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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Future of Pediatrics Call for Abstracts

The Future of Pediatrics: Quality Care for ALL Children is an exciting AAP conference taking place Feb 27-March 1, 2009 in Anaheim, CA. It will be a great opportunity for medical home advocates, community pediatricians, and other community health providers to network and learn from each other as well as from respected clinical and practice management faculty. We invite you to submit an abstract for a presentation or a poster, sharing your successes and challenges as you work to improve children's access to a medical home and other needed services. With interactive sessions and many opportunities for networking, this conference will be a time of collaboration and connection, of inspiration and celebration. Submissions for concurrent session oral presentations on the following topics:

- Effective Strategies for Promoting Health Equity
- Make us Smile: Collaborative Approaches to Promoting Oral Health
- Collaborating in the Classroom: Strategies for Partnering with Schools
- Improving Your Practice to Advance the Medical Home
- In-the-Community Training: Residents Community Projects and Child Advocacy
- Measuring for Improvement: Implementing QI Strategies in Your Practice

Posters on a wide variety of topics are being sought in the following categories:

- Medical home approach to care including family- centered and culturally effective care, health literacy, and transitions to adult care.
- Training and practice in community pediatrics, including resident community projects
- Collaborative approaches to specific health topics including immunizations, developmental screening, injury and violence prevention, mental health, obesity, oral health, tobacco control.
- Collaborative approaches to specific populations/systems including border health, rural/frontier health, early education and child care, Indian Health, foster care, etc.

The deadline for submission is October 20, 2008. All abstracts must be submitted online at:

<http://www.aap.org/commpeds/fop.htm>. Accepted abstract and poster presenters receive a discounted registration. For more information about the meeting, go to <http://www.pedialink.org/cme/FOP>

National Children's Dental Health Month Program Posters

The 2009 National Children's Dental Health Month program posters are now available for shipping to your program. The upcoming campaign features the continuing adventures of the Tough Tooth Team. One side of the poster (for younger kids) features the Team springing into action to achieve maximum smile power with the slogan, "Turn Up Your Smile Power!" The other side features a healthy smile message for teens with the slogan, "Power Up Your Smile!". The NCDHM Program Planning Guide offers program coordinators resources to promote the benefits of good oral health to children. The guide includes easy-to-do activities, program planning timetable tips, sample press releases and much, much more. The guide is available for download at www.ada.org/goto/ncdhm. There is also a quantity of posters in Spanish available. If you are interested in receiving the Spanish version of the posters, please indicate that when you place your order. Posters in both English and Spanish are FREE to NCDHM Program Coordinator. Posters are '16x20' and packaged in boxes of 25, 50, 100 and 500. To view the posters please visit the NCDHM website at www.ada.org/goto/ncdhm To place an order for posters, please e-mail ncdhm@ada.org

National Children's Dental Health Month

National Children's Dental Health Month (NCDHM) turns 60 this year. Each February, since 1949, the American Dental Association (ADA) has sponsored National Children's Dental Health Month to raise awareness about the importance of oral health. NCDHM messages and materials have reached millions of people in communities across the country. Developing good habits at an early age and scheduling regular dental visits helps children get a good start on a lifetime of healthy teeth and gums. Whether you're a member of the dental team, a teacher or a parent, the ADA has free online resources that can help you with oral health presentations, ideas for the classroom and coloring and activity sheets that can be used as handouts. We also have booklets, videos and other materials available for purchase through the ADA Catalog. Information is available online at: <http://www.ada.org/public/events/ncdhm/index.asp>.

Information Needed: Faculty Survey

The Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences is undertaking an interdisciplinary oral health education project that seeks to better integrate oral health education/training across a variety of disciplines within the college (pre-medical /health studies, pharmacy, nursing, physician assistant studies, radiologic science). As part of the process, we need to survey faculty to determine their knowledge/awareness of oral health and current teaching practices in order to design/implement appropriate faculty development activities. We are seeking faculty survey models (related to oral health and/or faculty development) that might be adapted for this purpose. If you have developed or utilized faculty surveys that you are willing to share, please send a copy of the survey to Maureen Ross of my staff by email (Maureen.Ross@mcphs.edu).

The Missouri Coalition for Oral Health Call for Proposals

The Missouri Coalition for Oral Health will hold its 4th Annual Oral Health Summit Dec 12th, in Columbia, MO. The Coalition is requesting that proposals be for workshops of either 45 minutes or 90 minutes in length. Proposals should be emailed to SarahAGrim@aol.com. Please include speaker bio (brief), summary of topic points, goals and objectives. Proposals should be received on or before Oct 27th. Proposals will be evaluated and notification of proposal acceptance will be made by Nov 15th. To obtain the proposal form or additional information, e-mail Sarah Grim, Executive Director at: SarahAGrim@aol.com

AMCHP Annual Conference

The Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP) announces the 2009 AMCHP Annual Conference to be held February 21-25, 2009, at the Marriott Wardman Park in Washington, DC. The conference theme is "*Launching Maternal and Child Health: Opportunities for a New Era.*" The conference promises to educate, motivate and promote collaboration among our 600+ attendees and 40+ sponsors and exhibitors. In addition to the learning and sharing that will take place, we will be recognizing our partners in the industry for all that they do each and every day. Don't miss this opportunity to join us in recognizing the Health and Human Service Professionals, Government Representatives and Family Advocates in attendance. Information is available online at: <http://www.amchp.org/events/>.

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Patient Brochures

The first four redesigned patient brochures from the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry are now available. The new editions contain updated information on important patient topics like X-rays and sealants and have been redesigned with a consistent new look. These new brochures are available in packs of 100.

- X-ray Use and Safety
- The Pediatric Dentist
- Sealants
- Nitrous oxide

Information is available online at: http://www.aapd.org/hottopics/news.asp?NEWS_ID=867.

2009 PAS Annual Meeting Call for Abstracts

The 2009 Pediatric Academic Societies' Annual Meeting (PAS) will be held May 2 - 5 in Baltimore, Maryland, at the Baltimore Convention Center. Abstracts are now being accepted for original science abstracts. The deadline for submission is December 3rd. For more information visit the PAS meeting web site at <http://www.pas-meeting.org/2009Baltimore/Abstracts/default.asp>.

Distance Learning or Training Web-Based Curricula

The Ohio Dental Safety Net Information Center (ODSNIC) offers three Web-based curricula for distance learning or training. While tailored specifically for use by staff in Ohio, concepts can be generalized for a national audience. Each curricula is a series of modules developed in consideration of the online learner. An overview and learning objectives are presented in each module, along with a time estimate, summary of key points, and self-assessment post-tests.

- Clinical Operations for Safety Net Dental Clinics in Ohio is designed to help safety net dental clinic staff improve efficiency and quality of care, meet patients' needs, and set up an infrastructure
- Financial Management for Safety Net Dental Clinics in Ohio is designed to help safety net dental clinic staff learn about all aspects of financing a safety net dental clinic and ensuring that the clinic remains financially sustainable over the long term.
- Oral Health Care for Young Children in Ohio is designed to help clinicians learn about providing care to infants and children from birth through age 3.

This course offers free continuing education credit to dentists and dental hygienists licensed in Ohio. These curricula can be accessed from the ODSNIC home page, <http://www.ohiodentalclinics.com>

IN THE NEWS

Dental School Gets \$14.5 Million for Disparities Research

(BU Today—Oct 16)

The Goldman School of Dental Medicine (SDM) has received a \$14.5 million grant to continue its efforts to reduce oral diseases among at-risk low-income children. The grant, awarded to SDM's Center for Research to Evaluate and Eliminate Dental Disparities (CREEDD) by the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research and the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, will provide funding for the center's research and outreach projects until 2015. "We are trying to develop models of community-based interventions to actually prevent dental decay in children," says Michelle Henshaw, an SDM professor and assistant dean for community partnerships and extramural affairs and one of two principal investigators on the grant. "And we're excited at the opportunity the award gives us in translating the work we do into improving the oral health of children. It's not about laboratory research; it's really community-based research where we're trying to make a real difference in their health and their quality of life." Access article online at: <http://www.bu.edu/today/2008/10/15/dental-school-gets-14-5-million-disparities-research>.

Fizzy Drinks Myths

(Sydney Morning Herald—Oct 15)

The Australian Dental Association has called on the Coca-Cola Company to withdraw the full-page ad - which busts myths that fizzy drinks are unhealthy - saying the information was either ambiguous or wrong. The association took exception to the claim that the ad busted the "myth" that Coke rots teeth. Its president, Dr John Matthews, said: "We shouldn't rely upon Coca-Cola for giving us dental health advice. They have underestimated the problem and put a spin on it. Most people know Coke is bad for them but they continue to do it so I don't know why Coca-Cola feels the need to do this." The ad claims saliva quickly washes away the drink, minimizing decay, but Mr Matthews said this would not be the case for many people who sip and "constantly bathe" their mouth in soft drinks throughout their day. "And to say tooth decay isn't a major problem is suggesting [the problem is receding]. It is in countries with access to fluoride but it's still a big health problem," he said. Access article online at: <http://www.smh.com.au/news/national/coke-draws-the-fizz-for-mythbusting-ad/2008/10/14/1223750036941.html>.

Common Fear of Dentists can be Detrimental to Health

(Daily Bruin—Oct 15)

A middle-aged patient timidly shows her bulging and bleeding gums to a dentist, gripping the reclined chair and shutting her eyes, trying to distract herself from the reality of being at the dentist. Such patients have not visited dentists for many years due to their extreme dental phobia. They fabricate excuses such as lack of money and time, said Nilou Nouri, a fourth-year student at the UCLA School of Dentistry. Dental phobia can range in severity from person to person, said Raphael Rose, an assistant clinical professor in the UCLA Department of Psychology. Dental phobia can become an acute psychological condition to the extent that it is impossible for a patient to receive proper dental care without psychological therapy, said Craig Woods, an adjunct professor of the UCLA School of Dentistry. Positive relationships between the dentist and the patient are important in the treatment of dental phobia. Also, the very first appointment is an essential time for the patient to establish trust in the dentist. Patient-dentist relationships are very fragile as one small mistake can ruin the relationship, said Dr. Ronald Mito, professor of clinical dentistry and associate dean of clinical dental sciences at the UCLA School of Dentistry. Access article online at: <http://www.dailybruin.ucla.edu/news/2008/oct/15/common-fear-dentists-can-be-detrimental-health/>.

