



Consortium of Operative Dentistry Educators (CODE)

2025 National Agenda

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Regional Meeting Reporting/National Meeting Information

The 2025 National Agenda was established after a review of the suggestions following consultation with the Advisory Council on Friday, January 16, 2025. Previous National agendas were reviewed to avoid topic duplication. The inclusion of a previous topic may occur for discussion from the aspect of what has changed, and the response/action taken and/or the outcome.

Thank you to the Regional CODE Directors and the membership for making recommendations to establish the National Agenda. Each Region is encouraged to also have a Regional Agenda.

Each school attending a Regional Meeting is requested to bring their responses to the National Agenda in written form AND electronic media. This information is vital to the timely publication of the National Annual Report.

Continue to invite your colleagues, Dental Licensure Board examiners, and your Military and Public Health Service colleagues who head/instruct dental education programs to your Regional meetings. The strength of the organization lies in its membership.

Each Region should select next year's meeting site and date/tentative date during your Fall Regional CODE meeting so this information may be published in the Annual National Report and on the CODE website.

The Regional meeting reports are to be submitted to the National Director **in publishable format** as an email attachment.

The required format and sequence will be:

- 1. CODE Regional Meeting Report Form***
- 2. CODE Regional Attendees form***
- 3. Summary of responses to the National Agenda**
- 4. Individual school responses to the National Agenda**
- 5. The Regional Agenda summary and responses**

*(copies may be obtained from the CODE website:
www.operativedentistryeducators.com or within this document)

Send an electronic copy of the final regional report via an email attachment to the National Director (staffoga@ohsu.edu) within thirty (30) days of the meeting's conclusion.

National CODE Meeting:

The meeting will be held Thursday, February 19th, 2026, from 5:10 – 6:30 pm in the Parkside Room at the Drake Hotel, 140 East Walton Place in Chicago, IL. Any member who would like to present or who has suggestions for speakers should contact their Regional Director or the National Director for more information.

2025 ADEA Section on Operative Dentistry and Biomaterials Meeting:

The meeting will be held during the ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition, March 21-24, 2026, at the Palais de congres de Montreal in Montreal, Canada.

National Directory of Operative Dentistry Educators:

The CODE National Director maintains the National Directory of Operative Dentistry Educators as a resource for other dental professionals. It is critically important that this information be as current as possible.

You may update your university's directory listing on the CODE website at www.operativedentistryeducators.com or by sending an email directly to the National Director at staffoga@ohsu.edu.

In an effort to keep the National Directory up to date, please have each school in your Region update the following information:

1. *School name and complete mailing address*
2. *Individual names: (F/T Faculty), phone number, and email address of F/T Faculty who teaches operative dentistry.*
 - a. This could be an individual who teaches in a comprehensive care program, etc..., if there is no defined operative section of the department.

Your help and cooperation in accomplishing the above tasks help save time and effort in maintaining a complete National Directory and publishing the Annual National Report in a timely fashion.

All my best,



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2025 Regional Meeting Hosts

Region/Dates	University/Address	Host Name/Phone/email
I – October 23-24, 2025	Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine - Arizona 19555 N 59 th Ave Glendale, AZ 85308	Teresa Pulido DDS, MS O: 623-537-6000 tpulid@midwestern.edu
II – September 11-12, 2025	Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine 2800 College Ave Alton, IL 62002	Christa Hopp DMD O: 618-474-7186 chopp@siue.edu
III – November 12-14, 2025	Louisiana State University Health Science Center School of Dentistry 1100 Florida Ave New Orleans, LA 70119	A.C. Liles DDS Alile1@lsuhsc.edu
IV – October 2-3, 2025	University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry 801 S Paulina St Chicago, IL 60612	Adriana Semprum-Clavier DDS, MS asemprum@uic.edu
V – September 22-23, 2025	Rutgers Health School of Dental Medicine 110 Bergen St Newark, NJ 07103	Eileen Hoskin DMD, MA hoskiner@sdm.rutgers.edu
VI – October 8-10, 2025	Nova Southeastern University College of Dental Medicine 3300 S University Dr Fort Lauderdale, FL 33328	Jorgelin Rodriguez DDS, DMD, MS, MEd jorgelin@nova.edu

2025 National Agenda

I. Curriculum

- a. How are your external rotations organized?
 - i. How many affiliation agreements/sites?
 - ii. How many rotations?
 - iii. How many total weeks?
 - iv. When are the students scheduled externally? (DS4, DS3, etc...)
 - v. How many weeks at a time?
 - vi. How are students supported?
 - vii. Who pays for accommodations?
 - viii. How are faculty/preceptors calibrated?
- b. How are patients managed after the completion of their comprehensive care?
 - i. Ongoing recall/hygiene by students?
- c. Describe challenges you are experiencing related to the Gen-Z student learner?
- d. What strategies are you using to more effectively teach the next generation of dentists?
 - i. Techniques?
 - ii. Delivery of student feedback?
 - iii. Videos for preparation/restoration?

II. Materials and Techniques

- a. What types of materials and strategies are used for vital/non-vital pulp therapy?
- b. Treatment planning
 - i. Describe the treatment planning process at your institution.
 1. Who “owns” the treatment plan?
 2. Who can modify it?
 3. What educational methods and resources are used to teach treatment planning?
 4. Are there individual courses dedicated to treatment planning or is treatment planning embedded throughout the curriculum (discipline based)?
- c. How is your institution addressing the fluoride “controversy”?

III. Student Assessment

- a. What are your student preparation strategies for licensing exams (ADEX, CDCA, WREB)?
 - i. Classroom instruction related to the exam process?
 - ii. Mock boards?
- b. How are students assessed when scheduled on external rotations?
 - i. Do you count those procedures for meeting requirements?

IV. Administration

- a. What initiatives/support/strategies do you employ to maintain a successful work-life balance?
- b. What assistance in terms of initiatives/support/strategies does your school/university provide?
- c. Calibration
 - i. How often does your operative faculty meet as a group and what are the objectives of those meetings?
 - ii. Are your calibration efforts discipline-based or across all disciplines?
- d. What are your policies for student absences?
- e. What are the demographics of your current classes and what are the trends?
 - i. Is student performance in courses declining?
 - ii. How many remediation attempts do you allow for exams, courses, skills assessments, etc...?
- f. Are you considering a switch from axiUm to EPIC as your Electronic Health Record?

V. CaMBRA Questions

This agenda can be thought of as a continuation of a conversation regarding caries management education and clinical implementation at our schools, and it should be of special interest to operative dentistry educators:

- a. How is CAMBRA being implemented in the student clinical practices?

Regional Meeting Report Form

Region:

Host University, Address, and Dates of the **2025 Regional Meeting**:

Host University	Address	Dates of Meeting

Chairperson and Contact Information for the **2025 Regional Meeting**:

Chairperson	University/Address	Phone/email

List of Attendees: (Please complete the CODE Regional Meeting Attendees Form on the following page)

Contact Person, Host University, and Dates of the **2026 Regional Meeting**:

Contact Name Phone/email	Host University/Address	Dates of Meeting

Regional Meeting Attendee's Form

Name	University	Phone	email

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Suggested Questions for the 2026 National Agenda

Regional Nominee for Presenting at the 2026 CODE Annual Meeting which is held in conjunction with the Academy of Operative Dentistry's Annual Meeting (Please Include Topic)

Name	Topic	Contact Info

Please return all completed enclosures to:

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Deadline for return: 30 days post-meeting

Please send the requested documents via email with attachments
