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Dental Group Practice



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### **AADGP and DGMA Merge Approved**

Phoenix, AZ – August 08, 2008 – The American Academy of Dental Group Practice (AADGP) and the Dental Group Management Association (DGMA), national membership organizations that have jointly represented the interests of group practice dentists and managers, have announced that they will formally merge into a single organization, effective January 1, 2009.

In accordance with revised bylaws that were approved by AADGP members at their last business meeting, the DGMA will form the basis for a new Administrator Section within the AADGP and which will be represented on the AADGP Board. Other changes to the bylaws include streamlining the number of AADGP Board Officers and their terms of office to encourage broader Board participation, as well as the creation of a Practice Management Company Membership Section.

In a joint statement issued by the AADGP and DGMA Boards, members noted that, “After more than twenty-five years of collaboration by our two organizations, the merge just makes sense. Dental Group practice is distinguished from other delivery settings by the close cooperation and sharing of business decisions by practitioners and managers and it is appropriate that a single organization represent them as well.”

AADGP President Alan Slutsky and DGMA President Vincent Cardillo further stated that, “This merge greatly benefits both organizations. Both DGMA and AADGP members are eager to combine efforts and work to support all aspects of the dental industry.”

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