American Dental Association Introduces New, Innovative Learning Concept

(PRNewswire-USNewswire—Oct 14)

The American Dental Association (ADA) introduces the Live Operatory Center (LOC), an innovative new learning environment for dental professionals, at this year's Annual Session. Designed to bring continuing education to the exhibit floor, the Live Operatory Center offers continuing education units outside of the traditional classroom setting as attendees experience the latest dental technologies on the market. The LOC features three interactive areas that explore cutting-edge topics in dentistry: The Laser Pavilion, the CAD/CAM Stage, and the 3-D Imaging Center. The Laser Pavilion was developed by the ADA in partnership with the Academy of Laser Dentistry (ALD). "The Live Operatory Center is a breakthrough in dental-meeting education," said Dr. Chip Mohme, program chairperson, ADA 2008 Annual Session. "Without leaving the exhibit floor, dental professionals can receive continuing education credit in three of the highest tech areas of a dental practice. Access article online at: <http://www.ibtimes.com/prnews/20081014/ada-149th-trade-show.htm>.

Why do Women get More Cavities Than Men?

(ScienceDaily—Oct. 14)

Reproduction pressures and rising fertility explain why women suffered a more rapid decline in dental health than did men as humans transitioned from hunter-and-gatherers to farmers and more sedentary pursuits, says a University of Oregon anthropologist. The conclusion follows a comprehensive review of records of the frequencies of dental cavities in both prehistoric and living human populations from research done around the world. A driving factor was dramatic changes in female-specific hormones, reports John R Lukacs, a professor of anthropology who specializes in dental, skeletal and nutritional issues. His conclusions are outlined in the October issue of Current Anthropology. The study examined the frequency of dental caries (cavities) by sex to show that women typically experience poorer dental health than men. Among research reviewed were studies previously done by Lukacs. Two clinical dental studies published this year (one done in the Philippines, the other in Guatemala) and cited in the paper, Lukacs said, point to the same conclusions and "may provide the mechanism through which the biological differences are mediated." Access article online at: <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2008/10/081014111046.htm>.

Finnish Kids' Dental Health Decaying

(YLE News-Finland—Oct 13)

The condition of Finnish children's teeth is going downhill. Only about half of all twelve-year olds have a healthy smile. Dentists say they have even been forced to remove cavity-filled teeth from some children -- a procedure quite uncommon in the past. Unhealthy eating is part of the problem. More children are drinking soda and nibbling on unhealthy snacks than ever before. But not all the blame can be placed on poor eating habits. There are cracks in education as well. Schools aren't providing children with sufficient information on dental hygiene -- mainly because they lack proper instruction materials. Furthermore less than 40 percent of boys between the ages of 14 and 18

brush their teeth twice a day. For girls the number is over 50 percent. From the mid 1970s to the early 1990s, dentists saw a decline in the number of cavities in children's teeth. Nowadays, Finnish children's teeth rank about average when compared to other European countries. The condition of Finnish children's teeth is going downhill. Only about half of all twelve-year olds have a healthy smile. Access article online at: <http://www.yle.fi/news/id104431.html>.

New Research Gives Dental Patients Hope; Stop Cavities Before They Start

(PRWEB—Oct 10)

What if your dentist could detect the potential for a cavity to form before it ever happened? A new testing device called the CariScreen from an Oregon company, Oral BioTech, now makes early detection possible. Cavities are caused by a bacterial infection called dental caries. New research by leading experts worldwide confirms that this infection while complex, is identifiable and treatable, no needles or drills necessary. The CariScreen is a hand-held meter that utilizes ATP bioluminescence technology to detect the levels of acid-producing, decay-causing bacteria residing in an individual's plaque. Contrary to popular belief, not all plaque is bad plaque. Only when there has been a shift from the normal healthy micro flora of the mouth to an unhealthy acidic bacterial population does dental decay become possible. The CariScreen technology allows dentists to take a quick, painless swab sample of patients' plaque and using the meter, get a reading within 15 seconds as to whether there are too many of these acidic bacteria present. The revolutionary aspect here is that this shift in bacterial population can now be identified and health restored before a cavity ever has a chance to form. Access article online at: <http://www.prweb.com/releases/2008/10/prweb1446684.htm>.

Children Enrolled in Medicaid Have More Untreated Tooth Decay

(Kaiser Weekly—Oct 6)

Children covered under Medicaid receive considerably less dental care and have more untreated tooth decay than those who are privately insured, witnesses testified during a recent hearing held by the House Oversight and Government Reform Domestic Policy Subcommittee, *CQ HealthBeat* reports. According to *CQ HealthBeat*, a Government Accountability Office report released last month found that an estimated 6.5 million children covered by Medicaid had untreated tooth decay in 2005. Alicia Cackley, acting director of health care at GAO, in written testimony said that children covered by Medicaid between 1999 and 2004 were almost twice as likely to have untreated tooth decay. She added that 15% of children in Medicaid had difficulty receiving dental care because the provider did not accept their insurance plan, compared with 2% of privately insured children. James Crall, director of the National Oral Health Policy Center at University of California-Los Angeles, said "chronically low" reimbursement rates discourage many dentists from participating in the program. He added that increases in provider reimbursement have increased the rate of children covered by Medicaid using dental services in several states. He also suggested streamlining provider enrollment and separating dental benefits from the rest of the Medicaid program to "allow states to retain greater control in setting reimbursement rates, and allow for reasonable profits on the part of the dental benefits managers while eliminating the incentive to reduce payments to dentists who provide dental services to Medicaid beneficiaries." Access article online at: http://www.kaisernetwork.org/daily_reports/rep_index.cfm?DR_ID=54849.

Study Questions Safety of Free Drug Samples for Children

(Boston Globe—Oct 6)

Children who receive free samples of prescription drugs from their doctors may be risking safety problems, a new study says. Four of the 15 medications most frequently given out as free samples to more than 10,000 children in a 2004 national survey later had black-box warnings placed on them or significant changes made to these safety warnings, researchers from Cambridge Health Alliance and Hasbro Children's Hospital report in *Pediatrics*. Black-box warnings --- named for their appearance on drug information given to prescribers -- are the strongest cautions the Food and Drug Administration gives. "I think the safety of free drug samples must be further examined," Dr. Sarah Cutrona, lead author and an internal medicine specialist at Cambridge Health Alliance, said in an interview. "Giving free samples to children in nonurgent situations is really an unproven medical practice that should be undertaken very cautiously or perhaps needs to stop." Cutrona's study, which to her knowledge is the first to look at

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drug samples in pediatric practices, shows that access to medical care is the strongest predictor of getting free samples. The children who had the most medical or dental visits and who saw their doctors in private offices rather than in hospitals or clinics were more likely to get free drug samples. Access article online at: http://www.boston.com/news/health/blog/2008/10/study_questions_1.html.

Parents Blamed for State of Children's Teeth

(Wales Online-UK—Oct 6)

Bad parenting is today blamed for the shocking state of children's teeth in Wales. A politician launched the astonishing attack on parents as dentists told the Western Mail it is "not unusual" for children as young as three in Wales to have their milk teeth filled. Thousands of Welsh children are undergoing a general anaesthetic in hospital every year to have decayed teeth removed. And other experts have revealed that some young children in the South Wales Valleys do not know what a toothbrush is or even recognize the taste of toothpaste.

Jonathan Morgan, the Conservatives' shadow health minister, blamed "parental neglect" for three-year-olds with bad teeth. He said: "Looking after a child's teeth is fundamentally important – not looking after their teeth is as bad as allowing them to go outdoors without shoes. Why do we tolerate it when parents do not ensure that their children's teeth are clean? Access article online at: <http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/2008/10/06/parents-blamed-for-state-of-children-s-teeth-91466-21972227/>.

Online Dentistry Site Intended to Help People Learn About Dental Procedures

(Canadian Press—Oct 4)

For people who draw a blank when a dentist starts explaining what's going on in their mouth, there is help. The faculty of dentistry at the University of Toronto has launched an online resource to help people learn about dental procedures. The Dental Procedure Education System, or DPES, uses plain language along with pictures and video to help patients learn about dental procedures and better understand what their dentist plans to do. The online system was developed to help people understand oral health care so that they can make more informed choices about dental treatments. "With the use of 3-D animation and video, DPES helps patients develop a clear picture of their treatment options," said Reena Talwar, assistant professor in Dentistry at the University of Toronto. "This is critical for making sound choices in dental treatment planning." Access article online at: <http://canadianpress.google.com/article/ALeqM5i3k7S80fqK1F5L0Ko9nJ-huJbyHw>.

Movies' Treatment Sets Dentists' Teeth on Edge

(Times Colonist-CA—Oct 3)

Hollywood, it's time for your checkup. This won't hurt a bit, unless you find the use of cheap puns painful. You know the drill. As if dentists didn't have enough image issues, the movie industry continues to poke fun at and misrepresent this noble but much-maligned profession. This month's entry, and it's a great one, is the hilarious Ricky Gervais comedy Ghost Town. It's the latest target of Hollywood's oral fixation that to the best of my knowledge began when W.C. Fields played a cranky, misogynistic dentist who takes his frustration out on his patients in the 1932 short The Dentist. Gervais's character -- Bertram Pincus, a dour, anti-social dentist who starts seeing dead people, gets off easy compared to many of his predecessors. Who knows why moviemakers can't resist exploiting what for many is a deep-rooted and irrational fear of dentistry? Maybe some mogul had a traumatic experience. Being slapped by a dentist as a child in Glasgow is what triggered my fear. I've since had the good fortune of being treated by hip, humane and genial dentists, so why does Hollywood persistently portray them as nutbars, fools, sadists, philanderers, eccentrics or self-loathing snobs? Because it can. Comedies are an ideal canvas for the most palatable portrayals. Access article online at: <http://www.canada.com/victoriatimescolonist/columnists/story.html?id=5f5f027e-17d3-4de7-880a-3a15894917cc>.

Dental Care Elusive

(Gallup Independent—Oct 3)

Linda Spenser lives in a small cluster of homes about 10 miles north of Gallup. Her mobile home is dwarfed by a school bus, whose bright yellow paint makes it stand out next to the dull aluminum siding of her home. A rooster crows beneath a trampoline in her front yard as she explains her struggle over the past year to get dentures. "I don't

know what I'm going to do," she says. Like many people, Spenser can't afford private dentists, who charge thousands for extraction and dentures. On her meager salary as a school bus driver, Spenser had to get her dental work done through Indian Health Services, which struggles to provide as many services as possible on a limited budget. Spenser was able to get the bottom teeth removed about a year ago. Due in part to the limited times she can schedule appointments with a dentist, she's been unable to get the top teeth done. And IHS will be charging her \$449 for the dentures, which she can't afford. For the past year, she's been living on soft foods like pasta and mashed potatoes. Spenser is only 48 years old. By the time she had her bottom teeth removed a year ago, she says, they had already taken many of them out. Like with many indigenous people, she couldn't afford regular cleanings and other preventative care. As such, rates of tooth decay and periodontal disease are quite high in the area. Access article online at: <http://www.gallupindependent.com/2008/09september/092908dental.html>.

