



Summary:

In this special episode, the Mouthy IP team and the Dirty Drinks team interview Dr. Steve Geiermann, dentist extraordinaire and public health professional. Dr. Geiermann has been involved in advocacy for dental patient safety over the last few years through his involvement in the American Dental Association and the Dental Patient Safety Foundation.

We talk extensively about the need for a safety culture in dentistry and the tools that have been used in medicine for years to promote patient safety in the dental setting. Medicine has adopted a reporting process that gathers information on all adverse events to learn and improve processes to prevent events in the future. These tools are available to the dental community through the Dental Patient Safety Foundation to report events confidentially/ anonymously and learn from these reports to prevent patient safety events moving forward.

Resource List:

1. American Dental Association: Communicating with Patients When Things Go Wrong In Dentistry (recorded webinar)
 - a. <https://ebusiness.ada.org/education/viewcourse.aspx?id=635>
2. American Dental Association: Embracing a Culture of Safety in Dentistry (recorded webinar)
 - a. <https://ebusiness.ada.org/education/viewcourse.aspx?id=524>
3. Dental Patient Safety Foundation
 - a. Home: <https://www.dentalpatientsafety.org/>
 - b. Confidential/ Anonymous Reporting Tool: https://dpsf-reporting.com/mod_survey-tool/question.cfm?reset
 - c. Subscribe to the Dental Patient Safety Foundation: <https://www.dentalpatientsafety.org/subscribe/>
 - d. Dental Patient Safety Foundation Informational Brochure: <https://www.dentalpatientsafety.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/DPSF-Brochure.pdf>
4. Journal of the California Dental Association: Issues on Dental Patient Safety
 - a. July 2019: https://www.cda.org/Portals/0/journal/journal_072019.pdf
 - b. September 2019: https://www.cda.org/Portals/0/journal/journal_092019.pdf