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Engaging Providers to Improve Perinatal and Infant Oral Health: Innovative Strategies

April 16, 2009: 2:00-3:30 PM ET

Register at <http://www.mchcom.com/liveWebcastDetail.asp?leid=386>

This Web cast will describe collaborative, early intervention activities to prevent oral disease between oral health grantees from Maternal and Child Health Bureaus' Alliance for Information on Maternal and Child Health grant programs. Mark Nehring, DMD, MPH, Chief Dental Officer, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Rockville, MD, will serve as moderator – featuring presentations from:

Improving Perinatal and Infant Oral Health, Children's Dental Health Project for the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, Washington, D.C.

Partnership to Reduce Oral Health Disparities in Early Childhood, American Academy of Pediatrics, Elk Grove Village, IL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comments for Healthy People 2020

You are invited to give us your comments and suggestions as part of the collaborative process of building Healthy People 2020. In 2008, feedback was collected on various conceptual aspects and proposals for specific elements, including vision, mission, overarching goals, organizing framework, users, and implementation. General comments were also collected and used to inform the Healthy People 2020 process. The Healthy People 2020 organizing framework, including the vision, mission and overarching goals, will be released in 2009. The specific objectives, accompanied by strategies for achieving them, will be launched in 2010.

~ Healthy People 2020 Objective Development Preliminary Comment Period

In preparation for the process of creating an initial set of draft objectives for Healthy People 2020, the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP) is seeking preliminary comments on existing Healthy People 2010 objectives (see www.healthypeople.gov/data/midcourse/html/default.htm#focusareas). As we create the draft objectives for Healthy People 2020, we will consider comments made through the www.healthypeople.gov/hp2020/comments/ Web site. Such comments should be received by April 24, 2009. This is a preliminary input period that will help inform the development of a set of draft Healthy People 2020 objectives. We are using the existing Healthy People 2010 objectives as a starting point to develop the Healthy People 2020 objectives. A more extensive public comment period on the draft Healthy People 2020 objectives will be conducted through the www.healthypeople.gov Web site at a future date.

~ 2009 Public Comment Meetings

ODPHP plans to convene three public meetings across the country in late summer early fall to garner additional stakeholder input on the draft Healthy People 2020 objectives. Details on the meetings will be posted on the www.healthypeople.gov Web site as they become available.

The www.healthypeople.gov/hp2020/comments/ public comment Web site will be open throughout the Healthy People 2020 development process, with intermittent submission deadlines that will allow us to compile and analyze comments received by specific points in the process. As development moves forward, additional materials will be posted for comment. For additional information, please contact Osato Iyamu (ODPHP) at osato.iyamu@hhs.gov.

Childhood Lifecycles Summit on Oral Disease Prevention

In December 2008, the National Network for Oral Health Access (NNOHA) hosted a Childhood Lifecycles Summit on Oral Disease Prevention. The Prevention Summit Paper shares the findings of the summit and outlines recommendations for next steps in implementing oral disease prevention in Health Centers across the country. The summary paper can be found online at:

<http://www.nnoha.org/PDFs/NNOHA%202008%20Prevention%20Summit%20Paper.pdf>.

Third Annual Give Kids a Smile Symposium

Register now for the third annual American Dental Association (ADA) Give Kids a Smile symposium sponsored by the Dental Trade Alliance Foundation (DTAF), "Maintaining Momentum Through Continuity of Care: Finding Dental Homes for America's Children," June 25-26th at ADA Headquarters in Chicago. Participants will include advocates of oral health from many different arenas – school nurses, case managers, community health centers, advocacy groups, dental team members, HeadStart staff, state oral health coalition members, educators, dental students, etc. The event kicks off at 3:30 pm on Thursday, June 25 with informal presentations by folks from innovative programs that treat the underserved. A networking reception follows from 5:00-6:30. The symposium continues Friday, June 26 with a 7:30 am breakfast followed by the program starting promptly at 8:00 am. Boxed lunches will be provided at round table discussions held during the midday break. Adjournment will be at 4:30 pm. Thanks to our generous sponsor, the Dental Trade Alliance Foundation (DTAF), there is no charge for the symposium. All food and drink, including the Thursday reception, will be free of charge. Participants are only responsible for their hotel and travel costs. The DTAF and ADA are sponsoring up to 10 travel stipends for participants interested in attending the symposium. Information is available online at: <http://www.ada.org/prof/events/featured/gkas/index.asp/>.

JADA Article: *Caries Risk in Formerly Sealed Teeth* Available in Open Access

As a service to dental public health professionals, the April 2009 JADA cover story, *Caries risk in formerly sealed teeth*, (authored by Griffin, Gray, Malvitz and Gooch) is now available in open access on JADA Online at <http://jada.ada.org/cgi/reprint/140/4/415>. Important copyright information: One copy of the article may be downloaded, printed and retained solely for personal use. Any other copying, distribution, retransmission, or modification of these materials, whether in electronic or hard copy form, requires requesting and receiving permission from the American Dental Association. Information on the permissions and reprint policy for JADA articles may be found at: www.ada.org/goto/permissions.

Resources Available from the Healthy Smile Happy Child Project

Healthy Smile Happy Child project through the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority has developed dozens of resources over the years. Materials include Prevent Early Childhood Tooth Decay - Action Plan Workbook and Toolkits in English and French, the "Think About Your Baby's Teeth" poster in 9 different languages, and numerous pamphlets. All can be access on their Web site at:

http://www.wrha.mb.ca/healthinfo/preventill/oral_child.php.

IN THE NEWS

5 Things You Didn't Know About Your Teeth

(Web MD—Apr 10)

You use your teeth to talk, chew, and smile. But here are some other "teeth facts" you probably didn't know about your pearly whites.

No. 1: Sour can be just as bad as sweet.

No. 2: Enamel is the hardest substance in the body, but it can break easily.

No. 3: You can be missing teeth at any age.