NYS Awards Eastman Dental Center \$3.9 Million to Increase Access

(Presszoom—Oct 2)

Eastman Dental Center, of the University of Rochester Medical Center, has been awarded a \$3.9 million state grant to increase access and capacity for Rochester's underserved residents. Rochester has the highest rate of child poverty in New York, representing a significant challenge to improving overall health and well being. "These funds will allow us to increase capacity and upgrade our facilities to meet this increasing demand for oral health care throughout our community," said Dr Cyril Meyerowitz, director of Eastman Dental Center. As part of a broader re-engineering project, over the next three years, Eastman Dental Center will add six new treatment rooms as well as establish an Urgent Dental Care Clinic at its main campus on Elmwood Avenue. In addition, EDC will add four treatment rooms to its Downtown Oral Health Center, doubling its capacity to 8,600 visits per year. "By expanding and reconfiguring our operations, we can now greatly improve our efficiency, and foster regular dental and medical care for all our patients, in an effort to keep our community healthy," Meyerowitz said. Access article online at: http://presszoom.com/story_146293.html.

Changing Dental Caries and Periodontal Disease Patterns Among a Cohort Of Ethiopian Immigrants to Israel: 1999-2005

(7th Space—Oct 2)

Dental epidemiology has indicated that immigrants and minority ethnic groups should be regarded as high risk populations on the verge of oral health deterioration. The objectives of this study were to measure the changing pattern of dental caries, periodontal health status and tooth cleaning behavior among a cohort of Ethiopian immigrants to Israel between the years 1999-2005. The method used was to identify increment of dental caries and periodontal health status was recorded among a cohort of 672 Ethiopian immigrants, utilizing the DMFT and CPI indices. Data were gathered during 1999-2000 and five years later, during 2004-2005. Participants were asked about their oral hygiene habits in Ethiopia and in Israel five years since their immigration. Access article online at: http://7thspace.com/headlines/294319/changing_dental_caries_and_periodontal_disease_patterns_among_a_cohort_of_ethiopian_immigrants_to_israel_1999_2005.html.

Dental Care Can Reduce Risk of Preterm Birth by Nearly 50 Percent

(Business Wire—Oct 2)

According to a study conducted by Aetna and Columbia University College of Dental Medicine, women who received dental care before or during their pregnancy had a lower risk of giving birth to a preterm or low birth weight baby than pregnant women who didn't seek dental care at all. The study, conducted between January 1, 2003 and September 30, 2006, reviewed medical and dental insurance data for 29,000 pregnant women who each had medical and dental coverage with Aetna to determine if there was an association between dental treatment and the likelihood of experiencing either birth outcome. "Further studies need to be done but our findings show that dental treatment had a protective effect on adverse birth outcomes in women who sought dental treatment," said David A. Albert, DDS, MPH, Director, Division of Community Health, College of Dental Medicine, Columbia University. Access article online at: <http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/dental-care-can-reduce-risk/story.aspx?guid=%7B30EFB126-7215-4A76-B1E8-6E95585CEE4D%7D&dist=hprr>.

USC School of Dentistry Teaches Hypnosis as an Alternative to Needles and Novocain

(Medical News Today—Oct 2)

What if it was possible to undergo a root canal filling or tooth extraction without feeling the pinch of a needle or the after effects of general anesthesia? Hypnosis could uncover a new world for patients seeking dental care. The soothing voice of your dentist could transport you into a state of mind that allows the dental professional to complete a procedure simple cleaning or a complex procedure that involves oral surgery slip into a state of relaxation. Wendy J.N. Lee listens to the words uttered by associate professor Peter Stone, D.D.S., as her body slips into a more comfortable position during a recent visit to the USC School of Dentistry. Lee, a USC cinema graduate student, filmed Stone's hypnosis techniques for Say Aah, a documentary about her fear of dentistry. Today, the USC School of Dentistry is the only dental school in the United States that offers formal training for dental professionals in the use of hypnosis. Stone, who works in the division of health promotion, disease prevention and epidemiology, teaches "Modern Hypnosis for the 21st Century Dentist." He has taught the techniques and applications of hypnosis since 1981 for the Southern California Society of Clinical Hypnosis. "The time spent learning hypnosis not only makes a visit to the dentist more pleasant for the patient, but it also enhances a practitioner's productivity, providing a stress-free environment for all," he says. Access article online at: <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/123764.php>.

Michigan Dental Association Stops Illegal Practice of Dentistry, Safeguards Public

(PRNewswire-USNewswire—Oct 2)

An Oakland County man has been stopped from illegally practicing dentistry, following a lawsuit filed by the Michigan Dental Association (MDA). Oakland County Circuit Judge Daniel O'Brien issued a preliminary injunction October 1 against Everett VanDenEeden, doing business as Smile-Rite Denture Center. Under the court order, VanDenEeden is restrained from engaging in the unauthorized practice of dentistry. Judge O'Brien ordered VanDenEeden to refrain from providing any consultation, treatment, or diagnosis of any dental disease or other conditions. VanDenEeden must also stop all advertising to the general public and cancel all telephone numbers associated with advertising his services. Further, he must inform the court of any patient cases in progress so that the patient can be directed to a licensed dentist for treatment. The case was initiated when the MDA received complaints about VanDenEeden last year when he operated a similar business in southwest Michigan. The MDA charged that VanDenEeden had been illegally practicing dentistry by diagnosing and fitting patients for dentures, which is illegal under Michigan law. Only licensed dentists may diagnose and treat patients. Access article online at: <http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/michigan-dental-association-stops-illegal/story.aspx?guid=%7B2B2393E4-CE71-4956-A576-CD11E6E1074D%7D&dist=hppr>.

Health Board Bans Sugary Drinks

(BBC News-UK—Oct 1)

Sugary drinks are to be banned from being sold at all NHS Tayside sites. They will be replaced with healthier options in vending machines, shops and staff dining rooms. Such a ban was introduced at Perth Royal Infirmary in 2005, then Ninewells, Maryfield House and Dundee Dental Hospital followed last year. Health officials said patients, visitors and staff responded so well to those trials that the scheme should be extended to all their facilities. Dr Drew Walker, director of public health, said: "What we're trying to promote is healthier lifestyles and healthier diets and high sugar drinks, certainly when they're taken in large amounts, do not form part of a healthy diet. Access article online at: http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/scotland/tayside_and_central/7646220.stm.

Could Saliva One Day Detect Oral Cancer?

(Web MD—Oct 1)

Researchers from the University of California's Los Angeles School of Dentistry compared saliva from 64 people who had mouth cancer and 64 others who did not. The type of oral cancer they tested for is called oral squamous cell carcinoma. What they found was that there were differences in proteins detected in saliva from people with oral cancer and those without oral cancer. Certain protein biomarkers found in the saliva correlated with the presence of oral cancer. Using five of the potential biomarkers, the researchers were able to confirm the presence of mouth cancer 90% of the time. The researchers state that more research is needed to validate the use of these biomarkers as

a detection test for oral cancer. Although a saliva test is not yet available, study author Shen Hu, PhD, assistant professor of oral biology and proteomics at the University of California-Los Angeles School of Dentistry, says in a news release that they are developing ways of detecting the markers for use in clinical trials. Access article online at: <http://www.webmd.com/oral-health/news/20080930/could-saliva-one-day-detect-oral-cancer>.

Dental Charity Welcomes Today's Shock Cigarette Packs

(Dentistry.co.uk—Oct 1)

Gruesome photos showing how deadly a habit smoking can be will be slapped on every cigarette packet sold in the UK from today. The UK will be the first country in the EU to introduce such graphic picture warnings to cigarette packets – and the move has been welcomed by the British Dental Health Foundation (BDHF). Among the disturbing pictures appearing on cigarette packets from today are those of blackened teeth, rotting lungs, a corpse in a morgue and a baby in intensive care. The images replace the previous written warning, although the messages 'Smoking kills' and 'Smoking seriously harms you and others around you' will continue to appear on the front of packets. Access article online at: http://www.dentistry.co.uk/news/news_detail.php?id=1505.

Half of 12-Yr Olds Have Tooth Decay

(Viet Nam News—Sept 30)

Up to 50 per cent of 12-year-old students in HCM City suffer from tooth decay, according to a recent report by the city's Dental Hospital. The Department of Preventive Health under the Ministry of Health has also reported that more than 80 per cent of primary school students nation-wide suffer from gum disease and tooth decay. The shocking figures were attributed to a lack of awareness about dental care, and a high consumption of sweets, as more urban children experienced dental problems than rural ones, even though city kids reportedly took better care of their teeth. According to the hospital, a lack of dental care centers in schools has added to the problem. One hundred and eighty five institutions, or less than 50 per cent of the city's total, report they have dental care centers, but many have stopped operation due to lack of staff and poor pay. Doctor Le Dong Khanh, deputy chairman of the national school-based dental care plan said Viet Nam did not have a long-term program for dental care in schools. Other experts say that the country has one of the world's highest instances of tooth decay among children. Access article online at: <http://vietnamnews.vnagency.com.vn/showarticle.php?num=02OWN300908>.

States See Rising Enrollment in Medicaid as Economy Falters

(Kaiser Weekly—Sept 29)

With states confronting a weakening economy, enrollment in Medicaid began to rise last year with states expecting even larger increases for fiscal year 2009, according to a new 50-state survey released today by the Kaiser Family Foundation's Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured (KCMU). With the increased enrollment, Medicaid spending is also rising more rapidly than in the recent past, raising the potential for program cutbacks as states confront the combined impact of more enrollees and fewer available resources. The survey finds that Medicaid enrollment across the country grew 2.1 percent in fiscal year 2008, more than erasing a slight decline in enrollment experienced the previous year. States also experienced spending growth of 5.3 percent, up significantly from the previous two years. For fiscal year 2009, states expect to see even larger increases in Medicaid enrollment (3.5 percent) and spending (5.8 percent). The survey comes as states face serious financial constraints, with 30 states having confronted significant budget shortfalls as they prepared their fiscal year 2009 budgets. Looking ahead, two thirds of state Medicaid directors say that there is at least a 50-50 chance that they will face a shortfall in their Medicaid budgets during the current year. Access article online at: <http://www.kff.org/medicaid/7815.cfm>.

