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Well, the Amalgam Carrier, the publication of the Michigan Academy of General Dentistry is up and running again. I am honored to be considered to be your editor once again. My last stint was from 1991-94. We are changing the format of our publication though. I hope to make our issues a bit more interactive. Eventually the entire Amalgam Carrier will be seen online. This allows me to be more responsive to the events within the group and to get information to you promptly. We will be able to better correspond with you. I will need your help. All members who can need to send me their updated e-mail addresses. The AC will be published online three times a year. For those of you who do not use e-mail or prefer to have a hard copy, I would ask that you let me know and we will make arrangements. Be patient with me, I will not longer use a commercial printer to create and mail out the publication, rather I will use the wonders of technology to create information you can use and simply mail out printed copies of what is seen on the website. I look forward to working with our board in keeping the gates of communication open. My dream is to see us become an organization where all our members, from every part of the state, become more involved in board activities. Certainly the web will point us in that directions. All comments and suggestions are appreciated. Drop me a line once in a while to let me know how I am doing. Send me a quick clinical case that you found interesting. I will be happy to edit any submission and help you share your experiences with your colleagues from Detroit to Muskegon, from Kalamazoo to the Sault. The profession is moving very fast, be assured that the Michigan AGD will try to be one step ahead. I appreciate your confidence.
It is a great honor to be selected as president of the Michigan Academy of General Dentistry. I would like to first thank our immediate past president, Dr. Cindy Bauer, for all her efforts this past year in making the MAGD more efficient and practical. The entire board is made up of a group of dedicated individuals that are working hard for you. Many issues were tackled including updating our bylaws, initiating a website, organizing of active committees and evaluating our finances. As always the Continuing Education Committee did a stellar job and I am confident that this years programs will be more informative than ever. Please take advantage of the CE programs offered by the MAGD, they are terrific and allow a certain degree of comraderie among the members. Membership appreciation events were well attended and we will continue to provide outstanding events. The AGD national convention in San Diego, California had the largest graduating class of MAGD and FAGD inductees. It is obvious to me that there is a commitment of our members to continuing education.

During this upcoming year my goals include updating our website, www.michiganagd.org, to have information about CE programs and a method for our members to communicate directly with the board members. Our bylaws are still in the process of renovation and we will be presenting our recommendations to the entire membership next year. We will continue to work hard in recruiting new student members from the University of Michigan and Detroit Mercy Dental Schools.

If you have any ideas please feel free to contact me. The entire board is working toward the positive goal of making the Michigan AGD the most efficient component in the country.

Sincerely,
Nahid Kashani, DDS
President, MAGD

Email Dr. Tim Kosinski, editor, with any clinical reports, comments or information you would like to share with the MAGD at drkosin@aol.com.
FOCUS ON A MEMBER…SINCE 1974

Julian M. Franko, DDS  (Mickey to everyone that knows him)

Dr. Mickey Franko is a product of a solid Catholic school education at Holy Redeemer in Detroit. Right out of high school he enlisted into the Army and became an Army Ranger and served in the Korean Conflict. Wounded, he spent 18 months recovering in Army hospitals in Far East and U.S. After returning, Mickey enrolled in the University of Detroit and then went on to dental school there, graduating in 1961. In 1966 Mickey bought a building on Ford Road in Dearborn and has been practicing dentistry there ever since.

I had a chance to discuss the profession and life with Mickey and would like to share some of his comments.

Q: I know you have been active in implant dentistry for many years. Where did all this start?
A: On my honeymoon to Niagara Falls in 1961 my wife and I traveled down to Rhode Island and I had the opportunity to be mentored by Dr. Aaron Gershkoff, one of the true pioneers in implant dentistry. The entire concept made perfect sense to me. Helping people who had no quality of life because of ill fitting dentures would become a focus throughout my professional life.

Q: So how did you begin implants in your practice?
A: I did my first subperiosteal implant, which allowed me to place a framework on the mandibular bone, in 1961. You know on August 4th of 2007 the patient celebrated the 46th year of it functioning. That patient is now 93 years old. I joined the American Academy of Implant Dentistry in 1962 and became an Active member in 1965. At that time mentorship among my dental colleagues was exceptional. We all shared our experiences, failures and successes. We all learned from each other and elevated the technique to new heights.

