

Hello fellow ASDA members and friends

What a year, I don't think I have been to so many meetings, written so many letters and made as many phone calls as in the last twelve months. So much has been confidential, but at last we are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel and it is time to bring you up to date.

#### REGISTRATION and APHRA

The Australian Health Practitioner Registration Agency has now provided members with an endorsement for conscious sedation. For initial endorsement members will have to have been endorsed by their State Boards (NSW and Qld), or hold the GradDipClinDent (conscious sedation and pain control) or its equivalent. It appears that those in the other states seeking 'grandfathering' will be required to attend a one week course at Westmead as happened in NSW. In Queensland the process of grandfathering was determined by practice accreditation.

For continued endorsement, members will be required to provide a certified copy of their attendance at the "medical emergencies in the dental surgery" course. At the moment the only recognized course is the one at Westmead Hospital run by CREST (The ASDA course is under the CREST umbrella and therefore is recognized).

This year we have had some issues with APHRA and the provision of certificates for those attending the ASDA conference last year. ASDA followed the protocols as laid down by the APHRA communiqué of Feb2011, only to find out in JULY/AUGUST that there was an additional requirement to provide certified copies which couldn't be sent via email. New certificates have been printed and mailed on the 26<sup>th</sup> September.

#### CREST and the Approved Course

As in previous years, ASDA will be providing an opportunity for members to attend the "approved course" during the days preceding our annual conference. The new regulations have meant that there are strict limit on the numbers that may attend any one course. Consequently, the course filled very quickly this year and we have had to run two courses and there are still many members who wished to attend but have missed out. Running two courses has meant that we have had to seek more facilitators as Dr Ken Harrison can't do them all and we have been somewhat hampered by the inability of Westmead Hospital to hold the course on weekends.

Those that missed out this year should not despair as CREST will be hold numerous courses throughout the year to allow members to comply with APHRA regulations. I, personally, would like to see the situation where we can accommodation all members during the ASDA conference weekend

#### Guidelines

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