Time to Get Real About Modern Dentistry, Says British Dental Association

(Medical News Today—Sept 30)

A realistic understanding of the time involved in providing patients with the modern dentistry they have a right to expect must be part of any future review of NHS dentistry, the British Dental Association (BDA) has told health minister Ann Keen. In a letter to the minister, BDA Executive Board chair Susie Sanderson urges the Department of Health to undertake a timing exercise following the Health Committee's highly critical report on the Government's reorganization of NHS dentistry. "This exercise must take into consideration the time required to deliver a

genuinely personalized service in line with the four pillars of the Next Stage Review and the time required to undertake treatment to the quality and standard that patients have a right to expect. "We urge the Department of Health to commit to such an exercise. Without this information, we believe it is impossible to develop a system which will provide a stable and sustainable future for NHS dentistry." Access article online at: <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/123487.php>.

OSHA, American Dental Association Renew Alliance, Focus on Ergonomics

(OHS News—Sept 26)

The Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) announced it has renewed its alliance with the American Dental Association. The renewed agreement focuses primarily on encouraging safe working conditions and shared technical knowledge in the area of ergonomics for employees in the industry. "Our collaboration with the ADA has produced and expanded upon many helpful resources for the dental industry, such as information sheets and Safety and Health Topics pages," said Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA Edwin G Foulke Jr. "OSHA looks forward to continuing its relationship with the ADA to develop and disseminate resources and information that advance a culture of safety and health in the workplace." Through the alliance, ADA developed the "Ergo Tips - Hand Pain" information sheet for dental schools and dentists. According to OSHA, ADA representatives will continue to provide expertise in updating the OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens and Needlestick Prevention and the Dentistry Safety and Health Topics pages. Access article online at: <http://www.ohsonline.com/articles/68011/>.

School Lunch Packs a Sugar Punch

(Delta Dental of Arizona—Sept 25)

You wouldn't send your children to school with a lunchbox full of candy bars, but you might be packing almost as much sugar when you send them off with some of the popular lunch time classics. Considering that most children brush their teeth in the morning and again before bed, the sugar they put in their mouths at lunch time could stay in there for a while, and that worries some dentists. "When you start adding up the sugars found in some of the most common lunch items, you might be shocked," says Dr Mehlem, DDS, a dental consultant for Delta Dental of Arizona. "Making a few simple changes can lower the sugar count, which is ultimately better for their bodies and their oral health." take, for example, the classic peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Toss in a box of raisins, a small container of applesauce and a single-serve carton of chocolate milk. While it sounds pretty healthy and balanced, the sugar total clocks in at a whopping 98 grams. An average candy bar contains about 25 grams of sugar. Access article online at: http://www.ahiphiwire.org/Dental/News/Default.aspx?doc_id=204012.

Fluoridation and Tea Don't Mix, Studies Continue to Show

(Wall Street Journal—Sept 24)

Fluoridation puts tea drinkers at risk of damaged bones, discolored teeth and soft tissue harm, studies show. Tea has naturally high fluoride levels. Excess fluoride can weaken bones and discolor children's un-erupted teeth. Four cups, of 20 teas sampled, delivered 0.8 to 1.8 mg of fluoride, reports Cao et al. in Food Chemistry. "Among populations habitually consuming black tea, water fluoridation is not only unnecessary but also possibly harmful. The target organs of chronic fluoride intoxication are not only the teeth and skeleton, but also the liver, kidney, nervous and reproductive systems," they write. A March 2008 Food and Chemical Toxicology study found up to 4.5, 1.8, and 0.5 mg/L fluoride in black, green and white teas, respectively, when brewed for 5 minutes (61 teas sampled). Brewed teas could contain up to 6 mg/L fluoride depending on the amount of dry tea used, the water fluoride concentration and the brewing time, according to the American Dental Association (ADA). Access article online at: <http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/fluoridation-tea-dont-mix-studies/story.aspx?guid=%7B558F2744-F419-4A70-B525-72E1F068B3BC%7D&dist=hppr>.

Soldier's Tongue Piercing Causes Fatal Infection

(Israel jPost.com—Sept 23)

A 19-year-old combat soldier who died at Haifa's Rambam Medical Center on Monday as a result of complications of a tongue piercing he had done in July was a rare case, but oral piercings commonly cause infections, according to

experts in the Israel Defense Forces and Tel Aviv University's School of Dental Medicine. *The Jerusalem Post* reported 10 days ago about an Israeli study of such complications published in the *American Dental Journal* that noted Israeli teenagers are twice as likely to get oral piercings than their counterparts in New York - but both are at high risk for gum disease and tooth fractures. The victim of tongue piercing felt severe pain around his lips a week after undergoing the procedure. He went to the Emek Medical Center near his home in Afula and Bnei Zion Hospital in Haifa and was transferred to Rambam as his condition worsened. He developed a dozen infections in his brain that had begun in his mouth. First he was in the neurology department, but then the soldier was transferred to intensive care. Access article online at:
<http://www.jpost.com/servlet/Satellite?cid=1222017359881&pagename=JPost%2FJPArticle%2FShowFull>.

Patient Weeps as She Tells of Dentist's 15 Years of Neglect

(The Herald-UK—Sept 23)

A woman wept yesterday as she told a misconduct hearing that seven of her teeth had to be extracted after a dentist failed to carry out the most basic checks. Donald Mackenzie told the patient her excruciating toothache was not caused by dental problems, but failed to take a single X-ray during a 15-year period of neglect, it was said. When the woman's GP had a cursory look at her mouth, he realized something was seriously wrong. The General Dental Council heard Mr Mackenzie also failed to X-ray two other patients with grave dental problems at his practice in Dunfermline. The woman, referred to as Patient A, was in tears as she told the hearing in London that she had been going to the practice since 1985. She said: "I think the situation changed in the early 1990s. I started to get quite bad pain, and I started to go to him regularly. There were certain times where I wouldn't go to bed at night, I was in such tremendous pain." Patient A said Mr Mackenzie tended to prescribe antibiotics. She said: "On a couple of occasions, I was referred to my GP, because Mr Mackenzie thought it might be a nerve-related thing.". Access article online at:
http://www.theherald.co.uk/news/news/display.var.2450857.0.Patient_weeps_as_she_tells_hearing_of_her_dentists_15_years_of_neglect.php.

Millions of Children Have Untreated Tooth Decay

(CNN—Sept 23)

Millions of poor American children have untreated tooth decay, some of them because they cannot find a dentist willing to treat them, a federal report issued Tuesday said. "Dental disease remains a significant problem for children aged 2 through 18 in Medicaid," the U.S. Government Accountability Office report concluded, referring to the federal/state health program for poor people. According to the report, which used data from 1999 to 2004, about 6.5 million children enrolled in Medicaid had untreated tooth decay in 2005 and were nearly twice as likely as children with private health insurance to have untreated tooth decay. The GAO report was ordered after widespread publicity of the case of Deamonte Driver, a 12-year-old boy who died last year in suburban Washington when an untreated infected tooth led to a brain infection. Access article online at:
<http://www.cnn.com/2008/US/09/23/dentalcare.medicaid/?iref=hpmostpop>.

Health Dept. Distributes Matchbooks with Grim Alert

(New York Times—Sept 22)

In yet another step in a campaign to scare smokers into quitting — a campaign that has included a man who breathes through a hole in his throat, a woman who is missing four fingers because of smoking, and operations to remove fatty deposits from the brain and amputate a gangrenous foot — the city is now giving out matchbooks. Yes, matchbooks. But you might not want to use these matchbooks to light up a smoke. They carry various grisly images with the stark words "Cigarettes Are Eating You Alive." The "Gum Disease" version shows decayed teeth, yellowed and blackened. Other matchbooks show large, painful tumors and smoke-ravaged lungs. The matchbooks, part of the "Eating You Alive" advertising campaign unveiled this year, are being distributed free at 132 cigarette retailers in the South Bronx, central and East Harlem and northern and central Brooklyn — neighborhoods where smoking has not decreased to the degree it has in other parts of the city. Access article online at:
http://www.nytimes.com/2008/09/23/nyregion/23smoking.html?_r=1&oref=slogin.

Tooth, Ear and Eye Problems Can Hamper Learning

(Connecticut Post Online—Sept 20)

Along with hearing and vision problems, Toothaches can keep kids from paying attention in school or cause difficulty learning. Progressive dental decay is one of the most common childhood diseases, and mouth pain and tooth complaints are a common reason kids miss school, according to the University of Southern California School of Dentistry Pediatric Dental Clinic. "When you're in pain, you can't concentrate and you can't learn," says Gardner Beale of USC. Keeping an eye on your child's oral health and instilling good habits is one more important job on a long list for parents. A new toothbrush and dental floss belong on the back-to-school shopping list, but what your child eats is just as important in preventing cavities as oral hygiene. Access article online at:

http://www.connpost.com/women/ci_10510035.

Economic Fears Can Affect Dental Care

(Newsweek Medical News—Sept 19)

Regular checkups and cleaning can save money in the end by heading off problems early. Nevertheless, when times get tough and people start losing their jobs, preventive dental care can be one of the first things to go. However, the correlation between rising unemployment and a drop in preventive dental care is not necessarily due to people being short of cash, according to a new study appearing in the online edition of Health Services Research. According to the study, distraction of worrying about not having a job could make dental care drop off a person's radar. Access the article online at: <http://www.newsweek.com/articles/view/543871/>.

Genetic Profile Reveals Susceptibility to Cleft Palate

(ScienceDaily—Sept 17)

Researchers from the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine have identified a series of genetic mutations that appear to be linked to significant risk for cleft palate and other dental abnormalities. As reported in the September issue of Genetics in Medicine, researchers evaluated genetic material from the saliva and blood of more than 500 individuals in families with 2 or more siblings affected with cleft lip or palate and found a group of more than a dozen gene mutations that appear to be significantly associated with cleft lip and palate, as well as other dental abnormalities. Access the article at: <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2008/09/080915122727.htm>.

Scientists Raise New Concern Over Plastic Containers

(AFP—Sept 17)

A new study released linked a controversial chemical widely used in baby bottles and plastic food containers to diabetes, heart disease and liver abnormalities in adults. A group of toxicologists at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) also published their concerns about the levels of the chemical found in many food containers, plastic bottles and dental fillings in a study earlier this month. According to the NIH findings, the chemical could have dangerous effects on the development of the brain and the prostate gland in fetuses and newborn babies. Access the full article online at: <http://afp.google.com/article/ALeqM5gETCIAZNE0WhIpteBFy8W1vsDYwA>.