No. 4: Too much fluoride can be bad for your teeth.

No. 5: Braces can cause cavities.

Access article online at: <http://www.webmd.com/oral-health/features/5-things-you-didnt-know-about-your-teeth>.

Over 21,000 Extracted Teeth Lead to Calls for Better Diet

(Belfast Telegraph-UK—Apr 11)

Children in Northern Ireland needed to have teeth removed in hospital more than 21,000 times over a three year period, figures have revealed. The data from the Department of Health shows that between 2005 and 2008 there were 21,502 dental extractions carried out on under-16s in hospitals across the province. A spokesman for the department said plans were under way to tackle the problem, but the news has prompted calls for parents to ensure their children enjoy a healthy diet. "These figures appear quite high. It is alarming that so many children are having to go to hospital to have teeth extracted," said Alliance Party health spokesman Kieran McCarthy. "Preventative measures would probably save our health service a considerable amount of money. "I would appeal to all parents to ensure their children know how to look after their teeth properly. We often hear about how common obesity is — these statistics give parents yet another reason to ensure that their children have a sensible diet." Despite the warnings, the Northern Ireland figures have shown a drop in cases, from 7,619 in 2005/06 to 6,784 in 2007/08. It was revealed that up to 30,000 children each year around the UK are admitted to hospital for tooth decay and extraction. A study published in the British Dental Journal found there were 517,885 individual courses of dental treatment in NHS hospitals for children up to the age of 17 between 1997 and 2006. Access article online at: <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/health/over-21000-extracted-teeth-lead-to-calls-for-better-diet-14266657.html>.

Tooth Decay Rates Rising Among Young Canadian

(Canada.com—Apr 10)

Tooth decay among young Canadian children is on the rise and current models to address their oral health lack critical education and prevention components, according to Dr Ian McConnachie, past president of the Ontario Dental Association. Provincial dental programs offer mostly stop-gap measures aimed at urgent care rather than early intervention, said McConnachie who is presenting Friday on ways to treat high-risk children at the International Association of Dental Research conference in Toronto. "Decay in children is the most widespread chronic disease of childhood, much higher than the No. 2 which is asthma," McConnachie said. "Decay rates in kids are rising again where they have been falling for decades." National tooth decay rates have not been studied since 1972 but are currently being assessed by Statistics Canada as part of the Canadian Health Measures Survey. A patchwork of Canadian studies show access rates to dental care are low among certain populations including families with low income, First Nations and new immigrants, McConnachie said. According to a survey conducted by Toronto Public Health the prevalence of early tooth decay in five-year olds studied at public schools in the city has risen from 9.8 per cent in 1999-2000 to 11.6 per cent in 2005-06, while the percentage of five-year-olds with two or more untreated decayed teeth increased from 9.9 per cent to 14.6 per cent in the same six-year stretch. McConnachie added he has seen a rise in the number of children requiring procedures under general anesthetic or hospitalization because of a serious infection. Access article online at: <http://www.canada.com/Health/Tooth+decay+rates+rising+among+young+Canadians/1320492/story.html>.

Years of Poor Dentistry Take Toll on Many Immigrants

(Canada.com—Apr 10)

A low priority in some homelands, tooth care then often becomes an unaffordable extra in Canada. New immigrants tend to work at low-paying jobs, usually during the hours that free clinics are open. They can't afford to go on their own. Limited by social and gender roles, some may have no transportation or child care. Newcomers may lack the English skills to express their medical history. They may not understand the health-care system. And they simply may not see dental care as a priority compared to everything else they need to manage, perhaps because oral care isn't emphasized in their homeland. Then there's the so-called "healthy immigrant effect." People arriving in Canada enjoy a level of health above that of the average Canadian, but find within a few years they've declined to a level below. The original superior health level is attributed to the fact that people who want to emigrate are likelier to be healthy, and to Canada's screening process, which disqualifies people with serious medical conditions. Then, employment problems, financial constraints and lack of a supportive social network all take a toll on well-being, say researchers in Statistics Canada's health analysis and measurement group, writing in a study called "Dynamics of Immigrant Health in Canada: Evidence from the National Population Health Survey." Poor oral health is concentrated within low-income earners and other disadvantaged groups, including new immigrants and those without dental insurance coverage. Access article online at:

<http://www.canada.com/Health/Years+poor+dentistry+take+toll+many+immigrants/1482017/story.html>.

Study Finds Dental Health Varies in Different Socioeconomic Areas

(Dental Plans.com—Apr 10)

New research has emerged that suggests children being brought up in the more deprived areas of society may have poorer dental health when compared to children in other sectors of the community. The study, which will be published tomorrow in the British Dental Journal, states that twice as many dental care treatments were provided to children "in the most deprived sector of society" and that children from more affluent areas were 33 percent less likely to need extra dental care apart from routine dental checkups. David Moles, professor of Oral Health Services Research at Peninsula Dental School who took part in the study, said the results were "very worrying." "[O]ne poor child was admitted to hospital for extractions on seven separate occasions in the nine-year period of the statistics," Moles said. "If rates of caries and other dental infection are steady, why is there such a marked increase in the number of children being admitted to hospital for dental treatment?" This may be a reminder for families living in any sector of society about the importance of daily dental care, especially if people do not have access to dental insurance. Ignoring one's dental health may be more costly in the future.

Access article online at: <http://www.dentalplans.com/articles/41240/study-finds-dental-health-varies-in-different-socioeconomic-areas.html>.

