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### Northwest Suburban
Meetings are at The Wellington, 2121 S. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights, unless otherwise noted. Cocktails: 6 p.m.; Dinner: 7 p.m.; Program: 7:45 p.m. For information, contact Renee Pappas, 847.253.8501 or mbs1andassoc@aol.com; or Tina Smith, 847.370.4341 or tarpino@comcast.net.

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### West Side
Meetings are at The Carleton of Oak Park, 1110 Pleasant St., Oak Park, unless otherwise noted. Cocktails: 6:15 p.m.; Dinner and Program: 7 p.m. For information, contact John Perna, 708.386.0960 or jperna@sbcglobal.net.

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### West Suburban
Meetings are at Maggiano’s Little Italy, 240 Oakbrook Center, Oak Brook, unless otherwise noted. Cocktails: 6:30 p.m.; Dinner: 7 p.m.; Program: 8 p.m. For information, contact Alyssa Brown, 630.323.5200 or alyssabrown8@yahoo.com.

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Chicago, state inspecting dental offices for RPZ compliance

Dental offices in Chicago are being inspected for compliance of state and city requirements that dental offices have backflow preventers on their dental units and vacuum system. This requirement has been in effect since 1994. It requires all dental offices in the state to have a licensed plumber install a reduced pressure principle backflow preventer (RPZ) on each dental unit or group of dental units and on the dental vacuum system in order to protect the water system from potential health hazards of human waste discharged during dental procedures from flowing back into the water system.

A summary of the State’s requirements can be found online at www.isds.org/LawsLegislation/RegulatoryIssues/RPZvalves.asp.

For more information, call the Illinois Department of Public Health Office of Health Protection at 217.782.3984. General inquiries for the Illinois Department of Public Health can be directed to 217.782.4977.

The City of Chicago requires a backflow preventer on each dental unit. But other cities and counties may only require a backflow preventer that connects all units to the main water system. Dentists statewide need to be aware of their local requirements and enforcement codes, as well as the requirement to have an annual inspection of the backflow devices by a licensed plumber.


CDS officers election date set for November 10

The 2011 CDS Election of Officers will be held Nov. 10 during the Regional Meeting at Drury Lane, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace.

The 2011 CDS officer nominees are:

- President: Ian Elliott
- President-elect: John Gerding
- Secretary: David Fulton Jr.
- Vice President: Richard Holba
- Treasurer: Susan Becker Doroshow

The Installation of Officers will be held Sunday, Nov. 14, at the Ritz Carlton Chicago Hotel, 160 E. Pearson St., Chicago. Welcome Reception: 6:15 p.m., Installation: 7 p.m., Dessert Reception: 8 p.m.

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Support for healthcare reform resonates with CDS members

As always, I turn to Dr. Walter Lamacki’s column first when perusing the latest issue of the CDS Review. His column [Final Impressions] on the Healthcare Reform Act in the May/June issue was great. And his tales of Noah [Dr. Lamacki’s 9-month-old grandnephew, who has acute lymphatic leukemia] and Gloria [his wife, who had a major medical episode] were both touching and immediately resonated with dozens of tales I could tell. Please keep up the good work.

— David Wojtowicz, DDS
Skokie

I’m writing to completely agree with Dr. Walter Lamacki’s analysis in the May/June issue of the CDS Review of the Healthcare Reform Act. Once again, thanks to Dr. Lamacki for his column [Final Impressions].

I’m positive about the new law, but it is easier to get out the “no” vote, so I decided to write in support of the Act and the column.

— William Tonne, DDS
Savanna, IL
President’s Perspective by Michael Stablein, DDS, PhD

Write to Dr. Stablein at mstablein@aol.com.

Make yourself be heard

I was chagrined when I was recently made aware of Chicago Dental Society member participation in political activism. In round figures, 12 percent of all CDS members are Governor’s Club members (482). Overall, 25 percent of CDS members are either Governor’s Club or Dent-IL-PAC members (1,114).

Excluding CDS, 24 percent of other components’ members are Governor’s Club members (542) and overall 46 percent are members of either the Governor’s Club or Dent-IL-PAC (1,004).

Given the numbers, it is clear that CDS members are not doing their fair share to impact decisions by legislators that affect the profession and the public welfare when they choose not to be members of Dent-IL-PAC or the Governor’s Club.

Then again, perhaps the repeal of the McCarran-Ferguson antitrust exemption for the insurance industry isn’t that important to your practice or patient care. And do you think you have heard the last about healthcare reform after the legislation became law? Relatively speaking, the impact of the Act on dentistry is not overwhelming. However, it is more than likely that there will be amendments proposed to the Act. Do we know the “tweaking” of the Act will not affect dentistry? Do you want dentistry, at the very least, to have a say in the process?

And there are initiatives currently in the works that could impact the way we practice – specifically, the mid-level provider. A grant from the Kellogg and Pew foundations has called for an analysis of the myriad forms of mid-level providers to address the access to care issue for underserved populations. The report will be finished next year. Will it impact your practice? It could.

Yes, the American Dental Association and Illinois State Dental Society and your CDS will be there to represent the interests of the profession and our patients to Congress, the General Assembly and the County Board when they consider laws and regulations that affect dentistry.

