‘Serving vulnerable populations’ among NDA meeting topics

National Dental Association session looks at future dental practice delivery models

The National Dental Association (NDA) will hold its 101st annual convention from July 25 through 29 at the Hilton Riverside Hotel in New Orleans, where the entire “NDA Family of Organizations” — the Student National Dental Association, the National Dental Hygienists Association, the National Dental Assistants Association, the Auxiliary to the NDA and the NDA Foundation — will also host annual conventions.

In today’s changing world of health care and health systems, health delivery models are rapidly evolving to keep pace with trends. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) has made it possible for millions of Americans to access health care that prior to the enactment of the legislation was out of reach for many.

The change means that health-care providers, including dental professionals, are having to find new ways to meet the demand.

The convention’s President’s Symposium, “Trends in dentistry: The future is now — a call to action,” will address challenges and concerns of patients and providers in vulnerable communities, and it will provide insights into practical, actionable and innovative practice delivery models of the future.

Subject matter experts will provide methods to optimize accessibility to and delivery of comprehensive patient care to achieve health equity, improve total patient health, increase productivity and grow small businesses in underserved communities.

Attendees will learn how to understand and navigate dental Medicaid programs, advocate for policy improvements and influence laws that directly impact vulnerable populations and the providers who care for them.

The meeting also will provide a wide variety of scientific sessions of interest to all members of the dental team.

More information is available online, at www.ndaonline.org.

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