Q: I know you have accomplished so much, but give me a brief rundown of your professional accomplishments.
A: I received my Fellowship in the AGD in 1979, my Fellowship in the Implant Academy in 1971. I was one of the founders of the Midwest Section of the AAID and eventually became president of the Implant Section of the Detroit Dental Clinic Club. Belonging and staying active in organized dentistry is important to me. In 1991 I became an “Honored Fellow in the American Academy of Implant Dentistry.” I’ve been active in the American Equilibration Society, the Society for the Advancement of Anesthesia in Dentistry, the Michigan Society of Psychosomatic Dentistry, the Michigan Cranio Mandibular Cervical Facial Pain Dysfunction Society and several other high quality groups.
Q: Wow, you have been active. What is your proudest accomplishment?
A: There are a couple of things. First, I've always been willing to help anyone who needed help, professionally or in my private life. I've made some great friends over the years holding to that philosophy. I've been lucky to have met some great guys, like George Perles, Mike Ditka, Bobby Knight and Bo Schembechler while being involved in Holy Redeemer High School and the Detroit Boy's Club. You know that some of our fundraising activities will allow Holy Redeemer to reopen this year. It is the oldest Catholic school in Michigan that is in the same location. It has been there since 1884.

My true love and the one thing that I am proudest of is my family. My beautiful wife Bonnie is my inspiration and keeps me young. My son and daughters are a constant source of pride. My baby grandson though is my brightest light. I even think he looks a bit like me. I’m lucky that at family gatherings we have relatives from the age of 1 year to 93 years. I was inducted to Boys and Girls Club Alumni Hall of Fame.

Q: How do you think dentistry has changed throughout your career?
A: Unfortunately, I think dentistry has become too commercial, taken over by companies who may put profits in front of science. We don’t seem to share information like we used to. Selling dentistry rather than providing exceptional care has become an issue.

Q: How has the AGD affected you?
A: The AGD is a great organization made up of dentists who really want to learn and expand their experiences. It is one group that still shares information. The AGD certainly expanded my horizons and made me a better dentist in perio, endo, crown and bridge and occlusion.

Q: What do you do for fun to blow off steam?
A: I played a lot of racquetball in my lifetime

Q: Any regrets you’d like to share?
A: Not a one!
Membership Appreciation Day II
Fall Session
Pulpal Management of Traumatic Injuries and Endodontics on Young Teeth

The Michigan Academy Of General Dentistry
Joe H. Camp, A.B., D.D.S., M.S.D.
Friday, December 7, 2007…Lansing, Michigan
The Second Annual Student Appreciation Dinner was held on Thursday evening February, 7. Student members from UDM and U of M dental schools were on hand for a lecture on Digital Dentistry by Dr. Dennis Fasbinder. The dinner was supported by grants from Expertec Dental Laboratory and Ms Laurie Sall who is a disability insurance specialist. They contributed door prizes that were awarded in a drawing at the end of the evening.

The evening was a great opportunity for the students to meet their colleagues from the other school and mingle with some of the MAGD Board Members who were also in attendance. This evening was also the first C.E. offering that was eligible for credit from the new FellowTrack Program. This Program allows student members to earn up to 25 credits while in school that can then later be applied directly toward AGD Fellowship. The FellowTrack program was created in response to the request from a few students that the MAGD reach out to student members.

Drs. Fasbinder, Shamoon and Kashani
Dr. Nahid Kashani, President Elect, MAGD enjoys dinner with students.

Mike Owen, DDS, FAGD

Dr. Dennis Fasbinder, guest speaker.
March 8, 2008
“ACE” Membership Appreciation Day 2008
Annual Meeting AGD Masters and Fellows Honors Luncheon

Dr. David S. Hornbrook presented
“Beauty is in the Eye of the Beholder”

The Michigan AGD Board honored the following students with recognition for their services to the MAGD and presented them with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Robert Reti, UofDM
Wesley Arbuckle, UofDM
Susie Saie, UofDM
Kevin Cook, UofM

The following students were given the Senior Dental Student Award. The award recipients were decided by their dental faculty, given in the name of AGD.