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‘DON’T FORGET ABOUT ME’

What are you doing to provide access to your care?

by Joanna Brown
s you’re leaving the office this week, notice the buildings you pass in the blocks surrounding your office. Are the lights out and the doors locked promptly at 5 p.m.? Will they re-open at 9 a.m.? Do the doorways list any early morning, weekend or evening hours to accommodate customers who work 9-5 themselves?

How do customers with inflexible schedules – due to their own jobs, childcare constraints, their reliance on public transportation, or some other circumstance – patronize the businesses in your community?

Anne Clancy, project director for the Chicago Community Oral Health Forum (CCOHF), says the same circumstances affect the issue of access to oral healthcare in Chicagoland. Even in areas where dental offices are open for business and patients have the means to pay for care, patients with busy lives need help connecting with the healthcare providers who can accommodate their unique situations. And patients need a better understanding of why they should make their dental appointments a priority.

“Part of the issue is that folks don’t know how to access the system,” Ms. Clancy said.

“They need more education as to why it’s important to see a dentist, to make appointments and keep them, and to make it a priority – even going to work late or taking time off if they have to.

“And providers need to understand the needs of their community and maybe keep untraditional hours if that’s what the community needs.

In a city like Chicago, it comes down to the community, the block, the neighborhood.

You can’t generalize the whole city.”

As CCOHF (www.chicagocommunityoralhealthforum.org) was established in 2008 to improve oral healthcare for Chicago area residents. The Heartland Alliance for Human Needs and Human Rights reported at that time that nearly 42 percent of people in the Chicago area had inadequate dental care due to lack of insurance or affordable options.

Funded by the Otho Sprague Memorial Institute, CCOHF has since expanded its scope to address the improvement of oral health programs and services for all Chicago residents through education, assessment and policy and program development. Quarterly meetings provide status updates for and by stakeholders working on programs throughout the metropolitan area.

Now in its third year, the Chicago Community Oral Health Forum spent the first year engaging the Englewood, Humboldt Park and Rogers Park communities through a needs assessment.

This included gathering data on the oral health status of third graders at 28 Chicago public schools, and comparing the results to similar data collected five years earlier. Ms. Clancy called the findings “pretty intriguing.”

Although sealants have been placed on far more students (32 percent of students in the 2008-2009 school year, compared to 12 percent of students in 2003-2004), there was a 5 percent increase in urgent treatment needs, including infections, pain and swelling, and a rise in untreated decay.

“What we found says that although students are getting great preventive care, they’re not getting follow-up care; there is no indication that they have dental homes,” she said.

The second year brought action related to CCOHF’s findings.

In Englewood, for example, block captains are being organized and educated so
that they may share oral health information with their neighbors. This includes righting common misconceptions about oral healthcare, Ms. Clancy said.

In addition, the children of Englewood are competing in a healthy habits poster contest. Oral health is one of four topics students may choose for their posters; the winning poster will be turned into a mural in the Englewood community.

Community action
In Rogers Park, CCOHF is working with a group of community activists and stakeholders who informally call themselves Neighbors for a Healthy Rogers Park to improve the local healthcare options. The group had conducted a health needs assessment a couple of years ago, and jumped at CCOHF’s offer to help add an oral health component to the report.

“We were looking for ways to increase health resources in our community,” said Jim Ginderske, a Rogers Park resident who considers himself a community activist. “If we are able to provide services in a more comprehensive way, we’ll have much better outcomes,” and stem the flow of dental patients traveling to Cook County hospital for pain that could have been prevented if local resources had been available, he explained.

“Oral health is such a key piece of overall health and it is so often overlooked,” Mr. Ginderske said. “This was really an opportunity for us to at least look into it.”

There are lots of preventative services for kids, but you can’t ignore the restorative needs of adults.

Two students at each school worked with Ms. Hallowell to select topics of particular interest on their campuses (sugary sports drinks at Senn, oral piercings at Roosevelt) and prepare presentation boards with pertinent information that could be shared with students in health facilities, cafeterias and home rooms.

“They provide information, not advice,” Ms. Hallowell said. “These are very brave students who have put a lot of work into it.”

Viviana encouraged dentists who have teenage patients to offer positive reinforcement when things look good, to answer all the patients’ questions thoroughly, and to explain everything the doctor is going to do before treatment begins.

The first time I went to our dentist, she explained to me how to take care of my teeth. I didn’t know why it’s important to brush at night, but she explained it. She didn’t just tell me to do it.”

Clinics count
While local activists tout the importance of dental care, the challenge remains in finding new patients a dental home. Ms. Clancy pointed to the shuttered clinics throughout Chicago and Cook County. Neither the city nor the county emphasize oral health enough, she said, and she questions whether existing facilities are being used to their full potential.

“If some of the vacant facilities were open, would that meet the need? We don’t know the answer to that,” she said. “That’s why we’re working at the grassroots level and educating people to drive demand for dental care.”

Ms. Clancy encouraged dentists to get to know their communities and learn how patients want to access dental care.

“Get to know more about the schools; find out how many kids go to the nurse for mouth pain. Do the parents know who to call? Be a resource for your community.”

