 Safe Sedation Dentist of the Year, an award that recognizes excellence in patient safety and comfort. Carrocci, who owns St. Bethlehem Dental Care in Clarksville, and his staff have treated nearly 1,000 patients using sedation dentistry. He has taken oral and I.V. sedation courses at a number of organizations, and is a diplomate of DOCS Education as well as a master of the Academy of General Dentistry.

In addition, March 13 was designated as Talk to a Sedation Dentist Day where sedation dentistry experts answered 64 calls from dental practitioners and patients between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. EST.

Please call DOCS Education at (877) 325-3627 to speak to a sedation dentistry expert or to get connected with a dentist practicing sedation dentistry in your area because there are sedation dentists in every U.S. state. You can also visit them online at www.DOCSEducation.com. In addition, consumers with questions can call (888) 858-7972 or visit www.sedationcare.com to find a sedation dentist in their area and to listen to patient testimonials.

Next year’s Sedation Dentistry Safety Week will take place from March 15–19.