

FACT SHEET

The 7th USA PACIFIC DENTAL & LEGAL CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, USA

Monday 25 June 2012 to Monday 2 July 2012

*This conference runs before **Lipari, Sicily** 7-14 July 2012 and **Prague, Czech Republic** 20-27 July 2012*

So much of Australia's medical and legal tradition comes from the USA, so what better place to explore this than the cultural and commercial heart of that country, New York. What better place to learn about class actions, the onslaught of medical litigation and issues like product liability than the place where it all, if not began, then exploded.

The academic and professional program has always been the centrepiece of our conferences, but an equally important part is the networking activities we organise outside of the formal program. Over the years many delegates have forged professional links with other practitioners arising out of meeting for the first time at the conferences. The synergy of dental, medical & legal practitioners at these conferences has led to a greater understanding of each other's role and broken down many barriers. Delegates have also reported that the informal interaction with other delegates has led to an exchange of ideas and methodologies, and an enhancement of professional camaraderie among fellow practitioners including referrals both fellow dental, medical practitioners and lawyers

The conference venue will be the Belvedere Hotel located near Times Square in the heart of New York City.

ADDRESS: 319 WEST 48TH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10036.

CONFERENCE EVENTS

The conference will include a number of optional social events. The first event is welcome drinks at 7.00pm on Monday 25 June, followed by a conference dinner at 7.30pm at Becco's Italian Restaurant (cost of dinner not included in registration fee), which is co-owned by Lydia Mattichio Bastianich and her son Joseph. Lydia is one of Americans best loved Italian chefs and television celebrities (look out for her cooking program on The Lifestyle Channel). Other events will include a night at "the Met" (the Metropolitan Opera Company), a helicopter flight over New York's best attractions (where you almost touch the statue of Liberty), an evening of Jazz at the Village Vanguard or similar venue, a tour of the Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art and a NY Yankees baseball game.

ACCOMMODATION

BELVEDERE HOTEL - 4 Star hotels – Mid town (CONFERENCE HOTEL & VENUE)

For a deluxe double room at the Belvedere Hotel the rates start at \$AUD325 per room, per night (*excluding breakfast, portorage and baggage handling costs*) Alternative room configurations and prices are available on request.

All prices are subject to room availability and exchange rate variations.

REGISTRATION

Registration cost is \$AUD1100 for single registration or for multiple registrations, \$AUD850. Accompanying persons not needing formal registration are free and are welcome to attend all functions and sessions. Please note that rooms will be allocated strictly in accordance with the receipt of the registration fee. If for any reason you wish to cancel your registration (even at the last minute), we will refund your registration fee less an \$AUD100 administration charge. Accommodation once paid can only be refunded at the hotel's discretion.

ACCREDITATION

As of 1 July 2010 all dentists must complete 60 hours of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) over 3 years as a condition of re-registration as a dentist. Apart from such specific topics our conferences generally qualify for the 20% of your compulsory CPD points requirement which is not clinically or scientifically based as they are about how the law affects the practice of all aspects of medicine. Dentists now regularly attend our conferences to gain a portion of their CPD points. Some CPD point sessions at our conferences are clinical eg at our next Val Thorens conference in France in the week before Easter 2012, a European expert gives a paper on dental implants. Other papers have included the medico-legal aspects of dentistry relating to dentists and anaesthesia. Similar papers will be delivered at this conference. For CPD requirements visit (www.dentalboard.gov.au)

TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

We highly recommend utilising the services of our preferred travel partner CPE Travel whom we work closely with to ensure your travel requirements are met. CPE Travel are an award winning travel agency specialising in premium travel experiences including cruising, touring, villa stays and bespoke travel. Be sure to enquire about the exclusive 2 for 1 packages they offer delegates. CPE Travel Professionals can be contacted on 07 3254 3331 or via email travel@educationcpe.com.

THE PROFESSIONAL & ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Conference sessions will run for a disciplined 4 hours each day, generally starting early to late afternoon depending on the evening event. This allows ample time to climb the Statue of Liberty, walk in Central Park or Times Square, visit 'Little Italy' or Chinatown, or the many museums, bookshops, cafés and art galleries of New York.

This is a sample of past papers presented at this conference:

Dr Andrew Thomson forensic medical specialist with the United Nations - a paper on his work in providing the medical proof for war crimes in Rawanda & Cambodia

Dan Bender, Director of the International Department, American Arbitration Association – International Arbitration Issues.

Dr Bob Newman President of the Continuum Partners Hospital Group - USA policies of dealing with drug abuse

Hugh McDermott – international lawyer, Litigation in Offshore Jurisdictions & Money Laundering, Asset Tracing and Pursuing the Proceeds of Crime in Offshore Jurisdictions

Dr Gordon Davies- Psychiatrist - A Comparative Assessment of the Validity of Psychiatric Impairment and Disability Scales

Jacoba Brasch, Barrister-at-Law, Queensland, "The human rights of mental illness: civil commitment in Australia and America".

Thomas R. Newman, expert on medical litigation & legal counsel to Duane Morris LLP, New York, one of the 100 largest law firms in the USA – "*International insurance law, arbitrations and some medical issues*"

Dr Mark Chassin, Quality Control Supervisor at the Mt Sinai Hospital, New York - Controlling organisational mistakes in health care delivery.

CONFERENCE MOTTO: CARPE DIEM (SEIZE THE DAY!)