CCO HF will continue to gather information about specific communities and schools, and work to educate residents on the importance of oral healthcare. In five years, Ms. Clancy hopes to have a better grasp on the local clinic capacity and whether their limited resources are being used wisely.

“Things are looking a lot better in terms of oral health, but with a coordinated, concerted effort to meet the need, then maybe the need would be met.”

Ms. Brown is the senior writer for the Chicago Dental Society.
Before you deploy your social media marketing plan by making your Facebook page official for your dental office, there are a few things to consider.

A social media policy is a good thing to have to set the rules of social media use among your employees. In fact, as an example, all 30 major league baseball teams including the White Sox started implementing Twitter policies for their non-uniform employees only. Early this season, the White Sox encountered some trouble when manager Ozzie Guillen’s son, Oney, lost his entry-level job due to his blunt and inappropriate tweets about the team.

Employees need to be cautious of breaking any office confidentiality. Practicing dentist and attorney Petra von Heimburg said that if you have a confidentiality policy already in place it can be amended to include a social media policy.

“When responding to something on Facebook, answer in general terms and always be aware of HIPAA policies,” said Dr. von Heimburg.

She also said that nothing about the practice, the patients or a particular procedure should be mentioned on Facebook or any other social media.

An employer can not demand that employee close their personal Facebook account. But, Dr. von Heimburg suggests that an employer can remind an employee that there is no such thing as a personal page on Facebook. It may be “personal”, but it’s not private.

On the other end of the spectrum are patients’ online critiques of the practice. A dentist can not respond to an online critique without violating HIPAA.

Instead, Dr. von Heimburg suggests expressing to the patient in the welcome pamphlet your office’s open door policy. To do this you can add a line saying that if there are any complaints or concerns please direct them toward the dentist or office first before turning to the Internet.

“It is just a ‘pretty please’ to the patient,” said Dr. von Heimburg.

If you don’t know where to start when creating a social media policy, visit www.cds.org/for_your_practice/professional_news_articles/social_media.html. You’ll find a template the Wisconsin Dental Association (WDA) developed for its members who might be considering a social media policy for their offices. The WDA does not provide legal advice and, as such, the template is only offered as a guideline.

Ms. Azark is the editorial assistant for the Chicago Dental Society.

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Volunteers at the Illinois Mission of Mercy (MOM), organized by the Illinois State Dental Society and the Illinois State Dental Society Foundation, treated more than 1,900 dental patients June 11 and 12 at the Interstate Center in Bloomington.

The number of patients served exceeded the goal of serving 1,500, set prior to MOM by organizers.

An estimated $1 million in donated dental care was delivered to the patients over the two-day event, including a $40,000 grant by the Chicago Dental Society Foundation. Numerous CDS members were among the many volunteers delivering care. In addition to dentists, hygienists, assistants, lab technicians and laypersons were involved in the effort. The organizers sought more than 600 volunteers for the event.

Dental care delivered included 1,365 fillings, 43 stainless steel crowns, 72 endodontic procedures, 155 lab services and 1,739 extractions.

In an e-mail, event co-chairs Brad Barnes and Mark Humenik thanked the volunteers for their efforts.

“Thank you for your extraordinary effort this weekend at Illinois’ first Mission of Mercy! On behalf of our colleagues at the Illinois State Dental Society Foundation, we’re pleased to report that we achieved record-setting success!

“We were most impressed with the enthusiasm, compassion and diligence that characterized your service. Clinic, patient administration, hospitality and facilities hummed with kind concern and efficient productivity. Our patients recognized your commitment and have overwhelmed us with grateful thanks.

“The event was memorable too for its collaborative spirit. Our patients benefited from the amazing cooperative strength of clinicians and lay volunteers sharing their talents to address needs and deliver care. This event was special; we made a profound difference in our patients’ lives.”

Mission of Mercy is a national organization that assists states in providing free dental care to residents who otherwise are unable to receive treatment. Illinois was the 12th state to hold such an event.
Despite a little bit of overcast weather, the smiles of the Special Olympics athletes brightened the day. On May 5, 42 oral health volunteers gathered at Eckersall Stadium on Chicago’s south side to educate athletes and care for their teeth.

Dental hygiene students from Kennedy-King College educated the athletes by doing oral care demonstrations on puppets. Colgate provided goodie bags full of toothbrushes and toothpaste. And dentist volunteers identified any dental conditions deemed to be urgent so that athletes could be referred to proper services.

Representatives of Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, as in previous years, brought their dental van for helping care for the patients. Approximately 650 athletes were screened that day.

CDS member Ricardo Mendoza, who has been involved with Special Smiles for 14 years and has been co-chair for the past 10, said, “it is the great feeling of accomplishment we get as a group – that is what makes the day so wonderful.

“It was great to see the kids competing and their medals. We (the volunteers) all learned what a difference we can make.”

If you are interested in volunteering for Special Smiles 2011, please contact Fred Margolis at kidzdr@comcast.net or Dr. Mendoza at ricardo.y.mendoza@gmail.com.
Say no to naysayers

The last thing you need in your practice is a naysayer weighing down your team. By definition, a naysayer is someone who habitually refuses, denies or opposes. Naysayers have a negative attitude and see only why ideas won’t work. They are possibility extinguishers instead of possibility thinkers. Naysayers are good at grousing, grumbling and complaining. They are often unhappy and make it their goal (consciously or subconsciously) to make sure others are unhappy, too. Because of this, they can be tiresome and unpleasant to be around. Here’s how to handle it if you’re wrestling with a naysayer.

