**Useful Contacts**

**Association of Dental Anaesthetists**

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The Association of Dental Anaesthetists (ADA) was founded in 1977 and at present has a membership of approximately 350. Consisting of both Anaesthetists and Dentists the Association aims to further the art and science of anaesthesia and sedation for dentistry and to provide a forum for discussion.

Membership of the Association is open to medical and dental practitioners with an interest in dental anaesthesia, sedation or analgesia who have been approved by Council. On occasion other persons, not medically or dentally qualified, who have been similarly approved by Council may also be granted membership. Further information regarding membership can be found on the Members page.

The Association holds a one day Winter Meeting, usually in London, and a two day summer Scientific Meeting elsewhere. During the summer meeting the AGM is held and there is a social programme. Each of these meetings attracts CME points. Further information is available from the Meetings page.

The Association is represented on the EFAAD and the SAAD. The SAAD also sends a representative to the ADA Council meetings.

As of November 2004 the ADA became a Specialist Society of the Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland. As a Specialist Society day to day administration of the Association is now carried out in house by AAGBI staff. The ADA benefits through personal telephone lines and email addresses, this new website, support for the membership database and ongoing administration, events services and most importantly a dedicated point of contact for all Association matters. We feel that this is an important step for the Association and hope that it will prove to be beneficial to all our members.
The Society for the Advancement of Anaesthesia in Dentistry is a dental charity dedicated to the advancement of knowledge in pain and anxiety control for dentistry. Often referred to as SAAD (pronounced to rhyme with “card”), the society has developed from a small study club in the late 1950’s into one of the UK’s largest postgraduate teaching organisations for dentistry.

The society’s main function is providing postgraduate education by running courses encouraging the safe provision of conscious sedation for dentistry. A major provision is also made for the training of dental nurses assisting in the procedures for conscious sedation and the management of associated complications. SAAD’s philosophy is that of team training. Please see the Courses pages for further details.

SAAD’s other activities include providing scientific seminars, giving expert advice to other bodies including the Department of Health and the General Dental Council; providing experts for guidelines and standards documents; giving expert evidence to the courts and providing individual support and advice to members.

The society produces a journal “SAAD Digest” published annually, each January, and also the SAAD Newsletter also published annually, each June. For past copies of the Digest please see the SAAD Digest section.

SAAD funds three memorial prize awards for original work with special categories for dental nurses and undergraduates. (See Prizes)

Membership of the society is open to any registered medical or dental practitioner, dental nurse or dental therapist.