Child Dental Work Rise 'Worrying'

(BBC News—Apr 10)

Nearly 30,000 children a year attend hospital to have teeth pulled or be treated for decay, research has shown. Researchers who analyzed hospital data said it was "worrying" that the number of under-17s hospitalized for dental treatment had been rising since 1997. They found children from poor areas were twice as likely to need treatment as those from more affluent families. Experts said the findings, published in the British Dental Journal, highlighted a major public health issue. It has led to criticism of Labour's policy relating to NHS dentists and calls by some for compulsory water fluoridation. The data revealed there were 517,885 individual courses of dental treatment in NHS hospitals for children up to the age of 17 between 1997 and 2006. The total number of children needing treatment was 470,113 and 80% of admissions involved extraction - in two-thirds of cases because of tooth decay. The peak age for children needing teeth taken out was five. Prof David Moles, who led the study at Plymouth's Peninsula Dental School, said yearly rises in hospital admissions had come despite rates of tooth decay and infection remaining steady. The reasons for this would have to be identified "in order to cut the number of admissions, improve dental care for children and ultimately reduce the financial burden to the NHS", he said. Access article online at: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/health/7993292.stm>.

Study Finds Connection Between Obesity and Dental Health

(DentalPlans.com—Apr 7)

Harvard researchers claim to have found evidence of obesity occurring prior to periodontal disease in a large group of people and suggest the two are connected. Researchers from the Harvard School of Public Health and the University of Puerto Rico set out to answer the question of whether or not there was an association between obesity and one's dental health. A total of 36,903 men from the Health Professionals Follow-Up Study were examined by the researchers. All participants were reportedly free of periodontal disease at the start of the study and were followed for 16 years. The men were mailed a questionnaire every two years with the participants self-reporting their obesity measurements as well as any indication of periodontal disease. At the end of the study, it was found that those who were obese at the beginning of the research had a 25 to 29 percent increased risk of dental health problems when compared to men who were not obese. Access article online at:

<http://www.dentalplans.com/articles/41159/study-finds-connection-between-obesity-and-dental-health.html>.

Acid Erosion in Children's Teeth Growing Concern Among Dentists

(PRNewswire—Apr 7)

Starting from the time they take their children to their first dentist appointment, most parents know how important it is for kids to brush their teeth twice a day and floss regularly to protect against tooth decay. But what they don't know is that cavity protection is no longer enough. Today's modern diets - even those that are seemingly healthy - can contribute to acid erosion, a growing and irreversible problem not only among adults, but for children as well. Acid erosion is loss of tooth enamel caused by acid acting on the tooth's surface, mainly from the consumption of acid-rich food and drinks like sodas, fruit juice, ketchup, salad dressings, citrus fruits and even fruits like melons and berries. Though nine out of 10 pediatric dentists report seeing signs of acid erosion in their patients, awareness among parents remains extremely low. "Parents should be aware of the issue of acid erosion to ensure that they take steps to minimize the risk to their children's teeth," says nationally recognized pediatric dentist and diplomat for the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry, Dr Jessica Meeske. "The popular adage is that it's best to brush after every meal; however, children should avoid brushing teeth immediately after consuming acidic food or drinks as this is when the enamel is at its softest. Access article online at: <http://sev.prnewswire.com/null/20090407/CG9492207042009-1.html>.

Number of Tooth Extractions Soars By 30% in Four Years

(Daily Mail-UK—Apr 6)

Thousands of Britons are having teeth needlessly pulled out. The number of extractions has soared by 30 per cent in four years, according to figures obtained by the Liberal Democrats. The party claims this demonstrates how much dental care has deteriorated, leaving thousands missing out on treatment that could save their teeth. More than 175,000 Britons had their teeth extracted under general anesthetic in 2007/08, up 40,000 on the 2003/04 figure, a parliamentary answer revealed. Of these, 44,300 were aged between six and 18 and 14,200 were under five years old. LibDem health spokesman Norman Lamb said: 'The extraordinary number of people needing their teeth extracted under general anesthetic could well be the result of the appalling access to NHS dentistry.' He pointed the finger at the general difficulty in finding a Health Service dentist since the Government introduced a 'botched' contract in April 2006. Designed to increase access to NHS dentistry, the deal actually saw hundreds of dentists leave the NHS. The number of patients seeing a dentist fell by 1.2million, leaving thousands without the treatment that could have stopped their teeth getting so bad that they had to be pulled out. But dentists' salaries have soared by 11 per cent since the change - to an average of more than £96,000. Access article online at: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-1167707/Number-tooth-extractions-soars-30-years.html>.

Your Oral Health Is Connected to Your Overall Health

(EurekAlert—Apr 4)

Scientists at the 87th General Session of the International Association for Dental Research, convening today in Miami Beach, report new studies on the connection between oral disease and systemic disease. A recurring theme is the relationship between periodontal (gum) disease and infant prematurity, diabetes, or stroke.

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Studies reporting on the efficacy of treating periodontal disease to lower the incidence of infant prematurity worldwide may be conflicting when pregnant mothers with periodontal disease are treated with scaling and root planing (tooth cleaning above and below the gum line). While treatment of mothers with mild periodontal disease usually does not have an effect on infant prematurity, the greatest effect has been reported by scientists to be observed in mothers with generalized severe periodontal disease. A higher prevalence of premature births is found among African-Americans than among Caucasians in America or Europe. The reasons are not clear but warrant further study and, possibly, targeted preventive measures, including periodontal care. In this age of tight resources for care, it was calculated that the treatment of over 1600 pregnant women with all levels of severity of periodontal disease could save nearly USD\$14,000,000 (14 million). The theme continues for the treatment of patients with diabetes or a history of cerebro-vascular accident (stroke). In a single year, patients with medical and dental coverage from a private single carrier exhibited average savings, in medical costs, of USD\$10,142 per patient in the cerebro-vascular accident group and \$1,418 per patient in the diabetes group. Yes, indeed, your smile may be connected to your overall health. Access article online at: http://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2009-04/iaa-yoh032409.php.