Nip it in the bud
Be quick to correct employees when they head down the path of negativity. Not doing so is the same as giving them permission to continue the unwanted behavior. Remind staff that you value and prefer an upbeat attitude. Verbally recognize employees when they display a positive demeanor (i.e. “I know that was a difficult patient and a hard procedure, but you handled it nicely”) so that they hear you modeling the kind of talk you desire in your office.

Issue a warning for repeated negative behavior
Discipline should be handled swiftly and in private when you see negative behavior in the office. Don’t tolerate repeated infractions. Instead, place a warning letter in the employee’s file so that you have a record – and so that employees know you are serious about creating a positive work environment for all.

Evaluate employees regularly
Evaluations offer opportunities to reinforce positive behavior and discourage negative behavior. Problems with staff do not disappear on their own and require a firm response. Regularly scheduled evaluations open the door for conversations that often benefit the practice in the long run.

Provide adequate training
Naysayers often feel overwhelmed and underequipped for their jobs. By insuring every staff member has the skills he or she needs, you lessen the chance for negative responses such as “That’s not my job” or “I don’t know how to do that.” Cross-training ensures that all jobs can be done by more than one employee and creates an environment in which staff members are encouraged to pitch in – and not worry who gets the credit.

Evaluate for attitude when interviewing
When you interview potential staff members, look for clues to evaluate attitude. Is the candidate upbeat? Does she make eye contact when you meet her for the first time? Does she smile easily? Is he easy to talk to? Most candidates work hard to make a good first impression. One that doesn’t care enough to do so during the interview likely won’t put any effort into regulating his or her attitude after hiring.

Fire when necessary
As the old saying goes, “one bad apple spoils the whole bushel.” And one negative attitude weighs on the entire staff. More than one naysayer can make things downright unpleasant for the entire team. Follow the advice of one entrepreneur who said, “I refuse to pay people to make me miserable.”

Watch patients carefully
Complaints about patients from staff should be taken seriously. Look for patterns regarding the patients who cause the most stress or who are verbally abusive. While you’ll always have difficult patients, you don’t have to allow patients to create chaos in the office. Talk with your attorney before dismissing a patient to insure you do so legally. Then, dismiss patients who create havoc. Doing so shows staff members you value them and reinforces your unwillingness to harbor naysayers.

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So you thought you had HIPAA under control

This spring, I attended a legal seminar sponsored by the Chicago Bar Association. The presentation, “Changes to HIPAA,” provided an objective lesson of how well-intended and in many ways useful regulation can create a host of new problems.

The latest modifications of the HIPAA regulations all address the challenges of securing patient information and privacy as we move toward widespread sharing of electronic health records (EHR) among providers, insurers and other institutions involved in patient care.

The potential benefits of such information sharing appear great.

For example, due to the interconnectedness of information systems, addiction problems may become more tractable because a patient will not be able to obtain prescriptions from multiple providers; likewise, the need to retake radiographs and redo tests will be eliminated to a great extent. However, the burden for providers, especially small independent providers, to maintain the safety and security of an interconnected information system may turn out to be quite large, or even prohibitive.

At the moment, the road toward an integrated EHR system begins with providers who are involved with federal programs, including dentists who treat Medicaid patients. But eventually, all providers will have to be in compliance with the new HIPAA rules in order to eliminate loopholes from the system.

The new and revised privacy regulations, which establish so-called “Meaningful Use” criteria, are intended to pursue the following goals:

- Improve healthcare quality, safety and efficiency
- Engage patients and families
- Improve care conditions
- Improve populations and public health
- Ensure privacy and security protection.

And there is a carrot; any dentist who continually sees a minimum of 30 percent Medicaid patients over a 90-day period in his practice is eligible for a maximum of $44,000 in government support payments. The money will be paid per
practicing dentist, not just per practice. These incentives will be phased out by 2015.

For those dentists who can fulfill the 30 percent threshold, it appears reasonable to consider compliance now and get paid for it, knowing that the option will become a requirement anyway.

Sounds good so far. But as always, the devil is in the details. The “Interim Final Rule,” a nice oxymoron indicating that there may still be some room for changes, requires in its current form that healthcare providers adhere to 21 “Meaningful Use” criteria in order to be considered in compliance with the law. If you don’t comply with all 21 points, no subsidy.

(The language presently used is tailored to physicians; however, it is meant to apply to dentists, as well.)