Lisa Swanson UofDM
Nathan Mutch, UofDM
Amanda Bucklin, UofM

Dr. Cindy Bauer, Nathan Mutch, Dr. Paula Jones and Dr. Mike Owen
CONGRATULATIONS MAGD MEMBERS

Emeritus Status
Thomas T. Bailey, DDS, FAGD
Julian M. Franko, DDS, FAGD
Theodore C. Hadgis, DDS
Raymond M. Hagan, DDS, FAGD
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Raminta Masis, DDS, FAGD
Ralph C. Oppermann, DDS, FAGD
Paul G. Sternhagen, DDS, FAGD

Masters
Donald J. Powers, DDS, MAGD
Kenneth B. Weddell, DDS, MAGD
Two attendees discuss with the Brassler rep

Patterson Rep. and Dr. Mark Langberg

Dr. Mike Owen and Dr. Hornbrook

Drs. Charnesky, Hornbrook and Franko

Drs. Martin Metler and Norbert Zonea

Dr. Paula Jones (National MAGD President Elect), Dr. Christy Tarantino (National MAGD Executive Director), Dr. Cindy Bauer
Dr. Richard Nykiel and Dr. Glen Maylath

Drs. Mathew Reck, Paula Jones and Cindy Bauer

Dr. Fares Elias (Region 9 Trustee), Dr. Lou Boryc (Region 9 Director), and Dr. Mickey Franko

Expertec Reps with Dr. Hornbrook

Drs. Anthony Bickie, Thomas Cook and Fares Elias

Drs. John Otrhaleck, Paula Jones and Cindy Bauer
Dr. Peter Mutch and the Senior Student Award winner Nathan Mutch

Drs. Ramintha Mastis, Paula Jones and Cindy Bauer

New MAGD recipient Dr. Donald Powers

Distinguish Service Award Dr. Carl Wooley

Dr. Kashani and Dr. Shamoon

New MAGD Board Officers being sworn in by National AGD President-Elect Dr. Paula Jones
I am amazed at the number of business leaders who approach me at the end of a corporate speech and ask “can you help my company create a culture?” I regularly respond with something like “You don’t need me for that. You already have one!”

Most business owners and CEOs fail to recognize that their organization has a culture, much less what it is. Every company, group, organization, and church has a culture. It is as clear as the culture in a family. Too often, however, that culture is not recognized by the leaders of the company. However, there IS a group that knows the culture clearly…the employees.

The culture of a company is as clear as the culture of your neighbors. Go next door and observe your neighbors. You will observe a culture. You’ll see how they observe holidays; how or if they worship. You’ll observe how they eat together as a family or not; how they show respect for each other. You’ll see how they treat the items they own and how they show respect for their elders. You’ll see what they watch on TV and what they read.

You will see their culture. It is there; it is observable.

Companies are the same way. They have a culture. Like some families, the culture of many companies is positive, happy, and energetic. Like other families, some corporate culture is negative, unhappy, and dysfunctional. Whatever it may be, the culture is there.

And the people who can describe it best are the employees of the company. What they say at night over dinner about what happened that day defines the culture.

Ouch. Many CEOs don’t want to read what I just said. They would hate to hear what their employees are saying over their dinner tables at night!

For those CEOs, time is limited. These employees have too many choices regarding where to work than to be miserable on the job. Same with customers; there are too many choices, with whom to do business.

The good news is that this culture can be changed. It takes a process of redefining what the desired culture is, putting that culture into a brief statement that all employees understand and focus on every day, creating a series of basic steps that are practiced among dealings with external as well as internal customers, and keeping a regular focus on these basics and the company story.

Just like in our families, what we focus on is what we become. It is very possible to change a corporate culture for the better; I see it every day.

It takes commitment from the top and a clear vision, both of which are achievable.

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Ed Horrell is the author of the best-selling book The Kindness Revolution and founder of the movement of the same name. You can learn more at www.thekindnessrevolution.net
What should you look for when evaluating a disability income (DI) insurance policy?

Quick -- what’s your most valuable asset? Many people will say their home, investment portfolio or a priceless antique, but the asset that makes all of your other possessions possible is your ability to work and earn an income. People often insure their “golden eggs” but not the “goose” that produced them.

Disability income insurance can help protect you from financial loss should an accident or illness leave you unable to work. DI insurance can help provide you with peace of mind and financial protection at a time when it is most needed.

If you don’t have disability income insurance, consider it. If you do have coverage, review your policy. The disability insurance marketplace has changed so much over the past several years that existing policies may need an update.

What should you look for when evaluating a disability income policy? Here are ten tips.

1. Stability. Check to see that the company providing coverage has acceptable ratings from a variety of independent financial rating agencies like A.M. Best, Moody’s or Standard & Poor’s.