Sports Drinks Lead to Tooth Erosion, Study Finds

(USA Today—Apr 3)

Downing sports drinks over the course of the day can lead to erosive tooth wear, according to a study presented at the International Association for Dental Research annual meeting. The condition, which breaks down the enamel and causes teeth to soften and weaken, affects one in 15 Americans and can result in severe tooth damage and even tooth loss. "This is the first time that the citric acid in sports drinks has been linked to erosive tooth wear," said study leader Mark Wolff, chairman of New York University's Department of Cariology & Comprehensive Care in the College of Dentistry. Researchers used cow teeth because of their close resemblance to human teeth and put half in a sports drink and half in water. "Five teeth were immersed in each drink for 75 to 90 minutes to simulate the effects of sipping on sports drinks over the course of the day," Wolff said. Those in the sports drink had significant erosion and softening. And brushing your teeth immediately afterward won't help -- in fact, it can hurt, Wolff says, because softened enamel is very susceptible to the abrasive properties of toothpaste. He recommends: consuming sports drinks in moderation, waiting 30 minutes before brushing, and asking your dentist about acid-neutralizing remineralizing toothpaste. Access article online at: <http://blogs.usatoday.com/betterlife/2009/04/sports-drinks-lead-to-tooth-erosion-study-finds.html>.

Dentist Says Coke Strips Teeth of Enamel and Contributes to Osteoporosis

(ABC-Australia—Apr 3)

This weekend, newspapers will carry full page ads for Coca-Cola, ordered by the ACCC, which found the soft drink manufacturer's so called 'myth busting' campaign had peddled a few myths of its own. It found the claims that Coke doesn't make you fat, rot your teeth and that it isn't packed with caffeine were totally unacceptable and misleading. The ACCC was responding to concerns raised by nutritional groups and the Australian Dental Association, and they've welcomed the findings. A leading dentist says besides contributing to obesity, Coke does strip teeth of enamel and contributes to osteoporosis. Professor Laurence Walsh is the head of the School of Dentistry at the University of Queensland. For over a decade he's been sharing his concerns about Coke and other soft drinks in lectures around the country. Somewhat taken aback when he saw Coca-Cola's so called 'myth busting' ad campaign last year, he decided to fight fire with fire and put pen to paper, pulling together dozens of international studies into Coke and exactly what it does to teeth. Access article online at: <http://www.abc.net.au/pm/content/2008/s2534673.htm>.

April is El Mes de la Salud Bucal Month to Promote Oral Health Fundamentals Among Hispanics

(PRNewswire—Apr 2)

In a press conference, Colgate and the Hispanic Dental Association officially declared April El Mes de la Salud Bucal: Un Mundo de Sonrisas Saludables (Oral Health Month: A World of Healthy Smiles(R)) as part of an ongoing commitment to quality oral care among the Hispanic community. The Latino population has the lowest incidence of dental visits when compared to any other ethnicity and ranks the highest for untreated dental caries

among children, according to a 2007 study by the National Center for Health Statistics for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.(ii) In response to the low number of annual Hispanic dental visits, Colgate will provide free dental screenings for disadvantaged children at select retailers throughout Miami, Los Angeles, Houston, and New Jersey as part of the Colgate Bright Smiles, Bright Futures(R) kids' initiative. Essentially, the educational campaign is structured to remind Hispanics that prevention is less costly than treatment and as such, strong oral health habits at home are extremely important. The official kick-off to El Mes de la Salud Bucal took place today in Miami, FL with numerous Oral Health Month ambassadors, Colgate officials, and renowned Hispanic journalist and the spokesperson for Colgate Total(R), Myrka Dellanos, who formally declared April as El Mes de la Salud Bucal. This initiative challenges Hispanic moms and their families to improve their oral health by educating themselves, getting regular check-ups, and maintaining healthy oral habits. Also in attendance were Dr. Francisco Ramos-Gomez, President of the HDA and Dr. R. Ivan Lugo, a leading dental health advocate in the Hispanic community, who presented new and pertinent information regarding the state of oral health amongst Hispanics. Access article online at:

[http://news.prnewswire.com/DisplayReleaseContent.aspx?ACCT=104&STORY=/www/story/04-02-2009/0005000136&EDATE=.](http://news.prnewswire.com/DisplayReleaseContent.aspx?ACCT=104&STORY=/www/story/04-02-2009/0005000136&EDATE=)

In Children, Tooth Injuries as Common as Decay

(InteliHealth News Service—Apr 1)

In children under 5, injury (trauma) to the teeth is about as common as decay, a study has found. Researchers from the University of Pernambuco in Brazil did the study. Nearly 3,500 children were in the study. More than 100 dental students looked at the children's teeth. They examined more than 56,000 teeth. Overall, about 15% of children's teeth had some sort of injury. The most common injury was a broken or cracked tooth. Discoloration was the next most common. The two front teeth were most likely to be injured. About 14% of the children's teeth had decay. Older children were more likely than younger ones to have decay. Children from higher-income families had more injuries to their teeth. Children from lower-income families had more decay. The study appears in the April issue of the journal Dental Traumatology. Access article online at:

<http://www.simplestepsdental.com/SS/ihTSS/r.EMIHC252/st.32571/t.32571/pr.3/d.dmtNewsContent/c.1195615.html>.

White Wine Can Make Tooth Stains Darker

(ScienceDaily—Apr 1)

It has long been known that red wine causes teeth to stain. But white wine? A recent study by NYU dental researchers found that drinking white wine can also increase the potential for teeth to take on dark stains. The researchers compared two sets of six cow teeth, whose surface closely resembles that of human teeth, and used a spectrophotometer, an instrument that measures color intensities, to evaluate staining levels. They found that teeth soaked for one hour in white wine before being immersed in black tea had significantly darker stains than teeth immersed for one hour in water before exposure to the tea. "Dipping teeth in white wine for one hour is similar to the effect of sipping the wine with dinner," said Dr. Mark Wolff, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Cariology & Comprehensive Care at New York University College of Dentistry, who oversaw the study, which was led by Ms. Cristina Dobrescu, a third-year student at New York University College of Dentistry. "The acids in wine create rough spots and grooves that enable chemicals in other beverages that cause staining, such as coffee and tea, to penetrate deeper into the tooth," Dr. Wolff explained. Access article online at: <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2009/04/090401164037.htm>.

