Nominations sought for Office Manager of the Year Award

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Does your practice have an exceptional office manager? Someone who makes your workday fly by with ease, someone who takes care of you, your associates and your patients with incredible skill and talent? If so, the American Association of Dental Office Managers (AADOM) wants to hear from you. The AADOM is holding its fifth annual Office Manager of the Year Award, and it is accepting nominations through Sept. 14.

Behind every successful practice is an office manager who displays innovative thinking, business acumen and leadership qualities. Just ask Melanie Duncan, the 2008 winner of the AADOM Office Manager of the Year Award.

“I love problem solving, whether it be computer issues, scheduling problems or helping patients find a way to pay for care,” Duncan said. “I truly love helping people achieve the best oral health possible.”

Each year at its annual conference, the AADOM recognizes exceptional individuals such as Duncan and highlights their accomplishments. The annual Dental Office Managers Conference will be held Oct. 16 and 17 in Las Vegas. The AADOM is the country’s largest professional organization for office managers, practice administrators and other practice management staff. The AADOM is committed to creating and maintaining a network of dental professionals to share resources and information, helping all members achieve the highest level of professional and personal development.

The 2009 AADOM Office Manager of the Year will be featured on the cover of The Observer, AADOM’s publication for dental office managers; will receive free registration in 2010 to the annual Dental Office Managers Conference; and a check for $1,000 courtesy of CareCredit, AADOM’s founding partner.

“We’re delighted to support the AADOM in recognizing the valuable contribution these professionals have made, and support their professional and personal growth,” said Cindy Hearn, CareCredit’s senior vice president of marketing.

For nomination details and information about the conference, visit www.dentalmanagers.com.

With its annual Office Manager of the Year Award, the AADOM recognizes excellence in office management.

to help patients make educated decisions regarding their dental care.”

Dental amalgam is a cavity-filling material made by combining mercury with other metals such as silver, copper and tin. Numerous scientific studies conducted over the past several decades, including two large clinical trials published in the April 2006 Journal of the American Medical Association, indicate dental amalgam is a safe and effective cavity-filling material for children and others.

And, in its 2009 review of the scientific literature on amalgam safety, the ADA’s Council on Scientific Affairs reaffirmed that the scientific evidence continues to support amalgam as a valuable, viable and safe choice for dental patients.

“Dentists are doctors specializing in oral health care,” Findley states. “We encourage people to talk with their dentists if they have any questions about their oral health.”

Additional information about dental amalgam and other cavity-filling materials may be found on the ADA’s Web site at www.ada.org.

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