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The President of the ADA should get off his high horse and stop his sanctimonious prating. The good old ADA was opposed to registration of prosthetists for the same stated reasons, specifically their care and concern over the well-being of our patients. The ADA lost its case. The prosthetists became licensed to treat patients, and the ADA's opposition to them meant that dentists were unable to establish guidelines for training and assessment of the prosthetists. The prosthetists went right ahead and provided an excellent standard of service for their patients, but affordably.

The good old boys then shifted their concerns about the well-being of patients to the matter of training schools for dental therapists. The ADA lost its case. The therapists were trained and licensed and have been providing excellent care to the enduring benefit of under-privileged children and others. The opposition of the ADA meant that the therapists had little respect for the opinions of the ADA and its minions, and do not seek their counsel, guidance or control.

The next windmill to be tilted at by the Knights of Care and Concern was the health insurance industry. Although by seeking conflict with Big Insurance the ADA was finding its proper level down in the slime of life, the insurance chaps have been in this sort of conflict since the days of the "coffin ships" and easily shrugged off the attempts by the Mounted Carers to increase the payouts for the Carers' and their businesses.

With no regard for History and Consequences, the Horsemen of Dental Justice are now opposing the provision of affordable, appropriate and valuable services by well-trained professional people who don't share the ADA's regard for "Bottom Lines". They clearly don't understand the disrespect, mistrust and abhorrence the people feel towards them. The worst one could wish them would be to have their eyes opened by experience.

Please reduce the monopoly of over-priced, overprescribed and odious dental services by allowing hygienists and therapists to work independently, and to encourage them to find pathways of referral to other unprejudiced practitioners.

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