NHS Dentists Gnash Teeth at Further Pay Cut, United Kingdom

(Med News Today—Mar 31)

The national leaders of the UK's general dental practitioners described as 'derisory' the 0.21 per cent increase in earnings awarded by the government following today's recommendation of the Review Body on Doctors' and Dentists' Pay. The Retail Prices Index is currently at 3.2 per cent—anything less than this is effectively a pay cut. Chairman of the DPA Jim Donaldson BDS said "The DDRB seems to assume no responsibility for difficulties in NHS access. Year after year we have tried to explain to them that dentists are motivated to either join or leave

the NHS based on comparison with similarly skilled groups and also the disparity in terms and conditions between the public and private sectors. Pay is a vital element of the NHS package, yet year after year it is cut in real terms. "The new contract is sufficiently unattractive and uncertain without this further clear signal that financial penalties are to be imposed year after year by below-inflation awards". "Dentistry is a good example of a service that was provided efficiently on behalf of the NHS in the private sector and since being 'nationalized' has gone from bad to worse. The government has broken its promise to provide a comprehensive dental service to the nation in return for the high levels of tax and national insurance paid. Access article online at:

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/144361.php>.

Elmo Visit Schoolchildren

(ADA News—Mar 31)

In honor of the Association's 150th anniversary, the ADA visited local schools in Chicago, Washington, D.C., and Gaithersburg, Md., in February and March to teach children about the importance of oral health. Each year, ADA staff raises money for a worthwhile, local dental-related charity during the year-end holidays. This year, the theme was changed to coincide with the sesquicentennial anniversary. The proceeds from that fundraiser were then matched by a grant from the ADA Foundation and used to purchase 3,000 Sesame Street oral care storybooks, "Ready, Set, Brush!" Staff volunteers read from these pop-up books—which use popular characters Elmo and Cookie Monster—to help teach proper brushing skills. The volunteers also passed out toothbrushes and floss donated by Sunstar Americas Inc. "The members of the committee really wanted to give back to the hometowns where ADA offices are located, lessons to help children enjoy a lifetime of good oral health," explained John Fernandez, one of the ADA staff coordinators for the fundraiser. "Ready, Set, Brush!" is the result of a collaborative effort between the Association, Reader's Digest Children's Books and Sesame Workshop, the nonprofit educational organization behind Sesame Street. It was designed to teach parents and children good oral health habits to help kick-start a lifetime of good oral health. The ADA distributed the books to children attending elementary schools in underserved communities on the South and West sides of Chicago as well as libraries, and underserved children living near the Paffenbarger Research Center in Gaithersburg and the ADA Washington, DC, office. Access article online at:

<http://www.ada.org/prof/resources/pubs/adanews/adanewsarticle.asp?articleid=3520>.

Mobile Practice Upsets Dentists

(News Star—Mar 31)

The Swayze Elementary School gymnasium may not be the perfect place for students to receive badly needed dental care, but Principal Marquita Bowman believes the end justifies the means. Many of the school's students have never had the opportunity to see a dentist in a dental office. That's why Bowman began working with Dr. Gregory Folse who owns a mobile dental practice that provides dental care at the school. Folse, of Lafayette, brings sterilized equipment, a dental chair, lights and privacy screens for dental treatment in the school's gymnasium. Bowman said ideally the care would be performed in vacant classrooms but the school has none. The environment has drawn criticism from local dentists who have asked the Ouachita Parish School Board to halt the program. Their dental organization is also mounting an attack against in-school dental treatment programs in the legislature. Bowman said the environment surrounding Folse's mobile dental clinic is similar to that for treatment of deployed military personnel. She said during clinic sessions, there is no other activity in the gym. "Most of my children don't go to the dentist," Bowman said. Folse, who has made four visits to the school this school year, said that his practice is a critical part of meeting a great need for Louisiana's medically underserved students. "We know there is no silver bullet solution to improving access and we make no claims that our program will meet the needs of all 432,000 Louisiana Medicaid-eligible kids who did not see a dentist last year," Folse said. "However, what we do know from empirical evidence is that our program improves oral health for children who otherwise would not have seen a dentist." Access article online at:

<http://www.thenewsstar.com/article/20090331/NEWS01/903310307>.

New Training Scheme for Dental Nurses Launched

(Dentistry-UK—Mar 30)

A new and innovative partnership between North Western Deanery, The University of Central Lancashire and Colgate has produced a program for registered dental nurses to study part-time towards a 'Certificate in Oral Health and Application of Fluoride Varnish'. The aim of the university course is to prepare registered dental nurses to deliver evidence-based oral health advice and apply fluoride varnish. Dr Barry Cockcroft, chief dental officer for England, opened the proceedings by saying: 'The toolkit "Delivering Better Oral Health" [published by the Department of Health in 2007] underpins the role of the whole dental team in preventing dental disease and moves the focus away from treatment of existing disease to positively improving oral health. 'Modern high-quality dentistry provides a wide range of opportunities for all trained dental care professionals to take an active part in supporting patients to achieve healthy functioning mouths. The launch of this collaborative approach to the training of dental nurses to apply fluoride varnish through the Certificate in Oral Health and Application of Fluoride Varnish is very welcome, and provides an excellent model to support the preventive dental team.'

Access article online at: http://www.dentistry.co.uk/news/news_detail.php?id=1810.

