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Sleep Group Solutions is first in our industry to produce a monthly newsletter. Our mission is to provide you with interesting, original, fun to read and valuable information. Each month we will highlight one outstanding dentist and publish his or her article. In this edition we highlight Dr. John Carollo who explains how Dental Sleep Medicine changed his dental practice and his life.

I know you, too, have something valuable to share with our dental community. These newsletters will be seen by thousands of healthcare providers from coast-to-coast and in Canada. This is your public forum. I invite you to submit articles that you would like to see in future editions. Write about one of your remarkable achievements in dental sleep medicine or share some interesting news, or pose a question to your readers.

Items should be no more than six paragraphs or 150 words. Please submit your item by email to holly@sleepgs.com or cskdoc@aol.com.

Thank You,

Rani Ben-David Sleep Group Solutions,

President and Founder

Too Much Stress in Your Dental Practice?

Here are two solutions: A horse or DSM.

Read how one dentist relieves stress with a horse and another with DSM:

Bethany Piziks, DDS says "The benefits of equine interactions are profound on all levels: physiological, psychological/emotional, and spiritual."

Dr. Piziks explains, "The human heart's electromagnetic field extends up to eight to 10 feet from the body and a horse's heart projects an electromagnetic field five times larger than the human one. The horse's electromagnetic field can directly influence a person's heart rhythm, increasing coherence. A coherent heart pattern correlates with positive emotional states such as calm and joy. It is also a solid measure of well-being, indicating a system that can efficiently recover and adjust to stressful situations."

Another good method of reducing stress is to bring the Dental Sleep Medicine (DSM) service into your practice. There is a no more rewarding service that can be offered in dentistry today.

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- It's desperately needed by sleep apnea victims
- Less than 5% of American dentists are trained for this service
- It's highly respected as a health care service
- It's an incredible practice builder
- It's a life-saving service for sleep apnea victims, and ...
- It can be a life-saving service for dentists in stressful practices
- It's the most relaxing way to do dentistry

The treatment of obstructive sleep apnea in the dental office is more than 80% staff driven. Any dental auxiliary, trained and directed by the dentist, is legally and ideally positioned to do the patient screening, the medical and sleep interview, and much of the treatment, assisting the dentist.

Many dentists have found their niche and joy in DSM after feeling the "burn-out" from years of stressful routine dentistry. Is there any other profession that demands constant and simultaneous attention to time pressures, patient demands, uncooperative patients (pediatric, fearful, nervous, or militant), high levels of concentration and focus, and team issues? A dentist has to be a perfect artist, scientist, psychologist, time manager, leader, economist, and business owner. It is little wonder that dentistry leads the fields in divorces, in depression, which is endemic in the dental profession, and in cardiovascular disease, which is the number one killer of dentists.

Lauren Hadley, a New York state horse owner and trainer since the age of eight, says, "Horses give you a sense of accomplishment and pride". She adds, "[They are] true Angels on earth, guardians to bring you joy in a world of stress". Any dentist serving the public with sleep health will enjoy that same feeling of accomplishment and pride... with the added benefit of providing a stress-free dental service.

You are invited to become a fighter in the battle against obstructive sleep apnea. The rewards are many- for your patients, and for you.



Buckshot, the quiet stallion, is Lauren's solution for stress relief

Instructor Spotlight: Dr. John Carollo

How I started in Dental Sleep Medicine and how it changed me, and my Dental Practice.

Dental Sleep Medicine is very dear and close to me. In 1992 I was diagnosed with Mild to Moderate Obstructive Sleep Apnea. Back then the Pulmonologist sent me to an Ear, Nose & Throat (ENT) physician for UPPP Surgery. UPPP, (or UP3 as physicians refer to it now), is Uvulopalatopharyngoplasty. This is a procedure where the uvula is removed, (Figure 1). It was very painful, it was like having the worst pizza burn ever and the pain lasted 3-4 weeks. The UPPP was successful for six months- my snoring decreased but

then my soft palate and tissue became loose again, and again I started snoring and feeling tired during the day. So the pulmonologist started me on CPAP therapy. I stayed on CPAP therapy for years and had no major issues, but I knew there were alternatives to CPAP Therapy. I made myself an oral appliance and alternated between the oral appliance and CPAP.

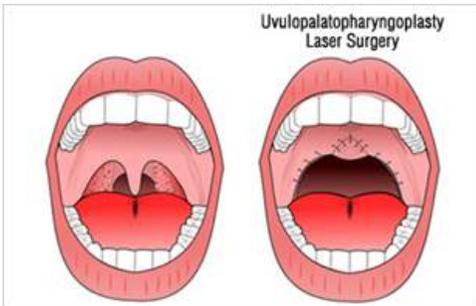


Figure 1: UPPP Surgery Before and After

Around the same time, I started to ask my patients if snoring was an issue for them or for their significant other. I started to make snore appliances for my patients. I did not know about AHI, RDI, SpO2 and all the other sleep parameters that are important for an effective dental sleep medicine protocol. I used a few different appliances and settled on the SUAD oral appliance at that time. I used a typical protrusive bite, sometimes a George Gauge™ for my bite registration. There was no medicine or science involved with these snore appliances or my protocol at that time.

Around 2010 I started taking Dental Sleep Medicine courses and really started learning what Dental Sleep Medicine really is. There were some good programs, most of them were half day and evening programs that provided basic information without any hands-on. I was only making a handful of oral appliances yearly. In 2013 I took my first two day program with Sleep Group Solutions (SGS) that changed what I now know about Dental Sleep Medicine. More importantly, it changed how I treat patients medically for Obstructive Sleep Apnea, (OSA), and how it changed my dental practice for the better.