2. Renewability. Make sure the policy is non-cancelable and guaranteed renewable. This means the policy can’t be canceled (except for non-payment of premiums) and the premiums can’t increase regardless of your income, occupation or health.

3. Own Occupation Protection. Under this valuable provision, you will be eligible for benefits as long as you cannot perform the substantial duties of your specialized occupation.

4. Partial Disability Benefits. Medical technology and rehabilitation services are always improving. With many accidental injuries and illnesses, people are back to work on a limited schedule before returning full-time. Partial disability can provide you with benefits if you are working on a limited basis with reduced earnings.

5. Residual Income Loss Benefits. This benefit helps the professional who is back to work full-time, yet still has reduced income. It is designed to provide benefits after a disability as you build your business or professional practice back to pre-disability levels. With a residual income loss provision, ongoing medical care is generally not required.

6. Rehabilitation. If you have to enter a new specialty or occupation, the carrier may provide a benefit to assist you in the retraining process. This benefit should be in addition to the other benefits being received.

7. Cost of Living Benefits. These important features adjust the benefits to some measure of inflation, often the Consumer Price Index. A wide variety of cost-of-living options are offered and can be incorporated in your policy.
8. Additional Purchase Options. You can help protect your insurability today by adding an option to purchase additional benefits, which can provide increased coverage as your income grows. This valuable rider is usually modest in cost and offers you the opportunity to increase your benefits with no medical underwriting.

9. Recurring Disabilities. This feature can mean the difference between resuming benefits or sending you back to square one. For example, suppose you are unable to work due to an illness, then recover and return to your job. Suppose later you are disabled again due to the same cause. With some contracts, you are allowed up to 12 months to return to work; and if you are disabled again due to the same cause, the elimination period (or waiting period) has already been satisfied by the prior disability and benefits are paid immediately. Some contracts, however, have only a six-month successive disabilities clause. This could mean a big difference in your protection.

10. Financial Professional Service. When considering coverage, a knowledgeable financial professional can assist you in deciding which benefits are important for you today and in the future.

Disability income insurance is one of the cornerstones of a sound financial program. It is probably the most overlooked, but most needed, form of protection for the professional, business owner or executive. You should look at different policy features carefully and decide what disability income benefits you realistically need.

AXA Advisors, LLC does not provide legal or tax advice. Please consult your tax or legal advisor regarding your individual situation.
# 2008 General Membership Application

**For more information:**
Call us toll-free: 888.AGD.DENT (888.243.3368), ext. 5300
Or join online: [www.agd.org](http://www.agd.org)

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**Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)**
Required for access to the members-only AGD Web site

**Gender**
- Male
- Female

**Preferred Mailing Address**
- Professional
- Home

Your AGD constituent is determined by your professional address, unless one is not available.

**Ethnicity (optional)**
- African American
- Asian
- African-American
- Hispanic
- Caucasian
- Other

**How did you hear about us?**
- AGD Member (please indicate name and location in the above box)
- AGD Web site
- AGD Constituent
- Newsletter
- Advertisement
- Mailing
- Dental Meeting
- Other

What membership type are you applying for? (Refer to other side)

## Professional Information

**Name of Business** (if applicable)

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**Do you have a valid U.S./Canadian dental license?**
- Yes
- No

Date Received (mm/dd/yyyy) License #

If you are not in general practice, what is your specialty?
- Solo
- Associateship
- Group Practice
- Hospital
- Resident
- Federal Services

Please indicate institution

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Are you a graduate of (or resident in) an accredited U.S. or Canadian post-doctoral program?
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- No

Graduation Date (mm/yyyy)

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For information on qualifying for the residency dues discount, and to receive AGD credits for a residency, please reference the “Resident” membership description on the back.

## 2008 Dues Information

1. AGD Membership Dues
2. AGD Constituent Dues

**Total Amount Enclosed**

**Payment**

- Check (Enclosed)
- VISA
- MasterCard
- American Express
- Diners Club
- Discover

**NOTE:** Payments for Canadian members can only be accepted via VISA, MasterCard, or check.

**Code:** Webapp

**Expiration Date**

**Verification Code**

The verification code is the 3-digit code found on back of card, or 4-digit code on the front of AMEX cards.

I hereby certify that all the information I have provided on this application is correct.