Study Finds Most Children Who Have Dental Coverage Use It

(Palo Alto Daily News—Sept 16)

More than 60 percent of low income Santa Clara County children who received dental insurance from a innovative health program actually went to see a dentist, according to a study released Thursday. And 44 percent of them had a cavity filled or another problem fixed. By comparison, only 22 percent of low-income children without insurance went to see a dentist and only 16 percent received treatment, the study found. Access article online at:

<http://www.paloaltdailynews.com/article/2008-9-16-09-16-08-pa-dental>.

AAPD/Head Start Initiative Kicks Off in Six States

(ADA News—Sept 16)

The new Head Start Dental Home Initiative, developed by the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and the Office of Head Start, will launch in six states now through October. According to the AAPD, the partnership was forged to address childhood tooth decay and help parents and caregivers secure quality dental homes for all Head

Start children. "The five-year initiative is designed to provide quality dental homes and the foundation for a lifetime of optimal oral health for Head Start and Early Head Start children," said Dr. Jim Crall, project director. "Oral health is integral to the healthy physical, social-emotional and intellectual development of every child. Unfortunately, many children across America suffer from poor oral health and lack of access to oral health care." "Our goal is to work with HS/EHS program officials, partners and consultants to maximize the expertise and unique resources that each partner brings to the Dental Home Initiative," said Dr. Crall. "AAPD believes that these strategic activities will complement and supplement recent HS/EHS oral health efforts and supply a critical missing component—networks of dentists capable of providing quality dental homes that meet the full range of oral health needs for these infants and children." Access article online at: <http://www.ada.org/prof/resources/pubs/adanews/adanewsarticle.asp?articleid=3208>.

Research Finds Milk Prevents Tooth Decay

(VirtualMedicalCentre.com—Sept 16)

Encouraging children to consume milk helps reduce the risk of dental erosion and decay, according to recent US research. The study, published in the Journal of the American Dental Association, found children who consumed more soft drinks, relative to milk and 100 percent fruit juice, were at greater risk of developing dental caries. Researchers collected dietary information on 369 children who were aged between 3 and 5 years at the start of the study, and again 2 years later. Trained dentists examined the children's teeth both at the start of the study and again 2 years later. Children who had a low soft drink intake at the start of the study, but consumed a high intake of soft drink as they grew older were 1.75 times more likely to have tooth decay and receive new fillings compared with children who had a high intake of milk and fruit juice. Access full article online at: <http://www.virtualmedicalcentre.com/news.asp?artid=12513>.

Study: BPA Linked to Heart Disease, Diabetes, Liver Problems

(Chicago Tribune—Sept 16)

In the first large-scale study in humans of a chemical ubiquitous in the lives of Americans, a team of researchers reported that exposure to bisphenol A was associated with cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes and liver-enzyme abnormalities in adults. Bisphenol A, commonly known as BPA, is used extensively in epoxy resins lining food and beverage containers and in polycarbonate plastics used to make countless consumer products including baby bottles and sippy cups. The chemical also has been found in drinking water, dental sealants and even household dust. Access the full article online at: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/features/lifestyle/health/chi-bpa-websep17.0.3143856.story>.

FDA Gives Preliminary Okay to Bisphenol A in Food Packaging

(MedPageToday—Sept 16)

Current levels of the common chemical bisphenol A (BPA) used in food packaging do not appear to cause health problems, the FDA said today. In a draft assessment of the use of BPA in items that come in contact with food, the FDA said this represented 17% of all food available to consumers. The agency determined that the evidence does not support claims that BPA is carcinogenic, that it causes early puberty, or that it alters the prostate and urinary tracts. Bisphenol A (BPA) is a component of epoxy resins used to line food and beverage containers such as vegetable cans and in polycarbonate molded plastic items such as baby bottles. Access article at: <http://www.medpagetoday.com/PublicHealthPolicy/PublicHealth/tb/10938>.

Tooth Stem Cells Give Brain Surgery Hope

(Australian Broadcasting Corporation—Sept 16)

University of Adelaide researchers say they are close to repairing stroke-damaged brains using stem cells taken from teeth. The research is being done at the university's Centre for Stem Cell Research and involves dental pulp stem cells taken from young people that have impacted molars. Access the article at: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2008/09/16/2366306.htm>.

"Toothbrush Tree" Bears Bacteria-Killing Branches

(InteliHealth News Service—Sept 16)

A toothbrush made from a twig can kill some bacteria without even touching them, a study suggests. Swedish researchers did a study with the miswak, also called the siwak and chewing stick. It is used for oral hygiene in several areas of the world, including Saudi Arabia, Sudan and Jordan. Most miswaks come from the twigs or roots of the array tree (*Salvadora persica*). It's also known as the toothbrush tree. But miswaks also can be made from other trees, including olive and walnut. In the past, researchers tried to extract compounds from chewing sticks, but didn't find that they killed bacteria very well. In this study, researchers used small pieces of miswak. Each piece weighed less than 1/100th of an ounce. They embedded some pieces in plastic lab dishes (Petri dishes) that were growing different kinds of mouth bacteria. They suspended some pieces above other Petri dishes. Access article online at:

<http://www.simplestepsdental.com/SS/ihSS/r.WSIHW000/st.32571/t.32571/pr.3/d.dmtNewsContent/c.832235.html>.

Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Earns Highest Effectiveness Rating Among Federal Programs

(AMCHP—Sept 15)

The White House Office of Management and Budget released the latest results in their ongoing review of federal program effectiveness. The review uses a standard questionnaire known as The Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART). The Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP) is very pleased that the Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Services Block Grant received the highest possible rating and is among the 19% of federal programs that earned the highest rating of "effective." Michael Fraser, Ph.D., CEO of AMCHP, issued the following statement today: "The new effectiveness rating for the Title V MCH Block Grant is a substantial achievement. This new PART rating reflects the importance all states and the leadership of the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) have put on performance measurement and accountability. It is a recognition that is well deserved and worth celebrating, and we congratulate all state MCH program leaders and staff, as well as our partners in the federal MCHB. A link to more information about the PART review of the MCH Block Grant may be found at <http://www.amchp.org/policy/legislation/Statements/AMCHP-PART.pdf>

AWARDS / FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

ADEA Awards Open to Dental Educators and Students

Applications open today for awards, scholarships, and fellowships to be conferred in 2009 by the American Dental Education Association (ADEA). The ADEA Awards program recognizes excellence in teaching, scholarship, and research and provides funding for fellowship opportunities. Educators and students in all of our predoctoral, postdoctoral, and allied dental institutions are encouraged to apply. Awards range from \$1,000 scholarships to \$15,000 in support of leadership development education or \$15,000 stipends to pursue three-month fellowships at the ADEA offices in Washington, DC. Self nominations from individual ADEA members are accepted for many of the awards. ADEA To learn more about the ADEA Awards and apply, visit

http://www.adea.org/professional_development/adea_scholarships_awards_fellowships. Award recipients will be recognized at the 2009 ADEA Annual Session and Exhibition in Phoenix, Arizona, March 14-18. Please contact Ms. Monique Morgan at morganm@adea.org for additional information.

Gies Awards for Vision, Innovation, and Achievement Call for Nominations

ADEA Gies Foundation Announces William J. Gies Awards for Vision, Innovation, and Achievement Call for Nominations. The ADEA Gies Foundation invites entries for the 2009 William J. Gies Awards for Vision, Innovation, and Achievement. The Gies Awards, named after dental education pioneer William J. Gies, Ph.D., honors individuals and organizations exemplifying dedication to the highest standards of vision, innovation, and achievement in global oral health and dental education, research, and leadership. The Gies Awards will be presented at a highly anticipated celebration in conjunction with the ADEA Annual Session and Exhibition. The Gies Awards will be conferred on March 14, 2009. The nominations deadline is November 28, 2008. To obtain a copy of the Gies Awards Call for Nominations or for more information, please visit www.adeagiesfoundation.org or call ADEA at 202/289-7201.

US Department of Health and Human Services

Centers for Disease Control is offering \$2.6 million for 100 grants to provide partial support for specific non-Federal conferences in the areas of health promotion and disease prevention, educational programs, and applied research. The deadline is Dec 8th. Information is available online at: <http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/FOAs.htm>.

Ronald McDonald House Charities

The Ronald McDonald House Charities is accepting applications that improve the health and wellbeing of children. Organizations seeking funding should have a specific program that directly improves the health and wellbeing of children, addresses a significant funding gap or critical opportunity, has long-term impact in terms of replication or reach, and produces measurable results. This is a rolling deadline. Information is available online at: <http://www.rmhc.org/grants/>.

CDC FY08 Public Health Conference Support Program

The purpose of the program is to provide partial support for specific non-Federal conferences in the areas of health promotion and disease prevention, educational programs, and applied research. This program addresses the "Healthy People 2010" focus area(s) of Access to Quality Health Services; Arthritis, Osteoporosis and Chronic Back Conditions; Cancer; Diabetes; Disability and Secondary Conditions; Educational and Community-Based Programs; Environmental Health; Food Safety; Health Communication; Heart Disease and Stroke; Injury and Violence Prevention; Maternal, Infant and Child Health; Mental Health and Mental Disorders; Nutrition and Overweight; Physical Activity and Fitness; Public Health Infrastructure; Respiratory Diseases; Tobacco Use (among youth); and Vision and Hearing. Deadline is Dec 8th. Information is available online at: <http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/HM09-901.htm>.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Community Health Leaders Program

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Community Health Leaders program each year honors ten outstanding and otherwise unrecognized individuals who overcome daunting odds to improve health and health care, especially to underserved populations in communities across the United States. The program elevates the work of these unsung heroes through enhanced recognition, technical assistance, and new leadership opportunities. To be considered for a CHL award, a nominee must be accomplished in the field of community health at the midcareer level and have a three- to ten-year record of accomplishment; have created or substantially enhanced a health or healthcare initiative that improves both access to and quality of care in their community (e.g., broadened the reach of an established program; worked against conventional wisdom to establish a new initiative; changed the perception of a critical health issue); have positively affected a significant number of people in the targeted community; not have received significant national recognition for their work; be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States or its territories; and be affiliated with a public or nonprofit organization that is tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Criteria used to assess nominees will include accomplishments; innovation; collaborative leadership; systems change; impact; resiliency; inspiration; level of recognition; and career status. In addition, the foundation seeks geographic, ethnic, and professional diversity among awardees. Ten awards in the amount of \$125,000 each will be made during the 2009 award cycle. The deadline is Nov 7th. Visit the RWJF Web site for the complete Call for Proposals. <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=20422>.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows Program

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows program provides a comprehensive experience at the nexus of health science, policy, and politics in Washington, DC. The fellowship provides the opportunity for exceptional mid-career health professionals and behavioral and social scientists with an interest in health and health care policy. Fellows experience and participate in the policy process at the federal level and use that leadership experience to improve health, health care, and health policy. Exceptional candidates from academic faculties and nonprofit health care organizations are encouraged to apply. Applicants may have backgrounds in the following disciplines: allied health professions; biomedical sciences; dentistry; economics, or other social sciences; health services organization and administration; medicine; nursing; public health; or social and behavioral health. Beginning in 2008, applicants will be able to select whether to apply from a sponsoring institution or as an

individual. Track 1 applicants will maintain their affiliation with their originating academic institution or nonprofit health care organization. Track 2 applicants will have their fellowship stipend administered by the Institute of Medicine. Applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States or its territories at the time of application. The foundation encourages applications from candidates who come from groups that historically have been underrepresented. Up to ten grants of up to \$165,000 each will be made in 2009. Each fellow will receive up to \$94,000 for the Washington stay (September 1, 2009, through August 31, 2010) in salary, plus fringe benefits or fellowship stipend. Fellows will receive an additional allowance for relocation. Deadline is Nov 14th. See the RWJF Web site for the complete Request for Proposals: <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=20507> .