1. Use computerized physician order entry (CPOE)
2. Implement drug-drug, drug-allergy, drug-formulary checks
3. Maintain an up-to-date problem list of current and active diagnoses based on ICD-9-CM or SNOMED CT
4. Maintain an active medication list
5. Maintain an active medication allergy list
6. Record demographics
7. Record and chart changes in vital signs
8. Record smoking status (of patients 13 years and older)
9. Incorporate clinical lab test results into EHR as structured data
10. Generate lists of patients by specific conditions to use for quality improvement, reduction of disparities, and outreach
11. Report ambulatory quality measures to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services or the state
12. Implement five clinical decision support rules relevant to specialty or high clinical priority, including diagnostic test ordering along with the ability to track compliance with those rules
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19. Capability to submit electronic data to immunization registries and actual submission where required and accepted
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21. Protect electronic health information created or maintained by the certified EHR technology through the implementation of appropriate technical capabilities

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In addition to the above changes, HIPAA will cast a wider net. So far, business associates of a healthcare provider who, through their relationship with the provider, received PHI had to comply with HIPAA regulation as an adjunct to the covered party. The new regulations make the business associate directly responsible for his own safekeeping of PHI and for its own violations.

We can only hope that the initial version of the “Interim Final Rule” can be streamlined to take account of the realities on the ground as faced by the independent provider. Many of the larger institutions have the manpower and logistics in place to facilitate compliance, whereas a dental practice is likely to be overwhelmed by some of the requirements.

In any case, hold on to your hats as this train leaves the station. Change is coming, but we must make sure that our concerns are heard and incorporated into a viable future practice model.

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Dental volunteers needed

CommunityHealth
CommunityHealth, located at 2611 W. Chicago Ave., is Illinois’ largest volunteer-based free health clinic serving the uninsured. CommunityHealth provides, free of charge, primary and specialty care as well as lab services and medications, and recently established an on-site dental program. The clinic is open six days a week including evenings and Saturday mornings. Volunteers can commit to as little as four hours per month.

The clinic is currently recruiting licensed and certified dental professionals to fill volunteer positions.

- Dentists and dental hygienists will provide general/preventative dental services (cleanings, exams, simple extractions, etc.). Providers operate under the Illinois Good Samaritan Act, which exempts medical professionals from civil liability when services are performed without compensation in a free clinic setting. Volunteers must be licensed in Illinois.
- Dental assistants will assist with general dental services, including X-rays and instrument preparation. Certification is preferred but applicants will be considered who have completed an accredited dental assistant course or have considerable experience.
- Interested volunteers can contact Kelly Tondini, Volunteer Services Coordinator, at 773.969.5923 or ktondini@communityhealth.org

Illinois Society of Orthodontists
The Illinois Society of Orthodontists (ISO) recently announced the launch of a new volunteer program, Donated Orthodontic Services, to deliver free care to children whose families can not afford needed orthodontic treatment.

- Volunteer orthodontists will treat one or two cases per year. Patients must complete an application and meet certain eligibility requirements to be considered.
- General dentists who would like to refer patients to the program must complete a referral form which is available online at www.isortho.org.
- Orthodontists who would like to find out more about volunteering can view the volunteer application and recruitment brochure online at www.isortho.org. More information is available from program coordinator Dedra Williams, who can be reached at 800.699.6795.

Smiles Change Lives
A second program that also provides orthodontic treatment to children of low-income families is Smiles Change Lives. A national nonprofit, Smiles Change Lives is currently accepting applications from Illinois residents. Applications may be submitted either online or by mail.

- For more information, including eligibility requirements and applications to share with your patients, visit www.smileschangelives.org or call 888.900.3554.

As chair of the department, I expect to support the development of the faculty and staff, so I really see this as a service position,” he said of his move to UIC. “There are three main aspects to focus my attention: teaching and didactic aspects; clinical aspects of undergraduate and postgraduate periodontics; and research. My goal is to support not only the full-time but the part-time fac-
Lee Graber elected as 2010 AAO president

Lee Graber, an orthodontist practicing in Vernon Hills, has been elected 2010-11 president of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO).

Dr. Graber grew up in Evanston, where his first experiences in dentistry were watching his father, the late Tom Graber, in his own orthodontic practice. Dr. Graber earned his dental degree, and later a master’s degree in anatomy and a doctorate in human growth and development, from the University of Michigan. He completed his orthodontic residency and educational program at Northwestern University. Early in his career, he was a full-time academician and served on the faculties at Northwestern University, Loyola University and the University of Michigan.

Dr. Graber lectures throughout the United States, South America, Europe and Asia on a variety of topics and has served as a scientific advisor or editorial board member for several dental publications.

Long active in organized orthodontics, Dr. Graber is a past president of the Illinois Society of Orthodontists and the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists (MSO). He represented the MSO on the AAO Board of Trustees from 2001 to 2009. He was the AAO president-elect for 2009-10. He is a past president of the World Federation of Orthodontists.

Dr. Graber is joined in his orthodontic practice by his daughter, Katie Graber. The father and daughter share a long legacy of orthodontic clinical practice started by his father in 1946. “We are a ‘family practice,’ now seeing fourth generation patients for some of the families we have served for over 65 years,” Dr. Graber noted.

Dr. Graber and his wife, Jane Graber, DDS, a general dentist in Northbrook, are residents of Mundelein. Their two other daughters, Megan Graber, DO, and Molly Graber, live in Chicago.

Diamond Society event raises funds for CDS Foundation

Among the attendees at a June 16 reception for Chicago Dental Society Foundation donors are (L-R) Mary Starsiak, foundation board member; David Kumamoto, 2009 CDS president; Carolyn Van Eck, foundation board member and vice president for finance and legal affairs at GC America Inc.; Barbara Mousel, chair of the foundation board; and Rodney Watt, executive director of the CDS Foundation. More than 50 supporters of the CDS Foundation attended the Diamond Society Event held at Dr. Kumamoto’s home and sponsored by GC America Inc.

