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**Member Dentists Named “*Ten Under 10*” by Massachusetts Dental Society**

Ten Massachusetts dentists were recently recognized as the 2012 “*Ten Under 10*” honorees by the Massachusetts Dental Society (MDS).

In an effort to highlight the impact that new dentists are having on the dental profession, the MDS Standing Committee on the New Dentist created the *Ten Under 10* program in 2005. To qualify for this recognition, dentists must have graduated from dental school within the past 10 years, be an MDS member, and have made significant contributions to the profession, their community, and/or organized dentistry. Each recipient was featured in the Spring 2012 issue of the *Journal of Massachusetts Dental Society* and received a plaque.

The 10 dentists honored are:

- Abdullaibrahim “Abe” Abdulwaheed, DMD, a general dentist from Quincy
- Aaron DeMaio, DMD, an orthodontist from Conway
- Shahrzad Haghayegh-Askarian, DMD, a general dentist from Norwell
- Matthew Horan, DMD, a general dentist from Dorchester
- Jeffrey Karen, DDS, a pediatric dentist from Bedford
- Sophie Markovich, DMD, an orthodontist from Cotuit
- Zuzana Mendez, DMD, a general dentist from Dorchester
- Zachary Peacock, DMD, MD, an oral and maxillofacial surgeon from Charlestown
- Peter Phan, DMD, an orthodontist from Braintree
- Ramzi Sarkis, DMD, an endodontist from Brookline

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The Massachusetts Dental Society (MDS) is a 5,000-member professional association and statewide constituent of the American Dental Association. Established in 1864, the MDS is an organization dedicated to improving the oral health of the public in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and also advancing the professional development of its membership through initiatives in education, advocacy, and promotion of the highest professional standards.