

### Update #3

Dear Professional and Student Volunteers:

We were just informed a few hours ago that the California Dental Association will be canceling the CDA Presents in Anaheim California scheduled for May 13-15, 2020. Therefore, we do not need to do any planning for this event. We will be able to get a table and exhibit hall passes hopefully for the San Francisco CDA in the fall, which is tentatively scheduled for September 10-12, 2020.

I did receive confirmation from SOUTHCOM that both hospital ships, the USNS Mercy and USNS Comfort, will be deployed for the United States to help with the Corona virus pandemic. The Comfort will be deployed to New York City. But it is still unknown where the Mercy will be deployed on the West coast. Both ships will not be directly working with patients who have been exposed or infected with the Corona virus. They will be taking patients from hospitals who have other medical problems, in order to relieve on-shore hospitals that are overcrowded because of the pandemic. Both ships have 1,000 patient beds and are full hospitals with labs, x-ray, operating rooms and blood bank capabilities. It has not been determined if civilian volunteers will be able to work on the ship. The military will let me know as soon as that decision is made.

Managers, please work with Dr. Sussi Yamaguchi and make sure that all patients who were scheduled in our clinics for the next 4 weeks are contacted, and move their appointments out until after April 20<sup>th</sup>. We will know in a week or two if we need to move patients further out until after the middle of May.

You can contact Dr. Donna Silverstein ([dsilverstein@ucsd.edu](mailto:dsilverstein@ucsd.edu)) and Dr. Sussi Yamaguchi ([miss.sussiq@gmail.com](mailto:miss.sussiq@gmail.com)) for more information or if you have any questions. Please stay well and avoid large crowds. I wish everybody the best.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Irvin Silverstein