Julienne Rutherford joins faculty at UIC

The UIC College of Dentistry’s evolving curriculum has opened up an opportunity for an evolutionary biologist and anthropologist to join the faculty.

Dr. Julienne Rutherford, assistant professor of oral biology, teaches general and embryological histology to D-1s, and she is involved in curriculum development.

Dr. Rutherford also has an adjunct appointment in the Department of Anthropology. She holds a bachelor’s degree in anthropology and zoology from Miami University of Ohio, and master’s and doctorate degrees in biological anthropology from Indiana University.

“I am engaging in really exciting research on evolutionary aspects of primate pregnancy, specifically the role the placenta plays in fetal development and postnatal outcomes,” she said, noting she also is conducting research on human pregnancy and the placenta in conjunction with colleagues at UIC, Northwestern University, Wayne State University, and the University of San Carlos in the Philippines. Her work in the Philippines was recently awarded a grant by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, one of the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Rutherford founded BANDIT, the Biological Anthropology Developing Investigators Troop. The group brings together biological anthropologists in the post-PhD, pre-tenure phase of their careers and has a blog at aapabandit.blogspot.com.

“I am passionate about career development for junior and female faculty and other new investigators,” she said. Dr. Rutherford received a New Investigator Award from the Perinatal Research Society in 2009 and a Professional Development Award from the American Association of Physical Anthropologists this year.
Snap Shots
profiles of the profession

Dr. Fitton’s life aquatic
by Rachel Azark

Sea Hunt – the television series that aired in the late 1950s starring Lloyd Bridges as a freelance diver – was the inspiration that propelled a young kid toward scuba diving. About 27 years ago, Russell Fitton lived his childhood dream doing his first scuba dive to see a sunken ship at the bottom of the Caribbean Sea off the coast of Barbados.

“It was amazing how big a ship is under water,” said Dr. Fitton, a 1981 graduate of the Loyola University School of Dentistry. Since then he’s been hooked on his hobby, taking many more trips to places like Tahiti, Costa Rica, Belize and Hawaii to dive. For Dr. Fitton, scuba diving is a nice release from his busy dental practice. He says it’s extremely healthy to have an avocation like diving, which allows you to recharge for your practice and patients.

Being underwater is almost otherworldly.

“It’s just like being in outer space because you’re completely weightless,” said Dr. Fitton. “It’s as close to being in outer space as I’ll ever be.”

The delights of the world under the oceans are what draw Dr. Fitton to diving. In this world of panoramic vistas glistening with color, there are the inhabitants, large and small creatures unlike any on land, and remnants of history and grim reminders of war, such as downed fighter planes and shipwrecks.

“Just all the different species that exist under there – it is always changing and you never see the same thing twice,” Dr. Fitton said. “I never thought I’d get in water with 50 sharks swimming around. They don’t pay much attention to you. When you’re diving, you don’t look interesting to them.”

Besides sharks for diving companions, Dr. Fitton has dived with manta rays. Listed as one of the top five dives in the world and a favorite of Dr. Fitton is the manta ray night dive off the shores of Kona, HI. The divers shine lights up in the water to attract the plankton that the manta rays eat. One to 20 manta rays show up and their wingspans stretch between 5-15 feet, he said.

“It’s like a choreographed ballet,” described Dr. Fitton.

With all these exotic things to see under water, Dr. Fitton’s next “logical” step after 10 years of diving was to start photographing his world beneath the waves. He wanted to be able to show others what he was seeing.

“Being a dentist, it’s fun to share it with a lot of people,” said Dr. Fitton. “In my operatories, I have a slide show on my monitors. The patients love it.”

The next place Dr. Fitton wants to visit is Truk Lagoon in the South Pacific. Numerous sunken Japanese war ships are under the water, making it somewhat of a mecca for wreck diving.

“It’s like a Japanese Pearl Harbor. There are still tanks on the ships. It’s like looking at a part of history,” said Dr. Fitton.

If you’re interested in scuba diving, Dr. Fitton said you should take a proper certification course and avoid taking a two-hour course at a resort.

“It’s like the first time driving on an expressway: you need to know how the car works and then you become much more familiar with it.”

He added that you don’t stop learning after dental school; you’ve just begun your training. The same goes for diving: there is CE.

“The first time diving, the sheer adrenaline rush was unbelievable. I was doing something brand new,” described Dr. Fitton. “There’s no such thing as a boring dive.”

Ms. Azark is the editorial assistant for the Chicago Dental Society.
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It’s summertime, and that means spending lots of time outside golfing or playing in the sand at the beach. It also means exposing your skin to the sun’s harmful rays for long periods of time. Many people think they are invincible to the sun’s rays but, according to the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD), everyone should be wearing sunscreen.

Here is some advice from the AAD on how sunscreen and other shielding measures will ensure your skin stays cancer-free for years to come.

**Types of sunscreen**
Sunscreen comes in many different formulas, including ointments, creams, gels, lotions, sprays and wax sticks. Creams are best for dry skin and the face. Gels work well for applying on the scalp. Sunscreen sticks are good for application around the eyes. Companies also make lotions for people with very sensitive skin and for babies.

