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REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The House of Delegates of the American Dental Association in November 1985 passed without debate the ADA’s first policy statement on dental anesthesia. The historic statement is entitled “The Use of Conscious Sedation, Deep Sedation and General Anesthesia in Dentistry.”

In addition to approving the policy statement, the House of Delegates passed a second resolution which states:

Resolved, that appropriate agencies of the Association develop programs, guidelines, reports and other resources to encourage compliance with its policies as identified in the statement “The Use of Conscious Sedation, Deep Sedation and General Anesthesia in Dentistry.”

Additionally, the background material placed before the House included the following information:

Of the $40,000 requested to implement the Resolution, $15,000 would be used to match an equal sum allocated by the American Dental Society of Anesthesiology to conduct a workshop designed to identify methods of expanding opportunities for dentists to receive training in the use of conscious sedation, deep sedation and general anesthesia. The remaining $25,000 is requested to fund a minimum of two meetings of a broadly representative committee to develop resources (e.g., model regulations) and recommend additional activities that would encourage implementation of the Association’s policies on the use of anesthesia and sedation by dentists.

The American Dental Society of Anesthesiology and the American Dental Association will now form a committee to plan and operate a national conference designed to expand educational opportunities in dental anesthesiology. Again, to quote the policy statement:

The Association supports efforts to expand the availability of courses and programs at the predoctoral, advanced and continuing educational levels which are structured in accordance with its educational “Guidelines” in pain and anxiety control. It urges dental schools to expand opportunities for predoctoral students to receive training and clinical experience in conscious sedation techniques. It urges continuing education sponsors to offer intensive courses in conscious sedation techniques which include sufficient opportunity for supervised clinical experience to enable participants to achieve competency in these techniques. Finally, it urges sponsors of advanced dental education to develop programs at the postgraduate level which are designed to train individuals in deep sedation and general anesthesia.

It is likely that the conference will be scheduled late in 1986.

ADSA Insurance Committee: Members of the Committee on Legislation, Insurance and Health Care met December 16 at ADA Headquarters to consider the problems of liability insurance for ADSA members. The committee met with Brian Johnson, Secretary, Dr. Brenda Harmon, Assistant Secretary, ADA Council on Insurance; Fred J. Fenlon, CNA Insurance Companies (which handles the ADA liability insurance program), and William J. Pratt, Vice President of Glenn Nyhan & Associates, insurance brokers and risk management consultants, which works with the liability insurance program of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

Purpose of the meeting was to gather information from all sources and to make recommendations to the ADSA Board of Directors in April for specific steps which the Society might take in this important area. Participating were Drs. Robert Peskin, Chairman; Gerald LaBoda, William McDonnell, B. Kyle DeMartino, James Hebert, Russell Paravecchio, and Peter Goulding, Executive Director.

Peter C. Goulding

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Peter Hurst, M.S., M.C., D.D.S., L.D.S., F.D.S., R.C.S.Ed., Chairman, Department of Dentistry, Northwestern Memorial Hospital

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9:30 Recognition and Management of Respiratory and Cardiovascular Emergencies in Outpatient Anesthesia: The role of newer electronic monitoring.

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10:45 The Substance Abuser: Hidden dangers of street drugs as they interact with anesthetic agents, sedatives, hypnotics and tranquilizers.

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