



# ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND THE TRIPARTITE RELATIONSHIP

## The Tripartite

The Chicago Dental Society is part of a tripartite relationship with the American Dental Association and the Illinois State Dental Society. While each organization exists independently, the national, state, and local components work together, offering a comprehensive set of benefits to members.

Dentists who practice in Illinois, and more specifically in Cook, Lake and DuPage counties, must join CDS as a Tripartite Member. CDS serves approximately 3,800 Tripartite Members. The nine CDS branches provide the unique opportunity to network with colleagues who live and practice in your own community.

**AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION**  
*(The ADA works for dentists on the national level)*

**ILLINOIS STATE DENTAL SOCIETY**  
*(CDS works with ISDS to advocate on state legislation)*

**CHICAGO DENTAL SOCIETY**  
*(CDS represents local Chicago-area dentists)*

**NINE CDS BRANCHES**  
*(CDS members connect with local branches, linking them to colleagues in the communities in which they live and work)*

Englewood • Kenwood/Hyde Park • North Side  
North Suburban • Northwest Side • Northwest Suburban  
South Suburban • West Side • West Suburban

**Associate Members**  
Associate members are dentists who practice outside of Cook, Lake and DuPage counties. While these members cannot vote in CDS elections, they can enjoy many member benefits, including free registration to the Midwinter Meeting.

**Organizational Structure and Leadership**  
CDS is governed by a Board of Directors, consisting of a President, President-Elect, Secretary, Vice President, Treasurer, New Dentist Director, and a director from each of the nine CDS Branches. The nine branches operate independently (while adhering to the CDS Constitution and Bylaws) and are governed by their own boards.