Ending Program Is Kick in Teeth for City's Kids

(Daily News-Brooklyn—Mar 29)

The Oral Health Program - providing dental services in 46 schools and community-based dental clinics and five health centers - could soon become a memory of a time when New York cared for its most vulnerable. The program received a death sentence in the \$1.5 billion recession budget cuts announced last November. It is unfortunate, of course, but not surprising. "This program is a blessing because it is right there in the schools, and the care is excellent," said Niokka Jackson, the mother of two school-age kids. "I don't have to worry about my children getting inadequate dental care. It would be tragic to cut the program." Yes, it would be tragic, and a report by Public Advocate Betsy Gotbaum shows why. Consider what would happen to the children who, according to the report, made more than 35,000 visits to Oral Health Program dentists last year. The report, perhaps stating the obvious, adds that children from low-income families are disproportionately affected by tooth decay while having less access to dental care than children from higher-income families. They, of course, will be hit the hardest by the disappearance of the Oral Health Program. Access article online at:

http://www.nydailynews.com/ny_local/brooklyn/2009/03/29/2009-03-29_ending_program_is_kick_in_teeth_for_city.html.

ADA Convenes Major Summit on Improving Access to Dental Care

(Fox Business News—Mar 28)

Nearly 150 stakeholders from non-profit groups, government agencies and private industry met March 23-25 at a summit on access to dental care convened by the American Dental Association (ADA) to create a common vision toward improving the oral health of underserved populations. "Both the private and public sectors are challenged to meet the needs of an ever-growing number of U.S. residents who cannot regularly access oral health care," said John S. Findley, DDS, ADA president. "In many ways, this is a societal issue. "We are very pleased with the success of the summit, which will serve as a milestone toward our common goal of improving access to dental care. The ADA firmly believes that practical solutions must come from a broad spectrum of stakeholders and then be implemented first among those populations at highest risk for oral disease and with the least ability to access care. We are committed to finding common ground and shared solutions to address the oral health needs of the most vulnerable among us." The participants shared their knowledge and experience and discussed new and existing approaches to reducing disparities and securing optimal oral health for all. Among the major topics discussed were increasing collaboration between the dental and medical communities; workforce development strategies; strengthening dental delivery systems, the dental public health infrastructure, and population-based prevention strategies; improving oral health literacy through social marketing; and finding better ways to define and measure the access issue. Access article online at:

<http://www.foxbusiness.com/story/ada-convenes-major-summit-improving-access-dental-care/>.

Texas Offering Loan Repayments to Pediatric Dental, Medical Physicians Who Accept Medicaid

(Kaiser News—Mar 27)

The Texas Department of State Health Services is offering as much as \$140,000 in student loan repayments disbursed over four years to pediatric dentists and physicians who treat Medicaid beneficiaries, the Houston Chronicle reports. The repayment program, funded by \$150 million allocated by the state Legislature in 2007, was created under the settlement of a lawsuit about the lack of access to care for children enrolled in the state's Medicaid program. The program, the first in the state to target pediatric services, would require physicians to provide services to Medicaid beneficiaries for four consecutive years. As many as 300 physicians and dentists could participate in the program each year, and some specialties and geographic areas could be given priority. More than 80 dentists and physicians applied for the program within the first two weeks, Stephanie Goodman, a spokesperson for the department, said. The department began accepting applications for the program March 1. The first group of recipients will be selected in June. According to the American Dental Education Association, on average, dental students graduated with \$145,000 in student loans in 2006. The Association of American Medical Colleges reports that medical students graduated with \$139,517 in student loan debt in 2007. Medicaid reimburses at lower rates than private insurers, so physicians and dentists with large amounts of debt might believe that they cannot afford to accept Medicaid beneficiaries, according to Ken Janda, president and CEO of the Harris County Hospital District's managed care organization Community Health Choice. Access article online at: http://www.kaisernetwork.org/daily_reports/rep_index.cfm?DR_ID=57651

ADA Advocates Increased IHS Recruitment and Retention Efforts

(ADA News—Mar 26)

The Association urges shoring up the Indian Health Service dental workforce against impending retirements "of the most experienced IHS dentists" with increased funding for recruitment and retention efforts. "Dentists with residencies in pediatrics, oral surgery, and other dental specialties provide advanced oral health care to Indian people," said Dr. John S. Findley, ADA president, "With childhood caries—or tooth decay—and periodontal disease among diabetics being rampant, these dentists are in high demand. "However, 65 percent of them will be eligible for retirement this year. Additionally, the committee needs to specially allocate the use of these funds to the director of the IHS headquarters division of oral health," Dr. Findley said. The Friends of Indian Health, a coalition of more than 50 health organizations including the ADA, said an outdated civil service pay scale also discourages recruitment of dental and other clinical support staff. Tribal witnesses cited such "immediate and necessary" health care delivery and disease-related problems as service cutbacks, declining physical facilities and administrative and natural barriers to care. Access article online at: <http://www.ada.org/prof/resources/pubs/adanews/adanewsarticle.asp?articleid=3514>.

Kids May Not Always Get Cavity Germs from Mom

(InteliHealth News Service—Mar 24)

Cavities are caused by a type of bacteria called *Streptococcus mutans* (*S. Mutans*). Having a lot of *S. mutans* is linked with having tooth decay. Past studies have shown that children almost always get these germs from their mothers' mouths. Now, a Brazilian study has found that only half of young children get these germs from their mothers. Experts say most children acquire *S. mutans* germs between about 6 months and 30 months of age. Mothers can transfer these germs to their children by kissing or by tasting their children's food and then sharing the same spoon or fork. This study kept track of 119 nursery-school children for 18 months. During that time, about 40% of these young children were found to have *S. mutans* in their mouths. There are many different types of *S. mutans*. People usually have the same type as whoever transferred the germs to them in the first place. Researchers in the new study could track all the different types of *S. mutans*. They found that only half the children had the same type of germs as their mothers did. They thought that maybe nursery school workers were the source of cavity germs for some children. But none of the children had the same germs as nursery-school workers did. Researchers did find out that the cavity-causing germs can be transferred from one child to another. The study appears in the April issue of the Journal of Medical Microbiology. Access article online at: <http://www.simplestepsdental.com/SS/ihtSS/r.EMIHC252/st.32571/t.32571/pr.3/d.dmtNewsContent/c.1167363.html>.