**Signature**

**Date**

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Return this application with your payment to:
Academy of General Dentistry
211 East Chicago Avenue, Suite 900
Chicago, IL 60611-1999

For applicants paying with credit cards, fax to:
312.335.3443
## Membership Report

The MAGD Membership Committee has been active this year with initiating new programs. One of the most exciting new programs is the FellowTrack program which has been started as a vehicle for student members to earn credits toward Fellowship while still in school. The student members can attend AGD or outside C.E. courses and their credits are logged until they later become full members after graduation. Upon graduation those logged credits are applied toward Fellowship.

Another initiative we took this year is to offer complimentary student memberships. As a result of this and our recruiting visits to the two schools we have gained nearly 100 new student members. This early membership allows the students to become familiar with the culture of the AGD and see the career value of a planned course of C.E.

The heart and lifeblood of any organization is its membership. Every program that the MAGD provides is with our members in mind. The ability to continue these programs is dependent on the growth and viability of our organization. If you know of any motivated, quality minded, and educationally oriented dentist who could benefit from the many advantages of AGD membership then please encourage them to check out our website at [www.agd.org](http://www.agd.org), or call the AGD at 888 AGD-DENT (888 243-3368). It could be a career changing call!

Dr. Mike Owen
MAGD Membership Chair

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After receiving input from the Membership Maintenance Task Force, the Dental Education Council and the Membership Council, the AGD Board has approved the following interim policy regarding the issue or method used to verify the 75 credits that need to be turned in every 3 years to maintain AGD membership.

There has always been a policy regarding AGD Members needing 75 Credits in 3 years to maintain membership. After researching all the data regarding what was necessary to verify credits it was discovered that there was no clear documented Board or House Policy describing the method suggested for credit verification.

After much discussion and deliberation by all the leaders listed above in addition to reviewing surveys sent out to members it was recommended that the AGD would establish a Board Policy as outlined below:

Continuing Dental Education is a fundamental value of the AGD and membership in the AGD requires a minimum of 75 hours of CE every 3 years. Therefore all members are required to verify this requirement by signing a statement with their annual dues renewal verifying that this requirement is being satisfied.

Members who require documentation for AGD Fellowship/Mastership awards or other needs, such as licensure, will submit course documentation as had been done in the past.

The financial ramifications of dropping members who have not turned in documentation for 75 hours over a three year period is significant.

At the 2007 Fall Board meeting the Board was notified that as of 7/16/07, 1794 members were in violation of the membership maintenance requirement.

ACTION ITEMS

Special Olympics Memorandum of Understanding Renewal; MOU-Memorandum of Understanding was signed Nov. 15, 2006 (AGD will encourage its members to provide dental homes for Special Olympics Athletes)

AGD supports the teaching of Conscious sedation at the undergraduate and continuing education levels in dental schools and other adequate teaching facilities as Defined by AGD’s Education Council (3 clauses have been deleted- Contacting all dental schools, Communicating to AGD position to ADA, asking the Dental Education council to define “adequate teaching facilities.

Restructure STAR Visits –Have a rotating, structured system for constituents to have Star Visits. Suggested-Amended to have a suggested not mandated rotation schedule and support the current efforts of the RD’s to develop and promote this program to all constituents. Rd’s to consult with those leaders and staff who are currently doing the star visits for their suggestions to improve this program.

“Resolved, that the Regional Directors be charged with implementing a plan that both normalizes and standardizes the procedure for constituents and/or entire regions to receive mandatory, rotating STAR visits on a rotating basis, inclusive of appropriate budgeting for the FY09 year, and be it further,

Resolved, that the RDs present such a plan for consideration and review to the board at the board’s spring, 2008 meeting.”

2010 Annual meeting to be held in New Orleans. (July 5-11, 2010) Room rates:$176-$196 This will be the first year to split the Governance from the annual meeting educational program. A survey will be sent to gauge Leader’s preference for a three or four day governance Schedule. Feedback will be shared with the AMC at their February meeting.