Dr. George Jones, was the instructor along with John Nadeau and Ben Scarborough from SGS, it was a great two days. I learned how we as dentists along with the medical community can effectively treat OSA with Oral Appliance Therapy, (OAT). I learned about the different oral appliances to treat OSA, but the most important factor was understanding the airway and its stability at given vertical and horizontal positions. It was the hands-on demonstration with the Eccovision® Acoustic Pharyngometer, (Figure 2) that made me fully understand and see the airway and how it responds to mandibular advancement both vertically and horizontally.



Figure 2: Pharyngometer

I purchased the Eccovision® Acoustic Pharyngometer & Rhinometer and started screening all my existing dental patients and followed the protocol I learned from SGS.

(Instructor Spotlight Continued)

I was amazed how many patients have OSA and needed OAT. Dental Sleep Medicine was starting to become a daily part of my dental practice. I now was medically treating OSA patients and not just making snore appliances. Every patient had a diagnostic sleep study before and after OAT with their oral appliance in place to check the efficacy and effectiveness of their oral appliance. The more patients I treated, the more referrals I was getting from these happy patients. I learned marketing strategies from SGS, and after a year I had a dedicated dental sleep website and started a marketing campaign to attract patients outside my office for dental sleep medicine and OAT. I was always documenting my patients' results and I was getting some good to great results. It was around this same time and having treated over sixty to seventy patients, I felt it was time to nurture relationships with sleep physicians, cardiologists and primary care physicians. I would never recommend this to someone who does not know dental sleep medicine as SGS teaches it, nor to someone who has only done a handful of cases.

Among the first pulmonologists I met were two with whom I shared patients who I treated with OAT. I called a pulmonologist and he agreed to meet with me. At this meeting I had my sample oral appliances, but more importantly some ten documented cases that I successfully treated. This pulmonologist told me he gets calls weekly from dentists asking for referrals from his office to work together. He asked many questions about sleep medicine in general and I, through my SGS training and experience, was able to speak on his level; he was impressed. He told me that too many dentists are just not educated enough in sleep medicine and only dabble in OAT. He felt less than 3-5% of dentists really know how to treat OSA patients on a medical level and make effective oral appliances. He started to send me a few patients for OAT and my results were good in helping his patients with their OSA.

Building from this relationship, I now work with other pulmonologists and have established myself a nice working relationships and referral sources.

In just three short years after taking my first SGS two-day program, my office is about 40% dental sleep medicine and 60% regular dentistry. My dental sleep practice is growing and growing, and I soon will need a dental associate to help me with my patients.

Patients tell me how much better they feel, no afternoon tiredness, no waking up at night choking and gasping for air. Their spouses are so happy that they are not snoring and one spouse called me and said I am saving marriages. My dental sleep medicine patients are so appreciative of what we were able to do for them. I feel am really making a difference in people's lives, helping them with this severe medical condition of OSA is more rewarding than I ever knew.

About Dr. Carollo

Dr. John Carollo received his dental degree from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, (now Rutgers Dental School), and is a Member of the Academy of General Dentistry, The American Dental Association and The Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine. He has presented extensively on the subjects of Avoiding Complications and Pitfalls in Implant Dentistry from Single Teeth to Full Mouth Restorations, Contemporary Implant Esthetics, Anterior Esthetics for Implants and Natural Teeth, All-Ceramic Restorations, Treatment Planning Dental Implant Cases, Dental Sleep Medicine, (Sleep Apnea); and Fabricating Dental Sleep Appliances Over Orthodontic Retainers.



Currently, Dr. Carollo is presenting on Immediate Loading and Immediate Function of Dental Implants, Full Arch Implant Therapy: Assessment for Surgical and Restorative Options, the "All-on-4™" Technique and "Teeth-in-a-Day™". Dr. Carollo also is presenting on Dental Sleep Medicine and Incorporating Dental Sleep into Your Dental Office.

The Importance of Continuing Dental Education

Continuing education in any occupation is essential to stay on top of the game. In dentistry it's crucial to preserve the health of the patients. Very few health care professions are enriched by the breakthroughs as in the field of dentistry. There are constantly new and better materials and newer and more effective techniques.

New and needed dental services are introduced in dental seminars. These new services are opportunities for practicing dentists to help their patients with care they had not been able to previously find.

One of the most important disciplines is the hottest "niche" in dentistry today: Dental Sleep Medicine- the screening and treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA). For this training, Sleep Group Solutions, a company in Hollywood, Florida, is the leading organization.

Recent advances in dentistry are the pushes for dental sleep medicine. Dentists and patients are uniting behind a common enemy, OSA. Awareness of OSA among the general public is increasing and patients are learning that dentists are in the front line of the battle. The most effective and popular treatments are intra-oral appliances-fitted, adjusted and monitored by trained, qualified dentists. The device positions the base of the tongue and the lower jaw forward to allow the airway to remain unobstructed during sleep.

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There is a tremendous amount of information to take in with new information streaming in every day. The best way for dentists to always stay up to date is to attend seminars. The most comprehensive and practical seminars are from Sleep Group Solutions. These seminars are presented every week in two different cities across the nation. There is limited seating. However, if you [click here](#), you can be linked directly to ticket processing.



SGS instructor Dr. Damian Blum demonstrating the use of the Pharyngometer

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