

**Meeting
Tuesday, November 7th, 2023**

Corning Country Club
2501 Country Club Drive, Corning, NY

Dinner & SCDS meeting @ 6:30pm, Lecture 7-8pm – 1 MCE Credit

"TMJ and the gummy smile, clinical indications for Botulinum toxin in your dental practice"

Presented by

Safahla Medical's CEO: Dr. Rashida Vassell and NP: Elizabeth Santaniello

Course Description: Botox® and other neurotoxins have been shown to be effective in the treatment of bruxism, gummy smiles, and more. This talk will cover the rationale, clinical indications, and safe usage protocols of neurotoxins in dentistry. Handling of the product, injection techniques, and anatomical considerations will also be explored.

Learning Objectives:

- 1) Understand the use and application of neurotoxins for treatment of bruxism, clenching, and gummy smiles.
- 2) Recognize anatomical considerations of muscles of the face when utilizing neurotoxins.
- 3) Apply safe application protocols using the appropriate mapping and injection technique.

Dr. Rashida Vassell

After graduating from SUNY Downstate College of Medicine, Dr. Rashida Vassell completed her General Surgery training at the University of Vermont, where she served as Chief Resident in her final year. Dr. Vassell, board-certified in Wound and Hyperbaric Medicine, spent years honing her clinical skills as a Medical Director at the teaching institution, Montefiore Mount Vernon, in Westchester County, NY; followed by Guthrie Corning Hospital. During her tenure at Corning, she served on multiple committees, including the Credentialing Committee. True to her drive for entrepreneurship and life-long learning, Dr. Vassell founded the cutaneous surgery and medical aesthetics practice, Safahla Medical PLLC, in Corning, NY. With over 15 years of clinical experience, Dr. Vassell's approach to the aesthetic arts incorporates evidence-based clinical judgment, an appreciation for wellness, and shared decision-making. The specialty of Aesthetic Medicine is ever-evolving, requiring ongoing education and research. In her free time, Dr. Vassell enjoys traveling with her husband and 2 daughters.

Elizabeth Santaniello

Elizabeth C. Santaniello is nationally recognized as a double board-certified Family Nurse Practitioner and Wound Specialist from the ANCC and ABWM. She holds an additional specialty certification in Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBO) from the Undersea & Hyperbaric Medical Society. She earned her Masters of Science in Nursing from Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia before moving to New York. With over a decade of experience, Nurse Liz is dedicated to helping her patient's love the skin they are in through advanced treatment modalities to medical grade skin care all under one roof at Safahla Medical. She began her nursing career as a Registered Nurse in the Burn ICU at the William Randolph Hearst Burn Center at New York Presbyterian Hospital Weill Cornell. Critical care nursing in the Burn ICU ignited her passion and fascination with the body and particularly the skin's ability to heal and transform. She volunteers locally with the Public Health Department and is a member of the Schuyler County Medical Reserve Corps. When not taking care of patients stateside, Liz volunteers with Healing the Children and International Medical Response to provide surgeries to underserved populations around the globe. Highlights from her surgical trips include assisting in the OR for clefts and LeFort III's. When she is off duty as a nurse, she is often outside exploring mother nature with her husband and two children.



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