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**Lee Albert, NMT** is a national presenter and highly popular Neuromuscular Therapist and yoga instructor at the world renowned Kripalu Center for Yoga & Health in Lenox, MA. Dedicated to helping people help themselves, Lee created, practices and teaches Integrated Positional Therapy (IPT) - protocols to reduce and often eliminate chronic pain. He is the author of *Live Pain Free without Drugs or Surgery*. Lee is trained in neuromuscular therapy, orthopedic massage, positional therapy, yoga therapy and myofascial release and has conducted seminars with thousands of people from all over the world. People from every walk of life have learned from Lee how to live a pain free life.

**Colleen Atkinson, EMT** is an experienced professional with years of service to local communities in both paid and volunteer positions in the Human Services field. Colleen is a skilled and caring medical practitioner with extensive technical expertise and the talent to share her skills with others in a teaching environment. She is a nationally registered EMT, professional educator and instructor in Connecticut’s Community College system (Nursing and EMT programs). In addition to being a Connecticut EMS Instructor, she is an American Heart Association and ASHI Instructor and a CT State Police Instructor.

**Charles Blair, DDS** is dentistry’s leading authority on insurance coding strategies, fee positioning and strategic planning. He has individually consulted with thousands of practices, helping them identify and implement new strategies for increasing legitimate reimbursement. Dr. Blair’s extensive background and expertise makes him uniquely qualified to share his wealth of knowledge with the dental profession. A widely-read and highly respected author and publisher, he currently offers several publications including: *Coding with Confidence, Administration with Confidence, Diagnostic Coding for Dental Claim Submission, Medical Dental Cross Coding with Confidence* and the *Insurance Solutions Newsletter*. Also through his expertise, he founded www.practicebooster.com which optimizes insurance administration and aids in maximizing reimbursement. He holds degrees in Accounting, Business Administration, Mathematics and Dental Surgery.

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**Mark Buczko, CPCU, CIC, RPLU** has worked in insurance for over 35 years. A graduate of Loyola University and a student of the insurance industry, Mark currently holds several prestigious industry designations. Mark has been working with dentists since 1987 when he joined CNA Insurance Companies. In 1997 Mark joined Aon Corporation as the Vice President of the Dentist’s Advantage Program. Mark’s responsibilities include relationship and risk management, underwriting and marketing. Mark also works closely with the program’s strategic partners: the National Dental Association, the Hispanic Dental Association and the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD). Mark serves on the Board of the AGD Foundation and is the President of the National Society of Dental Practitioners, a risk management organization for dentists.

**Sheri Doniger, DDS** is a leading dental clinician, author, educator, international speaker and consultant who currently practices dentistry in Lincolnwood, IL. Dr. Doniger is an avid researcher, frequently contributing to an array of dental publications on a variety of topics. She has a featured blog for DrBicuspid.com entitled “Sheri’s Solutions”. Dr. Doniger is a prominent advocate for mentoring women, a strong voice within the industry for enhancing ergonomics for women dentists, and proponent of healthy team management. Dr. Doniger is an active member of numerous professional societies, including the ADA, Illinois State Dental Society, Chicago Dental Society, and the American Association of Women Dentists, as well as being a Fellow in the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists.

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Debra Engelhardt-Nash has been consulting and presenting workshops nationally and internationally for study groups and organizations for over 30 years. She is a founding member and serving as President of the Academy of Dental Management Consultants. Debra is also a member of the American Academy of Dental Practice Administration and serves on the Practice Management Advisory board for the American Dental Association. Debra has been listed in Dentistry Today as a Leader in Continuing Dental Education and Dental Consulting. In 2008, Debra was awarded the American Dental Assistants Association Distinguished Service Award. She was honored in 2014 as Top 25 Women in Dentistry and was the 2015 recipient of the Gordon Christensen Outstanding Lecturer Award.

Ellen Gambardella, CDA, RDA was selected as the “Most Effective Dental Assistant Educator in the United States” in a nationwide search. The Massachusetts Dental Society presented her with the “Special Award for Teacher of the Year”. She is the recipient of the “Goldin Foundation Award for Excellence in Education” and the “Dr. LeClaire Dental Health Professional Award” for innovative and impassioned teaching. The United States Air Force recognized Ellen for her educational support of the 66th Dental Flight and Medical Group. She was recently awarded the title of “Fellow” from the ADAA. A former faculty member of Tufts and Northeastern Universities, and Middlesex Community College, Ellen is an author and has lectured nationally and internationally.