Cardinal Health Invites Health Care Providers to Apply Patient Safety Grants

The Cardinal Health Foundation has announced that for the second year, it will award more than \$1 million in funding to help U.S. hospitals, health systems, and community health clinics improve patient safety and health care quality. Again this year, the Cardinal Health Foundation plans to award grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000 to programs that improve the quality and safety of patient care, with priority consideration being given to programs that reduce hospital-acquired infections and improve medication safety. Applicants are encouraged to: clearly identify the high-priority safety issue that the program will address; secure significant involvement and support from the applicant organization's senior-most leadership; demonstrate how the applicant's organization is financially invested in the program, through operating support or in-kind contributions of time and materials; incorporate nationally determined best practices into their proposals; focus on collaboration by involving multiple groups within the applicant's organization, its community, and other health care organizations; include clear measures to assure that improvements can be sustained over time; develop programs that can be replicated at other organizations; and address at least one of the National Quality Forum's seven priority areas, which include: patient and family engagement, population health, safety, palliative care, care coordination, patient-focused care and, overuse. More information about the seven priority areas can be found. To be eligible for funding, facilities must have 501(c)(3) nonprofit status. Information is available on the Cardinal Health Web site at: <http://www.cardinalhealth.com/us/en/community/index.asp>.

TRAINING AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The Importance of Ethics in Dentistry

Although knowledge, perceptual-motor skills, and problem-solving abilities are basic to the practice of dentistry, applying these skills and abilities with integrity must be a fundamental concern. This training discusses ethics in the broad context of life, and seeks to apply the concepts of ethics to the profession of dentistry. The training will be held November 21st in Chapel Hill, NC. Information is available online at: <http://www.dent.unc.edu>.

Occlusion and the Longevity of Implants

Attendees will take a journey through the principles of occlusion including examination, diagnosis, treatment planning and case completion of patients restored with dental implants. Time will be allowed for participant questions and discussion. The training will take place April 17th in Chapel Hill, NC. Information is available online at: <http://www.dent.unc.edu>.

CONFERENCES

American Dental Education Association (Oct 22-25)

The annual meeting of the American Dental Education Association will take place at the Sheraton Philadelphia City Center Hotel in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Information is available online at: <http://www.adea.org/events/Pages/ADEAFall2008Meetings.aspx>.

American Public Health Association (Oct 25-29)

The Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association will take place in San Diego, California. Information is available online at: <http://www.apha.org/meetings>.

National Primary Oral Health Conference (Nov 9-13)

The 2008 National Primary Oral Health Conference will take place in Dallas, Texas. Information is available online at: www.nnoha.org.

Hispanic Dental Association 2008 (Nov 13-15)

The 15th Annual meeting of the Hispanic Dental Association will take place in Carefree, Arizona. Information is available online at: http://www.hdassoc.org/site/epage/25547_351.htm.

National Healthy Start Association (March 1-4, 2009)

The 11th Annual Spring Conference of the National Healthy Start Association will take place in Washington, DC at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill. When available, information will be posted on the Associations Web site at: <http://www.healthystartassoc.org/>.

National Oral Health Conference (April 20-22, 2009)

The Annual National Oral Health Conference will take place at the Doubletree Hotel Portland-Lloyd Center in Portland, OR. When available, info will be posted online at: <http://www.nationaloralhealthconference.com/>.

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (May 21-25, 2009)

The 62nd Annual Session will be held in Honolulu, HI. Information is available online at: <http://www.aapd.org>.

International Association of Paediatric Dentistry (June 17-20, 2009)

The 22nd meeting of the International Association of Paediatric Dentistry will take place in Munich, Germany at the Gasteig Convention Centre in the city of Munich. Information is available online at: <http://www.iapdworld.org/>.

RESOURCES / RESEARCH

National Quality Measures Clearinghouse

The following pediatric oral health performance measures from the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards are now available on the National Quality Measures Clearinghouse Web site:

- [Oral health - children: percentage of deciduous teeth extracted \(for pathological reasons\) within 6 months following pulpotomy treatment, during the time period under study.](#)
- [Oral health - children: percentage of teeth requiring re-treatment \(restoration, endodontic or extraction, but not including Pit & Fissure Sealants\) within 24 months of the initial fissure sealant treatment.](#)
- [Oral health - children: percentage of teeth requiring repeat fissure sealant treatment within 24 months of the initial fissure sealant treatment.](#)
- [Oral health: percentage of attendances for complications within 7 days of routine extraction, during the time period under study.](#)
- [Oral health: percentage of attendances for complications within 7 days of surgical extraction, during the time period under study.](#)
- [Oral health: percentage of completed courses of endodontic treatment on the same tooth within 6 months of initial treatment, during the time period under study.](#)
- [Oral health: percentage of new patients aged 65 years and over who had an orthopantomogram \(OPG\) film taken or ordered as part of the first general course of care, during the time period under study.](#)
- [Oral health: percentage of new patients aged 65 years and over who had intraoral films taken as part of the first general course of care, during the time period under study.](#)
- [Oral health: percentage of new patients aged under 18 years who had an orthopantomogram \(OPG\) film taken or ordered as part of the first general course of care, during the time period under study.](#)
- [Oral health: percentage of new patients aged under 18 years who had intraoral films taken as part of the first general course of care, during the time period under study.](#)
- [Oral health: percentage of new patients in the age bracket 18 to 24 years who had an orthopantomogram \(OPG\) film taken or ordered as part of the first general course of care, during the time period under study.](#)

- [Oral health: percentage of new patients in the age bracket 18 to 24 years who had intraoral films taken as part of the first general course of care, during the time period under study.](#)
- [Oral health: percentage of new patients in the age bracket 25 to 64 years who had an orthopantomogram \(OPG\) film taken or ordered as part of the first general course of care, during the time period under study.](#)
- [Oral health: percentage of new patients in the age bracket 25 to 64 years who had intraoral films taken as part of the first general course of care, during the time period under study.](#)
- [Oral health: percentage of patients with completed and updated medical history, during the time period under study.](#)
- [Oral health: percentage of patients with completed charting at initial assessment for general course of care, during the time period under study.](#)
- [Oral health: percentage of radiographs \(bite-wing\) that meet all of the 6 criteria \(as outlined\), during the time period under study.](#)
- [Oral health: percentage of same denture type \(full or partial\) and same arch remade within 12 months, during the time period under study.](#)
- [Oral health: percentage of teeth extracted within 12 months of completing a course of endodontic treatment, during the time period under study.](#)
- [Oral health: percentage of teeth retreated between 1 and 6 months of completing a course of endodontic treatment, during the time period under study.](#)
- [Oral health: percentage of teeth retreated within 6 months of an episode of restorative treatment, during the time period under study.](#)

The following resources have been made available on the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center Community Oral Health Programs Discussion List:

- *Dental First Aid Flip Chart*
Produced by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Oral Health Program. Access online at: <http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/pp/oralhealth/EmergencyDentalFlipChart.pdf>.
- *Dental First Aid for Children Flip Chart*
Produced by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the flip chart can be downloaded at <http://www.fha.state.md.us/oralhealth>.
- *Dental First Aid*
Produced by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Oral Health Initiative. Access online at: http://www.kdheks.gov/ohi/dental_first_aid.html.
- *Emergency Guidelines for Schools (3rd ed)*
Produced by the Ohio Department of Health, School and Adolescent Health, School Nursing Program. Available online at: <http://www.schoolhealth.org/content/emergGuide.pdf>.

New Resource: Sustainability

The new Community Pediatrics Resource and Tool: Sustainability! Is now available. Along with several resources, a [Sustainability Tip Sheet](#) has been compiled with lessons learned by Healthy Tomorrows projects to provide helpful tips to increase the sustainability of your project. This resource is available online at: <http://www.aap.org/commpeds/resources/index.html> and click on Sustainability. For more information on the Sustainability Tip Sheet or Healthy Tomorrows Program, contact Nita Patel at npatel@aap.org; 847/434-7082 or Karla Palmer at kpalmer@aap.org; 847/434-4279.

Oral Health-Related Cultural Beliefs for Four Racial/Ethnic Groups: Assessment of the Literature

The purpose of this study was to assess information available in the dental literature on oral health-related cultural beliefs. In the US, as elsewhere, many racial/ethnic minority groups shoulder a disproportionate burden of oral disease. Cultural beliefs, values and practices are often implicated as causes of oral health disparities, yet little is known about the breadth or adequacy of literature about cultural issues that could support these assertions. Hence, this rigorous assessment was conducted of work published in English on cultural beliefs and values in relation to oral health status and dental practice. Four racial/ethnic groups in the US (African-American, Chinese, Filipino and

Hispanic/Latino) were chosen as exemplar populations. Method: The dental literature published in English for the period 1980-2006 noted in the electronic database PUBMED was searched, using keywords and MeSH headings in different combinations for each racial/ethnic group to identify eligible articles. To be eligible the title and abstract when available had to describe the oral health-related cultural knowledge or orientation of the populations studied. Information about the study is available online at: http://7thspace.com/headlines/292994/oral_health_related_cultural_beliefs_for_four_raceethnic_groups_assessment_of_the_literature.html.

Report: Millions Are Estimated to Have Untreated Tooth Decay

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) recently released the report Extent of Dental Disease in Children Has Not Decreased, and Millions Are Estimated to Have Untreated Tooth Decay. The report can be accessed online at: <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-08-1121>.