Allow Retired Members to choose the constituent they want to be a member of. (Even if they have moved out of state- dues would go to chosen constituent)

Alliance with ALD (Association of Laser Dentistry)


Out of the Membership Maintenance Task Force discussion

There was a motion to allow members to verify their required 75 hour membership maintenance credits with a signature turned in with their annual dues.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Dr. Fares Elias
Oral Surgery for the General Dentist:  
Faster, Easier, and More Predictable

Mini-Residency and In-Depth Hands-on Workshop

Friday-Saturday, September 19-20, 2008

Ann Arbor, Michigan

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Most dentists perform exodontia. Unfortunately, 10-20% of all extractions will become “surgical”. This course focuses on techniques to manage the more difficult extractions, making them easier and more predictable. Dr. Koerner presents methods to simplify extractions – many not taught in dental school. One part of his presentation shows surgical problems some dentists have had and how they should have been prevented or treated. This material definitely helps keep more surgery in-house. His presentation also covers other similar surgeries such as bone grafts and moderate third molar impactions (since many of the same instruments and principles are used).

Oral Surgery Workshop:

On life-like dentoform models, participants perform surgery procedures that are a prelude to doing them on patients. Principles and techniques discussed the preceding day are realistically implemented on models. A “surgical” extraction is done followed by grafting of the alveolar ridge with bone graft material. A partial bony impaction is performed complete with flap reflection and bone removal in a manner to avoid sensitive anatomic structures followed by dry socket prevention methods. A lingual torus, biopsy, and other minor oral surgery procedures are also performed on models while Dr. Koerner instructs and critiques to help participants ascribe to current standards of care.
Faculty: Karl R. Koerner, BS, DDS, MS

Dr. Koerner has presented hundreds of didactic and participation courses at international, national, and regional meetings and at the state level for many dental associations and AGD groups. He is the author of many articles on various aspects of oral surgery for the general dentist and has authored or co-authored the books: Clinical Procedures for Third Molar Surgery, 2nd ed. (PennWell), Color Atlas of Minor Oral Surgery, 2nd ed. (Mosby), and his most recent one Manual of Minor Oral Surgery for the General Dentist. Dr. Koerner has been featured in several video tapes for the profession including three made in 2006 with Dr. Gordon Christensen on exodontia, third molar surgery, and medical emergencies. He is editor and contributor to Dental Clinics of North America (Saunders) on “Basic Procedures in Oral Surgery” and co-editor of Dental Clinic’s “Interdisciplinary Periodontal Surgery”. He is past president of the Utah Dental Association and Utah Academy of General Dentistry and member of the International College of Dentists, Academy of Dentistry Internationale, SCADA, and Pierre Fauchard Academy.

Dr. Koerner graduated from the University of Washington, School of Dentistry and then completed a General Practice Residency in the U. S. Army. He has a Masters Degree in Instructional Technology. He is on the Clinical Research Associate’s Board of Directors and also maintains a private general practice in Salt Lake City, Utah with an emphasis on oral surgery including implants.

CREDIT FORMAT AND CREDIT HOURS:

16 FAGD/MAGD Participation Credit Hours (ONLY 30 DOCTORS)
Friday-Saturday, September 19-20, 2008:

8:15-12:00 Registration & Morning Program
12:15-1:30 Lunch
1:30-5:00 Afternoon Program

Space is limited, Register Early!!!

Doctor_________________________Telephone(_______)
Address_________________________AGD#_________________________
City__________________________State________Zip____________________

The program will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. each morning. Please arrive about one half hour early on the first day of the program for registration. Tuition includes all handout, Special Dentiform Models and materials, breakfasts and lunches.

Participants will be required to bring their own extraction instruments. List will be sent with registration confirmation.

$895.00 AGD (Lecture, participation)
$1,095.00 Non-AGD (Lecture, participation)
$250.00 AGD – Additional Fee (Protocol In-office Assignment & Presentation – Additional AGD Credits)
$75.00 Late registration fees (If received before August 30, 2008)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO “THE MICHIGAN ACADEMY OF GENERAL DENTISTRY”
Mail to: Michigan AGD, C/O Sam G. Shamoon, DDS, MAGD
600 West Eleven Mile Road, Berkley MI 48072 Voice Mail (734) 624-0162

Refund Policy: Full tuition refund will be issued if the seminars are canceled by the MAGD. Full tuition refund (less $25.00 non-refundable registration fee) will be issued if cancellation is received by 21 calendar days before each seminar. There’ll be no tuition refund issued for any cancellation received 20 calendar days or less before the start of each seminar. The MAGD reserves the right to change and/or cancel the locations or dates of these seminars without any prior notice.

Course Will Be Held At: Weber’s Inn, (734) 769-2500, 3050 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, MI, 48103
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