Students to Help Children with Dental Fears

(Dentistry.uk.co—Mar 24)

Dental students are being taught some simple techniques to allay the fears of their young patients. This comes in the light of the news that a Cornish girl starved herself to death, severely traumatized by a trip to the dentist. Eight-year-old Sophie Waller, from Cornwall, developed pervasive refusal syndrome – a severe oral phobia – after a series of traumatic dental visits. But Britain's newest dental school could make all the difference for children who fear dentists. The Peninsula Dental School, based in Plymouth, opened its doors in 2006 to the UK's first group of students who are learning as much by theory as practice. The school's dean, Professor Liz Kay, said: 'Dental skills have in the past just been read as the technical, doing skills. 'At the Peninsula Dental School there is absolute equality between technical skills and communication, psychology and sociological skills. 'We try to understand what the root causes of that person's anxieties are, in a "we are in this together" role, rather than the treated and the being treated.' Access article online at:

http://www.dentistry.co.uk/news/news_detail.php?id=1798.

Mexico the New Dental Destination

(Chicago Tribune—Mar 24)

The sales pitches start just a few steps after you cross the border into Mexico. They come in the same half-whispers familiar to tourists who have been offered time-shares and T-shirts. "Excuse me, sir," a Mexican man politely asks in accented English. "Are you looking for a good dentist?" This is the kind of commerce that has turned a sleepy village on the US border into the latest boomtown of medical tourism, the practice of traveling abroad to get medical care. From face-lifts in Costa Rica to heart surgery in India, medical tourism has become a \$60 billion enterprise by one estimate. Los Algodones, population 4,000, is home to about 350 dentists geared to foreign patients, including snowbirds from Chicago and elsewhere in the upper Midwest. Their treatment comes at a huge discount—70 percent or more—from what Americans pay at home, a reality that many patients call an indictment of U.S. health care. But U.S. medical authorities warn that this desert outpost is a medical Wild West, an unregulated environment where substandard providers can hang their shingle without the same oversight that exists in the United States. Access article online at: http://www.chicagotribune.com/travel/chiborder-dentists_avilamar24,0,4743134.story.

Dentists Remember and Respond to a Child's Preventable Death

(Huffington Post—Mar 23)

To the horror of us all, Deamonte Driver, a seventh grader from Prince George's County, Maryland, died of complications from an abscessed tooth on February 25, 2007. The outrage is that Deamonte's life could have been saved by routine dental visits and an \$80 extraction. As a response to this needless death, a team of Black dentists have established the Deamonte Driver Dental Project which provides mobile dental services to prevent similar losses from happening in the future. The Deamonte Driver Dental Project started by targeting nine Prince George's County elementary schools and relies on principals, school nurses and parent liaisons to identify children in need of help using criteria such as eligibility for free school lunches. Children are provided diagnostic, preventive and simple restorative dental services, like fillings, in a specially customized dental van that pulls up to school sites. In just four days in February 2009, the group screened 170 children at Seat Pleasant Elementary School. Each child received a report card to take home indicating needed follow-up dental services--either preventive, routine or emergency. The dentists found 32 children who required emergency services for problems like abscesses, acute gum disease and teeth rotted down to the nerve centers. Access article online at: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/marian-wright-edelman/dentists-remember-and-res_b_177960.html.

Low Medicaid Payments Lead to Lack of Dental Care for Kids

(The Miami Herald—Mar 22)

Last year, when a dentist did checkups at a Little Havana community center, Carmen Jimenez was told her 3-year-old daughter, Johanna, had so many problems in her mouth that she needed to get to a dentist's office within 48 hours. Johanna is covered by Medicaid, but her mother says she was unable to get an appointment

with a dentist. Now, months later, Johanna's mouth is still filled with cavities. "It hurts every time she eats." Healthcare advocates say thousands of such incidents are happening around the state because few dentists take Medicaid patients. The reason: Florida's Medicaid rates are close to the lowest in the nation. The main issue is not sparkling teeth. "Teeth are extremely important to overall health," said Louis St. Petery, executive vice president of the Florida Pediatric Society. Untreated cavities lead to abscesses, which are bacterial infections. "If left unchecked, they can spread," said St. Petery. At present, Florida rates for Medicaid dentists rank 49th out of the 50 states, says Frank Catalanotto, professor of dentistry at the University of Florida. "It's no surprise very few dentists participate in the program." A pediatric dentist in Gainesville, Catalanotto says he treats poor kids who have gone a long time without dental care. "You can't imagine the physical pain and suffering we've seen when the diseases get so bad. Some have so many problems we put the children to sleep in the operating room" because kids often thrash around when a dentist is working. Part of the cause for the huge increase in child cavities is "parental ignorance," Catalanotto says. Many parents -- whether poor or not -- don't understand that too much sugary fruit juice in bottles or sippy cups can destroy teeth. Access article online at: http://www.ahiphewire.org/News/Default.aspx?channel=Dental&doc_id=268000&page=2.

Ongoing Fluoride Supplements Shortage

(ADA News—Mar 20)

The ADA has received calls from members about an ongoing shortage of fluoride supplements in part because of the discontinuation of the products by several manufacturers as well as a limited supply from the remaining companies. Dentists who call the ADA looking for answers about the shortage are advised to work with their pharmacists so that they can order the supplements as soon as they become available. They are also encouraged to continue helping patients by directing them to other sources of fluoride, such as fluoridated bottled water and fluoride toothpaste and to encourage them to diligently follow good oral hygiene. In terms of dietary fluoride supplements, children should only receive supplemental fluoride tablets or drops as prescribed by their physician or dentist based on the dietary fluoride supplement schedule approved by the ADA, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. The supplements are not recommended for children under six months of age. To see the ADA Dietary Fluoride Supplement Schedule, visit www.ada.org/public/topics/fluoride/fluoride_article01.asp#dosage. Access article online at: <http://www.ada.org/prof/resources/pubs/adanews/adanewsarticle.asp?articleid=3503>.