Improving Quality of Care and Reducing Health Disparities Report

A new report, "Improving Quality of Care and Reducing Health Disparities" is now available on the Web site of the Center for Health Management Research (CHMR). The report by lead author Romana Hasnain-Wynia, PhD, describes a framework for detecting, understanding, and reducing health care disparities. It also discusses collecting patient demographic data and linking the data to quality of care measures. Dr Hasnain-Wynia and her team at the Hospital Research and Educational Trust (HRET) developed the HRET Disparities Toolkit for collecting race, ethnicity, and primary language information from patients. The toolkit has been proposed for endorsement by the National Quality Forum. To read the report, visit <http://www.hret.org/hret/programs/chmr/pls/pls19.html>. (Information provided by from Commission of End Health Care Disparities.)

Profiles of International Health Systems

New Resource on KaiserEDU.org Profiles International Health Systems KaiserEDU.org presents a new resource which summarizes the health systems and structures of Canada, the United Kingdom, Japan, France and Singapore. These profiles of international health systems review the major features of the countries' health coverage, financing and service delivery policies and provide links to articles with more information. More countries will be added in the coming months. KaiserEDU.org is an online resource for faculty and students. This new resource is available online at http://www.kaiseredu.org/topics_im_ihs.asp?imID=1&parentID=61.

Policy Issues in the Delivery of Dental Services to Medicaid Children and Their Families

In September the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services released the Policy Issues in the Delivery of Dental Services to Medicaid Children and Their Families. The document is intended to address a number of Medicaid policy issues affecting the delivery of dental services to children and their families. It was developed in collaboration by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the previous Maternal and Child Health Technical Advisory Group and finalized by the Oral Health Technical Advisory Group. The document is intended to serve as a resource. It is not intended to change current Medicaid policies nor does it impose any new requirements on States. CMS has appointed a new TAG to address dental Medicaid issues and this was recently updated for publication. Access a PDF version online at: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medicaiddentalcoverage/downloads/dentalguide.pdf>.

Highwire Press

Articles of interest from Stanford University Highwire Press:

- *Bilaterally Impacted Supplemental Premolar: A Case Report and Review of the Literature*
<http://highwire.stanford.edu/cgi/medline/pmid;18788270>
- *Periodontal Conditions in Williams Beuren Syndrome: A Series of 8 Cases*
<http://highwire.stanford.edu/cgi/medline/pmid;18793597>
- *Dental Arch Changes Following Rapid Maxillary Expansion*
<http://highwire.stanford.edu/cgi/medline/pmid;18791124>

- *Clinical Evaluation of Medications on Oral and Dental Health*
<http://highwire.stanford.edu/cgi/medline/pmid;18783115>
- *Oral Health Among Adolescents: Aspects Relating to Hygiene, Dental Cavities and Periodontal Disease in Brazil*
[Http://Highwire.Stanford.Edu/Cgi/Medline/Pmid;18813449](http://Highwire.Stanford.Edu/Cgi/Medline/Pmid;18813449)
- *Legislation and Informed Consent Brochures for Dental Patients Receiving Amalgam Restorations.*
<http://highwire.stanford.edu/cgi/medline/pmid;18821394>
- *Influence of the Fluoride Releasing Dental Materials on the Bacterial Flora of Dental Plaque*
<http://highwire.stanford.edu/cgi/medline/pmid;18819449>

Ambulatory Pediatrics (Volume 8, Issue 5; September-October 2008)

Abstracts of articles found in the latest issue of the Ambulatory Pediatrics are now available online. The table of contents can be accessed online at: <http://www.ambulatorypediatrics.org/current>. Articles of interest include:

- *Parental Perceptions of Dental/Oral Health Among Children With and Without Special Health Care Needs*

American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics (Volume 134, Issue 4: October 2008)

Abstracts of articles found in the latest issue of the American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics are now available online. The table of contents can be accessed online at:

<http://journals.elsevierhealth.com/periodicals/yomod/current>. Articles of interest include:

- *Impact of Self-Esteem on the Oral-Health-Related Quality of Life of Children with Malocclusion*

American Journal of Public Health (Volume 98, Issue 11; October 2008)

Abstracts of articles found in the latest issue of the American Journal of Public Health are now available online. The table of contents can be accessed online at: <http://www.ajph.org/current.shtml>.

British Dental Journal (Volume 205, Issue 7; November 2008)

Abstracts of articles found in the latest issue of the British Dental Journal are now available online. The table of contents can be accessed online at: <http://www.nature.com/bdj/journal/v205/n7/>. Articles of interest include:

- *NHS Should Make More Use of Dental Therapists, Urges Former Director of New Cross*
- *Impact of Different Toothpastes on the Prevention of Erosion*
- *Oral and Facial Piercing: Associated Complications and Clinical Repercussion*
- *Occupational Burnout and Work Engagement: A National Survey of Dentists in the United Kingdom*
- *The Incidence of Dental Caries in the Primary Molar Teeth of Young Children Receiving National Health Service Funded Dental Care in Practices in the North West of England*

Caries Research (Volume 42, Number 5; 2008)

Abstracts of articles found in the latest issue of Caries Research magazine are now available online. The table of contents can be accessed online at:

<http://content.karger.com/ProdukteDB/produkte.asp?Aktion=Ausgabe&Ausgabe=240002&ProduktNr=224219>

Articles of interest include:

- *How Has Genomics Altered Our View of Caries Microbiology?*
- *Host and Microbiological Factors Related to Dental Caries Development*
- *Dental Caries Increments and Related Factors in Children with Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus*
- *Uptake and Release of Fluoride from Fluoride-Impregnated Chewing Sticks (Miswaks)*
- *Dietary Habits in a Child Population in Relation to Caries Experience*
- *Enamel Formation Genes Are Associated with High Caries Experience in Turkish Children*

Community Dental Health (Volume 3, Number 25; October 2008)

Abstracts of articles found in the latest issue of Community Dental Health magazine are now available online. The table of contents can be accessed online at: http://www.cdjournal.org/view.php?journal_id=17. Articles of interest include:

- *Oral Health and Its Impact on the Life Quality of Homeless People in Hong Kong*

- *Caries Prevalence in 2-Year-Old Children in the City of Zurich*
- *Association Between Breastfeeding Duration and Non-Nutritive Sucking Habits*
- *Prevalence of Breath Malodour in 7-11 Year Old Children Living in Middle Anatolia, Turkey*
- *Enamel Fluorosis in 12- and 15-Year-Old School Children in Costa Rica*
- *Short Communication - Fissure Sealants on Permanent First Molars – Consequences of a One-Year Delay*

Community Dentistry and Oral Epidemiology (Volume 36, Number 5; October 2008)

Abstracts of articles found in the latest issue of Community Dentistry and Oral Epidemiology magazine are now available online. The table of contents can be accessed online at:

<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/117977399/home>.

- *Parsimonious Prediction Model for the Prevalence of Dental Visits*
- *Nursing Caries and Buying Time: An Emerging Theory of Prolonged Bottle Feeding*
- *Evaluation of a Generic Quality of Life Instrument for Early Childhood Caries-Related Pa*
- *Caries Increment in Children Aged 3–5 Years in Relation to Parents' Dental Attitudes: Oslo, Norway*
- *Dissatisfaction with Dental Care Among Mothers of Medicaid-Enrolled Children*
- *Dental Caries and Body Mass Index by Socio-Economic Status in Swedish Children*

Contemporary Pediatrics (Sept 1, 2008)

Abstracts of articles found in the latest issue of Contemporary Pediatrics are now available online. The table on contents can be accesses at: <http://contemporarypediatrics.modernmedicine.com/>.

- *The Early Childhood Caries Epidemic: Are You Missing the Diagnosis?*

Dental Clinics of North America (Volume 52, Issue 4, October 2008)

Abstracts of articles found in the latest issue of Dental Clinics of North America magazine are now available online. The table of contents can be accessed online at: <http://www.dental.theclinics.com/current>.

Dental Economics (Volume 98 Issue 9, September 2008)

Abstracts of articles found in the latest issue of Dental Economics magazine are now available online. The table of contents can be accessed online at: <http://www.dentaleconomics.com/issue/toc.html>.

Dental Traumatology (Volume 24 Issue 5; October)

Abstracts of articles found in the latest issue of Dental Traumatology magazine are now available online. The table of contents can be accessed online at: <http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/118537215/home>. Articles of interest include:

- *Root Fractures in Children and Adolescents: Diagnostic Considerations*
- *The Effect of a Leaflet Given to Parents for First Aid Measures after Tooth Avulsion*
- *Attitude of Pilsen Primary School Teachers in Dental Traumas*
- *The Relationship Between Sports Activities and Permanent Incisor Crown Fractures in a Group of School Children Aged 7–9 And 11–13 in Ankara, Turkey*
- *Diagnostic of Tooth Fractures with the Vistascan System*

Dutch Journal of Dentistry (Volume 115, Number 10; October 2008)

Abstracts of articles found in the latest issue of the Dutch Journal Dentistry are available online. The table of contents can be accessed online at: <http://english.nvtv.nl/>.

Evidence-based Dentistry (Volume 9, Issue 3; 2008)

Abstracts of articles found in the latest issue of the Evidence-based Dentistry are available online. The table of contents can be accessed online at: <http://www.nature.com/ebd/journal/v9/n3/>. Articles of interest include:

- *Caries Prevention Guidelines*
- *Pits and Fissure Sealant Guidelines*
- *Fluoride Varnish Reduces White Spot Lesions During Orthodontic Treatment*

International Dental Journal (Volume 58, Issue 4; 2008)

Abstracts of articles found in the latest issue of the International Dental Journal are now available online. The table of contents can be accessed online at: <http://www.atypon-link.com/FDI/toc/indj/58/4>.

International Journal of Paediatric Dentistry (Volume 18, Issue 6; November 2008)

Abstracts of articles found in the latest issue of the International Journal of Paediatric Dentistry magazine are now available online. The table of contents can be accessed online at:

<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/118535727/home>. Articles of interest include:

- *Morphological Aspects of Dental Hard Tissues in Primary Teeth from Preterm Infants*
- *Validity of Single-Item Parental Ratings of Child Oral Health*
- *The Clinically Related Predictors of Dental Fear In Taiwanese Children*
- *Intraoral Condition in Children with Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis Compared to Controls*
- *Dental Anomalies and Associated Factors in 2- to 5-Year-Old Brazilian Children*
- *Association of Chlorhexidine and Fluoride for Plaque Control and White Spot Lesion Remineralization in Primary Dentition*

Journal of the American Dental Association (Volume 139, Issue 10; October 2008)

Abstracts of articles found in the latest issue of the Journal of the American Dental Association are now available online. The table of contents can be accessed online at: <http://jada.ada.org/current.dtl>. Articles of interest include:

- *Xylitol Gummy Bears Reduce Plaque in Young Children*
- *Esthetics and Smile Characteristics From the Layperson's Perspective: A Computer-Based Survey Study*
- *Altering the Gag Reflex Via a Palm Pressure Point*
- *Improving Oral Health Behavior: A Social Psychological Approach*

Journal of the Canadian Dental Association (Volume 74, Number 8; October 2008)

Abstracts of articles found in the latest issue of the Journal of Canadian Dental Association are now available online. The table of contents can be accessed online at: <http://www.cda-adc.ca/jcda/vol-74/issue-8/index.html>.

