

# 2026 HDA ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, Oct. 2, 2026



## REGISTRATION / EXHIBITORS / BREAKFAST

REGISTRATION AREA / PACIFIC GRAND BALLROOM FOYER  
8:00 - 8:30 AM

### Special Care Dentistry Panel

PACIFIC GRAND BALLROOM  
8:30-10:00 AM

**SPEAKERS:** Dr. Oscar Padilla, Dr. Martha Forero, & Dr. Rosalyn Sulyanto **MODERATOR:** Dr. Maritza Morell  
CE CREDITS: 1.5

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Renaissance Boston Seaport District Hotel  
606 Congress Street., Boston, MA 02210

## VISIT EXHIBITORS 10:00AM - 10:30 AM

### TRACK 1

Implant Dentistry for the General Dentist: Practical Strategies for Diagnosis, Treatment Planning and Restorative Success

LOCATION: TBD  
10:30 AM-12:00 PM  
**SPEAKER:** Dr. Thaisa Bordin  
CE CREDITS: 1.5

### TRACK 2

Contemporary Root Canal Therapy: Simplified Access, Instrumentation and Bioceramic Obturation

LOCATION: TBD  
10:30 AM-12:00 PM  
**SPEAKER:** Dr. Luis C. Yepes  
CE CREDITS: 1.5

## LUNCH & VISIT EXHIBITORS 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

### TRACK 1

Elevating Smiles - A Contemporary Approach to Porcelain Laminate Veneers

LOCATION: TBD  
1:30 PM-3:00 PM  
**SPEAKER:** Dr. Anabella Oquendo  
CE CREDITS: 1.5

### TRACK 2

Keeping the Human Touch in a Digital World

LOCATION: TBD  
1:30 PM- 3:00 PM  
**SPEAKER:** Ms. Ali Hyatt  
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## VISIT EXHIBITORS 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

### TRACK 1

Dentistry for Adults with Special Needs

LOCATION: TBD  
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM  
**SPEAKER:** Dr. Keri Discepolo  
CE CREDITS: 1

### TRACK 2

What Are Advanced Standing Programs Looking For?

LOCATION: TBD  
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM  
**SPEAKER:** Dr. Ronald Perry  
CE CREDITS: 1

### TRACK 1

Dental Oncology & Basic Concepts in Cancer Development and Prevention

LOCATION: TBD  
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM  
**SPEAKER:** Dr. Elba C. Diaz & Dr. Pedro Sanz A.  
CE CREDITS: 1

### TRACK 2

Many Roads One Profession: Career Pathways for the Internationally Trained Dentist

LOCATION: TBD  
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM  
**SPEAKERS:** Dr. Gabriela Lagreca, Dr. Merelyn Hong, Dr. Ana Keohane & Dr. Reimy Evangelista  
CE CREDITS: 1

## WELCOME RECEPTION

EXHIBITOR FLOOR

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

FOOD, MUSIC & NETWORKING

# 2026 HDA ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Saturday, Oct. 2, 2026

REGISTRATION AREA / MAIN BALLROOM  
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

**HDA**  
HISPANIC DENTAL ASSOCIATION



Renaissance Boston Seaport District Hotel  
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**REGISTRATION / EXHIBITORS / BREAKFAST:**  
Meet the **BOLD** Influencers

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Undaunted Trailblazers 2: Contemporary Men of Color  
Shaping Oral Health

Keynote Speakers: Dr. Todd Ester, Dr. Keith Mays, Dr. Ivan Lugo & Dr. Herminio Perez

Moderator: Dr. Ana N. Lopez

9:00AM - 10:00 AM

CE CREDITS: 1

**VISIT EXHIBITORS 10:00AM - 10:30 AM**

**TRACK 2**

Understanding Alzheimer's Disease and Autism in  
Dental Care: Clinical Insights and Educational  
Innovations

LOCATION: TBD

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

**SPEAKERS:** Dr. Karin Arsenault & Dr. Martha Forero

CE CREDITS: 1.5

**TRACK 1**

Digital Dentistry

LOCATION: TBD

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

**SPEAKER:** Dr. Carlos Escobar

CE CREDITS: 1.5

**LUNCH, AWARDS & VISIT EXHIBITORS**

**12:00PM - 2:00 PM**

**COFFEE BREAK 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM SPONSORED BY** CareCredit<sup>SM</sup>

**TRACK 1**

From Diagnosis to Yes:  
Interdisciplinary Treatment,  
Planning and Case Acceptance in  
Modern Dentistry

LOCATION: TBD

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

**SPEAKER:** Dr. Ancy Verdier

CE CREDITS: 1.5

**TRACK 1**

The Dentists Role in Obstructive  
Sleep Apnea: Screening, Referral  
and Management

LOCATION: TBD

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

**SPEAKER:** Dr. Patricia Guerrero

CE CREDITS: 1

**TRACK 1**

Ethics

LOCATION: TBD

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

**SPEAKER:** American College of Dentists

CE CREDITS: 1

**TRACK 2**

Dental Therapy & Dentistry and  
Inclusion in the Dental Field - The  
Impact of DACA in US Dental Schools

LOCATION: TBD

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

**SPEAKERS:** Dr. Aidee Herman Nieto & Dr. Wilber

Ramirez

CE CREDITS: 1.5

**TRACK 2**

Aligning for Success; Integrating Orthodontics...

LOCATION: TBD

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

**SPEAKER:** Dr. David Cruz Alma

CE CREDITS: 1

**TRACK 2**

Artificial Intelligence and Note Taking Had a Baby - A New  
Era in Comprehensive Medical Documentation

LOCATION: TBD

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

**SPEAKER:** Dr. Christopher Balaban

CE CREDITS: 1

**TRACK 3**

Leadership Seminar with HDAF

LOCATION: TBD

2:00 PM - 5:30 PM

**SPEAKERS:** Ms. Paula Vogel, Dr. Sarita Arteaga  
& Dr. Maritza Morell

**By Invitation Only - Faculty Advisors**

CE CREDITS: 3.5

**Parrandon de la Hispanidad**

**6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

**FOOD, MUSIC & DANCING**

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