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Danielle Green, DMD completed a master’s level course in Applied Behavior Analysis through the May Institute in Boston and has been in private practice for over 25 years. ABA is a method of instruction utilizing B.F. Skinner’s principles of behavior modification. This therapy has been scientifically proven to be effective in teaching skills to many individuals on the spectrum. For 12 years, Dr. Green has facilitated a support group for parents and caregivers of autistic individuals in southeastern Connecticut. Dr. Green herself is a parent of a son with ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder).

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H. Ross Lambert, DMD grew up in the Bronx and attended Horace Mann School. He received a Bachelor’s Degree in Electrical Engineering from Lafayette College. He went on to attend the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine where he earned his DMD. He then attended the Temple University Dental School where he received his Certification in Periodontology. After completing his training he opened a private practice limited to periodontology in 1979, he also joined the staff as an Associate Professor of Periodontology in the graduate program at Pennsylvania State University. a position he enjoyed for over 25 years.

Lory Laughter, RDH graduated from Idaho State University with her BS in 1994 and from the University of California San Francisco with an MS in Dental Hygiene in 2015. Today she has a variety of career roles including faculty at UCSF and Cabrillo College, private practice, speaking, writing and research. Lory has written a monthly column in RDH Magazine since 2005. She received the 2011 Idaho State University Division of Health Sciences Professional Achievement Award and the 2015 Sunstar America Award of Distinction. Lory is the founder and owner of Dental IQ, LLC - a business committed to providing quality continuing education to the entire dental team.

Ronald Linden, DDS was in private practice with an office in Shelton from 1980 to 2014. He had an occlusion-based general practice. Dr. Linden has been a lifetime member of the CSDA and was active as President of the Naugatuck Valley Dental Society and chairman of the CSDA Ethics Council. He has been a mentor to several dentists via the CSDA mentor list. Dr. Linden joined Tyla Permenter and Paragon Dental transitions in 2015.
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Tyla Permenter spent the early portion of her career working for one of the largest real property investment firms in the U.S. as an analyst and then as a Senior Investment Analyst. She has worked with both large multi-million dollar clients as well as more personal investors. Tyla enjoys working with dentists to help them realize their financial goals.

Joseph Piecuch, DMD, MD is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst (BA), Harvard University (DMD) and the University of Washington (MD). Dr. Piecuch's residency in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery was at the University of Washington. Initially a faculty member at the University of Connecticut, he established a private practice in 1985 and became affiliated with Hartford Hospital where he was Oral Surgery Educational Coordinator and OMS Section Chair. In 2008 he returned to UCONN as Clinical Professor. Having published over a hundred journal articles, book chapters and scientific abstracts, Dr. Piecuch is Associate Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and also Editor of the CSDA's Communicator. He has served as President of the CSOMS and the Hartford Dental Society.

Daniel Pompa, DDS is an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon and is now lecturing full-time. He is a Fellow in both AAOMS and ICOI. He is a guest speaker at NYU College of Dentistry and the University of Florida College of Dentistry. In 2013, Dr. Pompa became a Seminar Series Speaker for the ADA. He has published in JADA and Dentistry Today, where he has also been listed as a "Leader in Continuing Education." In the 2014 Journal of NYSAGD, Dr. Pompa published "Update on Basic Physical Diagnosis," which summarizes new innovations for a simple, chairside medical workup. He is also an inventor, being issued a U.S. Patent for his innovative work in the field of Dental Implantology (U.S. Patent # 5,320,529).
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**Lois Villa, CDA** has been a dental assistant for over 31 years. She became a DANB CDA in 1995. Lois previously worked for eight years in private practice and is currently employed as a Lead Dental Assistant by the State of CT DMHAS CT Valley Hospital and worked with special needs patients for over 23 years. She has previously been President of the CT Dental Assistants Association and is currently their Legislative Chair. She has worked on EFDA legislation since its inception beginning in 2005 and is currently co-chair of the EFDA Standards Committee. Lois has worked closely throughout the years with legislators and representative proponents of EFDA.

**Victoria Wallace, LDA** was trained in Minnesota and became a CDA, RDA. She is currently a LDA, licensed for expanded functions. This was to be a stepping stone to eventually become a dentist. As soon as she started working chairside she knew it was perfect for her. Since 1996, Victoria has been a Product Educator for Ultradent Products. She has dedicated decades to helping educate dental team members by being a member of the ADAA, writing articles, lecturing at state dental meetings, and volunteering on dental missions. Victoria recently finished a 7-year study on bond testing and presented at the 2016 ADEA meeting.

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