Look for sunscreen that is water-resistant so it can not be easily removed after swimming, sweating or toweling off. Also look for an SPF of 30 or higher that provides coverage against both UVB and UVA light.

**Old sunscreen**
Still wondering about the lotion underneath your sink from last summer? According to the AAD, the FDA requires that all sunscreens be able to stay at their original strength for at least three years. Nevertheless, check for an expiration date on the bottle.

However, a bottle of sunscreen shouldn’t last very long if you’re using the recommended amount of lotion each time you go outside. A sufficient amount to cover the exposed areas on your body will fill a one-ounce shot glass.

**It takes more than just sunscreen**
Beyond applying your sunscreen every two hours and after swimming or sweating, make sure to wear protective clothing, including long-sleeved shirts and pants, sunglasses and wide brimmed hats. And be sure to also seek out shade between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., especially with children.

Avoid tanning beds at all costs. Ultraviolet light from the tanning bed can cause skin cancer and wrinkling. Sunless self-tanning products are a much better option if you want to get a bronzed glow.

Get your vitamin D by taking vitamin supplements, if necessary, and eating well.

**Sunburns happen**
Missed a spot and burned? Sunburns happen, and it can take up to 24 hours before you see the full damage to your skin. If you have a first-degree burn that is red and painful, you can take cool baths, use moisturizers and apply a hydrocortisone cream. Avoid using any “-caine” products, like benzocaine, as they can cause sensitivity to numerous things; instead take aspirin or ibuprofen to ease the pain.

If you have a second-degree burn which is blistering, make sure not to break any blisters, as this can invite an infection. Apply gauze to the burned area and cover it until it heals.

If a burn is severe enough to cause a headache, chills or a fever, seek medical attention immediately.

For more information and helpful hints on skin care and the sun, visit the American Academy of Dermatology at [www.aad.org/media/background/factsheets/fact_sunscreen.htm](http://www.aad.org/media/background/factsheets/fact_sunscreen.htm).

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When caring for your teeth and gums, your diet matters. It’s easy to remember that sugary snacks contribute to tooth decay, but don’t forget that your choice of healthy, vitamin-rich foods also affects your teeth and gums.

All vegetarians – many of whom know a lot about nutrition and maintain healthy diets by consuming a variety of fruits, vegetables, grains and legumes to get the nutrients they need – should be aware of the effects vitamin D and calcium have on their oral health. People whose diets come up short in vitamin D and calcium may experience a softening of their teeth over time, making them more susceptible to tooth decay and gum disease.

Your body makes its own vitamin D with exposure to the sun, so deficiencies are rare. Adding vegetable margarines or soy milk to your diet may solve the problem. Do yourself a favor: get out and enjoy the sunshine!

Deficiencies in calcium are more common but can be easily remedied with the proper diet. Dairy products, leafy green vegetables, nuts and seeds (almonds, brazils, sesame seeds), tofu and dried fruit are all good sources of calcium for vegetarians. Most flour is fortified with calcium carbonate, so cereals can also be a good source.

A daily multivitamin is also a good way to supplement a vegetarian diet. Vitamin D, along with vitamins A, C, E, B and K, are all integral to the healing process and a speedier recovery time. Balanced diets are especially important for people anticipating oral surgery, because adequate and appropriate vitamins, minerals, fats and protein are essential for the growth and regeneration of normal tissues. Patients who neglect nutrition might be tacking extra days onto their recovery time.

A balanced diet is the key – for everyone. Talk to your physician or a nutritionist if you are considering changes in your diet. These healthcare professionals will teach you about substituting foods to get all the necessary nutrients.

And since diet is an important part of an individual’s medical history, patients should always inform their dentist if they adhere to vegetarian or other special diets.
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Looking Back

a historical perspective

For some, Stevens Hotel is like going home again

by Walter F. Lamacki, DDS

In February CDS returned to the Chicago Hilton and Towers as its Midwinter Meeting headquarters hotel after a 23-year hiatus.

The hotel opened as the Stevens Hotel in 1927. You can still see an S above the main door of the Michigan Avenue entrance. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens’ family had made a fortune in insurance and owned the LaSalle Hotel when the family built the Stevens during a hotel boom in Chicago.

The hotel boasted 3,000 guest rooms, which made it the world’s largest hotel – a title it took away from the Palmer House. Ten Austrian Strauss chandeliers (at a cost of $1 million each) festooned its ballroom. Rooms to the right of the lobby and up a regal stair-case allowed patrons in the Boulevard Room to enjoy an ice show performed on a postage stamp-sized rink.

The Normandie Lounge was on the same level and was paneled with the bouisserie salvaged from the French luxury liner Normandie. When the United States entered World War II, the federal government embargoed the ship. During refitting of the liner for use as a troop carrier, a fire broke out destroying most of the ship, except the paneling.

The Stevens went into receivership during the Great Depression and Conrad Hilton snapped it up for a song. His son, Nicky, and his son’s bride, Elizabeth Taylor, spent part of their honeymoon there in 1950. They occupied a suite draped in red paisley that could only be called a seraglio. The marriage, the first of seven for the famous actress, lasted 205 days.