Articles of interest include:

- *Poverty: A Challenge for Our Society, a Challenge for Oral Health Care Professionals*

Journal of Dental Education (Volume 72, Issue 10; October 2008)

Abstracts of articles found in the latest issue of the Journal of Dental Education are now available online. The table of contents can be accessed online at: <http://www.jdentaled.org/current.shtml>. Articles of interest include:

- *Exploring Dental Students' Perceptions of Cultural Competence and Social Responsibility*
- *Assessing the Cultural Competency of Dental Students and Residents*
- *Dental Students' Attitudes Toward Treating Diverse Patients: Effects of a Cross-Cultural Patient-Instructor Program*
- *Attitudes of South African Dental Therapy Students Toward Compulsory Community Service*
- *An Evolving Community-Based Dental Course on Professionalism and Community Service*
- *Economic Outcomes of a Dental Electronic Patient Record*
- *Brushing Your Teeth Can Be Fun: And Lots of Other Good Ideas for How to Grow Up Healthy, Strong, and Smart*

Journal of Dental Research (Volume 87, Issue 10; October 2008)

Abstracts of articles found in the latest issue of the Journal of Dental Research magazine are now available online. The table of contents can be accessed online at: <http://jdr.iadrjournals.org/content/vol87/issue10/>. Articles of interest include:

- *Affluent Neighborhoods Reduce Excess Risk of Tooth Loss among the Poor*

Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved (Volume 19, Number 3; August 2008)

Abstracts of articles found in the current issue of the Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved are available online. The table of contents can be accessed at:

http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/journal_of_health_care_for_the_poor_and_underserved/index.html. Articles of interest include:

- *Who Speaks for the Health Consumer?*
- *Perceptions of Race/Ethnicity-Based Discrimination: A Review of Measures and Evaluation of Their Usefulness for the Health Care Setting*
- *Access to Health Care and Voting Behavior in the United States*
- *Primary Care for Low-Income Populations: Comparing Health Care Delivery Systems*

Journal of Indian Society of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry (Volume 26 Issue 3; July-September 2008)

Abstracts of articles found in the latest issue of the Indian Society of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry magazine are now available online. The table of contents can be accessed online at:

<http://www.jisppd.com/currentissue.asp>. Articles of interest include:

- *Comparison of Oral Ketamine and Oral Midazolam as Sedative Agents in Pediatric Dentistry*
- *Association Between Breast-Feeding Practices and Sucking Habits: A Cross-Sectional Study of Children in Their First Year Of Life*
- *Early Class III Occlusal Tendency in Children and its Selective Management*
- *Retention of a Resin-Based Sealant and a Glass Ionomer Used as a Fissure Sealant: A Comparative Clinical Study*

Journal of Periodontology (Volume 78, Number 10; 2008)

Abstracts of articles found in the latest issue of the Journal of Periodontology are now available online. The table of contents can be accessed online at: <http://www.joponline.org/toc/jop/79/10>. Articles of interest include:

- *Primary Health Care Assessment and Intervention in the Dental Office*
- *Periodontal Bacterial Profiles in Pregnant Women: Response to Treatment and Associations With Birth Outcomes in the Obstetrics and Periodontal Therapy*

Pediatric Dentistry (Volume 30, Issue 5; 2008)

Abstracts of articles found in the latest issue of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry magazine are now available online. The table of contents can be accessed online at: <http://www.aapd.org/searcharticles/current.asp>.

Articles of interest include:

- *Association of Mutans Streptococci Between Caregivers and Their Children*
- *Extent of Tooth Decay in the Mouth and Increased Need for Replacement of Dental Restorations: The New England Children's Amalgam Trial*
- *Formocresol Blood Levels in Children Receiving Dental Treatment under General Anesthesia*
- *Parental Attitudes Regarding Behavior Guidance of Dental Patients with Autism*
- *Permanent Tooth Development in Children With Cleft Lip and Palate*
- *Fasting State and Episodes of Vomiting in Children Receiving Nitrous Oxide for Dental Treatment*
- *Dutch Primary Schoolchildren's Attitudes Toward Their Dental Appearance*

Pediatrics (Volume 122, Issue 4; October 2008)

Abstracts of articles found in the latest issue of the Pediatrics is now available online. The table of contents can be accessed online at: <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/current.shtml>. Articles of interest include:

- *Linking Mother and Child Access to Dental Care*

Pediatric News (Volume 42, Number 9; October 2008)

Abstracts of articles found in the latest issue of Pediatric News are available online. The table of contents can be accessed online at: <http://www.epediatricnews.com/current>.

RDH Magazine (Volume 28, Issue 9; September 2008)

Abstracts of articles found in the latest issue of RDH Magazine are available online. The table of contents can be accessed online at: <http://www.rdhmag.com/issue/toc.html>.

NEWSLETTERS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Current issues of the following Newsletters are now available online:

Bellweather

The September issue of the American Association for Community Dental Programs is now available on line at: http://www.aacdp.com/docs/Newsletter_Issue3.pdf.

Cochrane Oral Health Group Newsletter

The August 2008 newsletter is available online in a PDF format at: http://www.cochrane.org/newslett/Issue43CochraneNews_finalCA21Aug2008.pdf.

Maternal and Child Health Library

The current issue of the MCH Alert is now available online at: <http://www.mchlibrary.info/>.

National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research E-Newsletter

The current issue of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research E-Newsletter is now available online at: <http://www.nidcr.nih.gov/NewsAndFeatures/ENewsletters/CurrentNews/>.

Oral Health Alert: Focus on Head Start

The current issue of the Oral Health Alert: Focus on Head Start is now available online at: <http://www.mchoralhealth.org/alert/archives.html>.

Oral Health America Advocate

The current issue of the Oral Health America Advocate is now available online at: <http://www.oralhealthamerica.org/enews091108.htm>.

OPPORTUNITIES



PedJobs is the electronic recruitment resource for pediatrics. View available jobs or post a resume. PedJobs is found online at: <http://jobs.pedjobs.org/>.

Indian Health Service

Indian Health Service (IHS) has vacancies in facilities large and small in some of the most beautiful areas of the United States. Whether you choose the Commissioned Corps, Civil Service, or direct Tribal hire career path, IHS has a position that will meet your specific needs for opportunity, adventure, and purpose. There are currently 116 vacancies—113 available now. To access an unofficial listing of vacancies open or soon to be open go online to: <http://www.dentist.ihs.gov/Positions/vacancies.cfm>. For more information contacts each area's contact person found by clicking on the job title opening to page 2 of the vacancy listing.

Augusta, ME: Project Manager—Oral Health

Medical Care Development, a Maine-based private, non-profit health services development organization, is seeking a professional to serve as Project Manager for conceptualization and implementation of a comprehensive statewide oral health promotion and disease prevention and control program. A Bachelor's Degree is required, with significant experience in program and systems development; however, equivalent related work experience may be considered. A Master's Degree in public health is a definite plus. View the full posting at: <http://www.mcd.org/empopp.asp>.

St. Paul, Minnesota: *Oral Health Coordinator*

This position is located in the Center for Health Promotion Section and the Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Division. This position includes coordinating and delivering training and technical assistance to increase the capacity of state and local partners to develop and implement oral health initiatives; to assist in developing and implementing a process to create a 5-year oral health plan in Minnesota; to assist in implementing the statewide oral health plan; to assist in providing oral health education as necessary to information especially as related to epidemiology and fluoridation; and, to identify ways to gather information and develop and enhance new or existing partnerships with disparate populations to improve oral health. Complete information about the position and how it apply can be found online at:

<https://statejobs.doer.state.mn.us/JobPosting/f142c840b35c1743947d1b6c51732f15/View>

New York, NY: *FQHC Director of Operations*

The Lutheran Medical Center (LMC) and the Lutheran Family Health Center Network, a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), is seeking applicants for a Director of Operations. LMC is seeking an individual with extraordinary practice and organizational management capabilities. The ability to foster collaborative relationships and exercise team building skills is essential. Interaction with all departments within the institution is ongoing and an integral part of daily operations. The need for an individual with a background in dental education and the business of dentistry, and the ability to integrate the two, is critical. A significant responsibility includes the development, implementation and management of a comprehensive faculty practice. Qualifications must include a DMD/DDS and eligible for a New York State license. An advanced degree MBA or MPH or other, is highly desirable, but not required. Contact Dana Cernigliaro at danacern@gmail.com if you are interested in the position. Please include CV or resume with response.

Pittsburgh, PA: *Director of Center for Rural Health Practice*

The University of Pittsburgh at Bradford seeks a Director of the Center for Rural Health Practice located in Bradford, Pennsylvania. This is a full-time position that reports to the President of Pitt-Bradford. The Director will hold a secondary appointment as Associate Director for Rural Health at the Center for Public Health Practice of the Graduate School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh, in Oakland. Required are: experience in population-based health, knowledge of rural-health issues, experience directing public-health programs, as well as genuine interest in the causes and correlates of poor health outcomes among target population. Also required are strong grant writing, fundraising, and financial management skills. Candidate should be conversant with both research and practice processes. Experience in community organization and coalition-building are also important. Review of applications will begin on Oct 15th. Please submit: Letter of application, curriculum vitae and full contact information for three references to Laurel Phillips (leb2@upb.pitt.edu).

Memphis, TN: *Director of the Division of Community Oral Health.*

The University of Tennessee College of Dentistry invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track position as Director of the Division of Community Oral Health in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry and Community Oral Health. The division is responsible for instruction in dental public health, behavioral science, literature evaluation, practice management, dental ethics and dental jurisprudence. Primary responsibilities include providing classroom instruction for pre- and postdoctoral students, scholarly and service activities, and the development, implementation and coordination of planned community-based educational and clinical experiences. The position is available immediately. Interested candidates should send a letter of application, curriculum vitae and three professional references to Dr Martin Donaldson, Chair, Search Committee for Director of Community Oral Health / The University of Tennessee College of Dentistry / 875 Union Avenue /Memphis, TN 38163, email: mdonald1@utmem.edu.

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