The Professional Dental Assisting (PDA) Conference will be held concurrently with the 2009 OSAP Symposium from June 11-14. The PDA Conference provides unparalleled professional development and continuing education opportunities in conjunction with the American Dental Assistants Association and supported by the Dental Assisting National Board, as well as a chance to network with other dental assistants and experts from around the country. These benefits will be substantially broadened this year by the meeting's proximity to the nation's top conference on dental safety and infection control: the OSAP Symposium. The collaboration offers benefits to the attendees of both conferences.

The OSAP Symposium is designed for infection control and safety instructors, lecturers, authors and consultants; researchers; dentists; hygienists; assistants; lab technicians; nurses in dental clinics; and dental sales and marketing personnel. During the meeting, leading experts on infection control and occupational health and safety share information of critical concern to anyone involved in dentistry.

PDA attendees will attend their own sessions, specific to the needs and interests of dental assistants, but there will be several opportunities to take advantage of OSAP Symposium activities such as the kick-off address by internationally known infection control authority Dr. John Molinari, social events (including an auction of vacations, jewelry and other items), and the exhibit hall, with products that address today’s practice challenges from the leading manufacturer's of infection control and safety products.

The PDA-OSAP collaboration results from a natural synergy as dental assistants play a key role in maintaining proper infection control practices in the operatory.

For more information or to register for either the PDA Conference or the OSAP Symposium, go to www.osap.org or call (800) 298-OSAP (6727). Check the Web site often for additional details.

OSAP is the Organization for Safety and Asepsis Procedures. Founded in 1984, the non-profit association is dentistry’s premier resource for infection control and safety information.

Through its publications, courses, Web site and worldwide collaborations, OSAP and the tax-exempt OSAP Foundation support education, research, service and policy development to promote safety and the control of infectious diseases in dental health-care settings worldwide.

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