

## Message Boards 101

## **Anatomy of a Dentaltown.com Message Board**

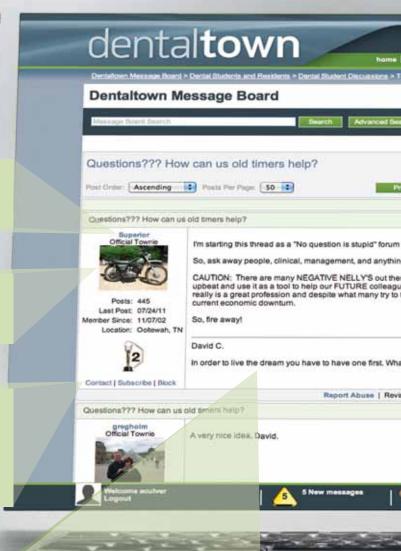
The message boards of Dentaltown.com are invaluable because they allow you to view clinical cases and get honest feedback to questions in a safe environment. You can post cases

you need help with, ask advice on procedures, or offer help to others. In an environment restricted to those trying to better themselves within the dental profession, you can learn from dentistry's legends and those at the top in their field, as well as commiserate with others who might be having the same challenges as you. And it's not all shoptalk: The Dentaltown.com message boards are known for their goodhumored members having fun as well. Explore a little, we promise you'll get a good education and a good laugh.

**Username:** Let people know who you are with your username. You can be literal by using your initials or name, or have some fun with it. Some of our favorites: super2th, jawbreaker and drwho.

**Avatar:** This is an image that represents your online persona. It's important to give your virtual personality a face so people can imagine who they are talking with. If you're shy, upload a graphic instead.

**Contact, Subscribe, Block:** Not only can you subscribe to specific threads, you can subscribe to specific Townies. If you find yourself really enjoying what Dr. So-and-so has to say, you can subscribe to her and whenever she posts you will be notified by e-mail. On the other hand, if there are Townies you just don't jibe with, don't get frustrated, we've created a function that allows you to block them. It's anonymous too.



**Signature:** To further set yourself apart from the Dentaltown masses, create a custom signature and furnish it with photos, Web site links, favorite quotes or, our favorite: shameless

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