In 1959, Queen Elizabeth visited Chicago to celebrate the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway. Her yacht, Britannia, dropped anchor opposite Buckingham Fountain. A launch took her and her consort, Prince Phillip, ashore to be formally greeted by a beaming Mayor Richard J. Daley, regally dressed in striped trousers and cut away. The queen and her entourage were majestically driven to the Hilton and ensconced in two prefab suites newly erected for her atop the building. They retain their original name, The Imperial Suites.

In 1984, the hotel was closed for a major overhaul. The chandeliers were taken down and sent to Vienna for rewiring and cleaning, and the hotel renovated, creating 1,649 rooms from the original 3,000 phone booth-sized ones. A 5,000 square foot Grand Imperial Suite was created from the lower and upper ballroom that rents for $7,000 a day. When the hotel re-opened in 1985, it was said that the 1927 grandeur of the hotel was also restored.

The Midwinter Meeting annually occupied much of the hotel for 58 years, from 1929 to 1987.

Who says you can’t go home again?
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December .......................November 2, 2010
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ONE DAY A WEEK: Prosthodontist with extensive experience in OS and all-on-four restorations would like to pick up one day a week in established practice in either city of Chicago or suburbs. Call 312.608.6881. E-mail acdichicago1@gmail.com.

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Opportunities

DENTIST – PART-TIME: Two to three days, including Saturday. General dentist needed for established, Chicago neighborhood practice. Hours and salary negotiable. Fax résumé to 773.378.4332 or e-mail austindental@aol.com.

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GENERAL DENTIST: Busy dental practice on the north and south side of Chicago is looking for part-time dentist. International and new grads are welcome. Fax résumé to 630.214.5100 or e-mail dentalwish@hotmail.com.

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The May 17 issue of the ADA News announced that a one-day, by invitation only, conference would take place July 18 to discuss workforce issues.

Invitees include the ADA Board of Trustees, Council of Dental Practice’s Subcommittee on Work Force Issues, selected ADA council members, and up to three members of each constituent dental society. The conference is billed as strictly informational; debate of ADA policies will not be allowed.

At the same time, the notice talked of engaging in dialogue to better understand regional differences.

All of this adds up to doublespeak.

The association refuses to use the term everybody understands, mid-level provider, although it is the gorilla in the room. So where is the opportunity for dialogue?

No doubt we will be “treated” to a report on the conference using ADA jargon that paints a rosy picture. Having been a participant or observer for 40 consecutive sessions of the ADA House of Delegates, I can say no other issue has been as contentious. “Regional differences” is a euphemistic term. Collegiality in the House is non-existent; the profession is a house divided.

The success of the Dental Health Aide Therapist (DHAT), put forth by the Alaskan Native American Health Council, has fueled the adoption of some form of mid-level provider legislation in four states, Alaska, Minnesota, Washington and Connecticut, with more on the horizon. ADA vigorously opposed the DHAT concept, citing patient safety concerns that the Alaskan media brushed away as self-serving.

Are patient safety concerns evidence-based?

Scores of studies have been done at the University of Alabama School of Dentistry’s groundbreaking program for the advanced dental assistant since 1971, when JADA published a report on it. The researchers found that the advanced assistants did as well as practicing dentists performing the simple procedures they were trained to do.

Scores of studies from across the world, even as the complexity of dental procedures assigned to therapists has risen, show the same results.

A study in the 2008 International Dental Journal states, “New Zealand dental nurses/therapists have improved access to oral healthcare in an increasing number of countries. Multiple studies have documented that dental therapists provide quality care comparable to that of a dentist, within the confines of their scope of practice.” The utilization of mid-level providers in New Zealand, Malaysia, Canada and California has led to dramatic decreases in the need for permanent tooth extraction for the underserved. Google produced no studies with negative data about mid-level providers.

House resolution 31H-2009 emphasized that the workforce needs (are they talking about a mid-level provider?) are under the jurisdiction of the states “and any proposed new member of the dental team (do they mean a mid-level provider?) should be established at the state level with the advise and counsel of the relevant ADA constituent dental society.”

After recklessly spending our hard-earned coin in Alaska and Minnesota in futile posturing, what state legislature would listen to the ADA on access issues? Casting this problem as a states’ rights issue is a reactionary response defending the status quo.

But there is an opportunity to reclaim some of our lost reputation with lawmakers and the public. It’s time to come to grips with the fact that mid-level providers are here to stay and opposing their formation is a lost cause.

The Community Dental Health Coordinator program, ADA’s vapid response to the DHAT program, needs to go. It is cruel and unusual punishment to educate a person to do very little (and that poor soul has no prospect of being hired by anyone to do so little).

Of course, we must hold fast to our core values. The mid-level provider is part of a team, under the supervision of a dentist; the profession shapes the curriculum of mid-level providers through the Commission on Dental Accreditation and defines the scope of the mid-level provider’s practice designed to meet the needs of the community.

We need the deeply divided Board of Trustees of ADA to put aside long-held prejudices and “regionalism” and lead the profession proactively.

If we are to be relevant to the public and the profession, our leadership must be nimble, embrace change, and strive for transparency, which has been sorely lacking in recent years.
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