Dentists 'Should Get NHS Quota'

(BBC News—Mar 20)

The New Local Government Network, which specializes in public service reform, said imposing a quota would help improve access to NHS dentistry. It said such a move was justified as it cost £175,000 to train a dentist. But dental leaders said they were against the idea of quotas, pointing out that there were dentists who wanted to do more NHS work but could not. The call comes as the government is reviewing NHS dentistry after heavy criticism of the new contract. Income for dentists is roughly evenly split between private and public patients, but there are signs that younger dentists are more likely to turn their backs on the health service. In total, there is believed to be 3,000 dentists working solely on private patients, while another 4,000 are spending less than 25% of their time on NHS patients. To remedy the situation, the think-tank said dentists could be compelled to spend half of their time on NHS patients in return for their training. Access article online at: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/health/7953399.stm>.

Oral Health Webcast an Outstanding Success

(Dental Home Initiative Update—Mar 20)

Over 900 sites, representing approximately 2,000 individuals, logged in to view the Office of Head Start National Web cast on the Importance of Oral Health, and over 261 questions were submitted in response to the information presented. According to OHS, this level of response breaks the record for any of the previous OHS Web casts! Participants included Pat Brown (Acting Director of the Office of Head Start), Robin Brocato (Health Program Specialist, OHS), Dr. Jim Crall (AAPD HS Dental Home Initiative Program Director), Almeta Keys (Director, Mazique Parent Child Center), Dr. Pitts Hinson (AAPD HS Dental Home Initiative Tennessee State

Leader) and Janet Coscarelli (Tennessee HS State Collaboration Director). The webcast not only provided a great deal of information about oral health, but it also illustrated the partnership between OHS and AAPD. OHS and AAPD representatives provide an interesting mix of information related to oral health and its importance to Head Start programs, parents and children, as well as oral health standards and practices for Head Start grantees. The webcast may be viewed online at: <http://www.fc-tv.com/clients/headstart/oralhealth/registration.asp>.

Economic Recession Puts Strain on US Health Care Safety Net

(Kaiser News—Mar 18)

The main providers that make up the U.S. health care system's safety net -- about 1,200 community health centers, 1,100 public hospitals and nearly 3,000 local health departments -- have become "significantly busier" in recent months amid the economic recession and most of them are "straining" to cope with "waves of new customers," the AP/San Francisco Chronicle reports. According to the AP/Chronicle, safety net health care providers "struggle as a rule, but times are unusually tough" for community health centers and public hospitals that are "temporarily maintaining their razor-thin operating margins, but say they can't keep it up for long." Meanwhile, many health departments that "are heavily dependent on waning state revenues" are "doing worse, eliminating thousands of jobs and shedding services," according to the AP/Chronicle. A study released this week by the Trust for America's Health found that health departments in 2008 eliminated 11,000 jobs and expect to cut an additional 10,000 jobs this year. Access article online at:

http://www.kaisernetwork.org/daily_reports/rep_index.cfm?DR_ID=57474

Liking Sweets Makes Sense for Kids

(EurekaAlert—Mar 18)

As any parent knows, children love sweet-tasting foods. Now, new research from the University of Washington and the Monell Center indicates that this heightened liking for sweetness has a biological basis and is related to children's high growth rate. "The relationship between sweet preference and growth makes intuitive sense because when growth is rapid, caloric demands increase. Children are programmed to like sweet taste because it fills a biological need by pushing them towards energy sources," said Monell geneticist Danielle Reed, PhD, one of the study authors. Across cultures, children prefer higher levels of sweetness in their foods as compared to adults, a pattern that declines during adolescence. To explore the biological underpinnings of this shift, Reed and University of Washington researcher Susan Coldwell, PhD, looked at sweet preference and biological measures of growth and physical maturation in 143 children between the ages of 11 and 15.

The findings, reported in the journal *Physiology & Behavior*, suggest that children's heightened liking for sweet taste is related to their high growth rate and that sweet preferences decline as children's physical growth slows and eventually stops. Access article online at: http://www.eurekaalert.org/pub_releases/2009-03/mcsc-lsm031809.php.

More Managed Care Companies Offer EHR Services

(Kaiser News—Mar 18)

The Wall Street Journal examined how an increasing number of large managed care companies have begun to use electronic health record systems to "help solve the age-old problem of getting patients to take better care of themselves." According to the Journal, through the systems, the companies -- such as Kaiser Permanente and Group Health -- have begun "delivering reliable health information directly to patients to help them manage their conditions and make treatment choices" and "offering online self-management programs and virtual coaching sessions for a wide range of health issues." The companies have begun to offer such services amid concerns from physicians that "patients surfing the Web for medical information aren't necessarily finding the most reliable and current data," the Journal reports. Access article online

at: http://www.kaisernetwork.org/daily_reports/rep_index.cfm?DR_ID=57576.

Do Dentists' White Coats Scare Kids?

(InteliHealth News Service—Mar 16)

Many kids like beds that look like race cars, or lollipops that are actually medicine. And many don't want their dentist to look like a dentist. Researchers from Turkey asked 9- to 14-year-old children to choose from photos of dentists wearing four different types of clothing. Just over half of the children did not prefer the usual dentist's outfit of a white coat. About 46%, though, said they wanted their dentists to look that way. The researchers also divided the children into "anxious" and "non-anxious" groups. They did this by asking each child a series of questions. Anxious children were much less likely than non-anxious ones to prefer a white coat. Few other studies have looked at how a dentist's attire may affect children's fear. The researchers are from the Yeditepe University School of Dentistry in Istanbul. The study appears in the March issue of the European Archives of Paediatric Dentistry. Access article online at:

<http://www.simplestepsdental.com/SS/ihSS/r.EMIHC252/st.32571/t.32571/pr.3/d.dmtNewsContent/c.1078877.html>.

\$3.4 Million NIH Grant to Build Computer Games to Help Children Improve Oral Health Awarded

(Dental Economics—Mar 16)

Firsthand Technology has received a phase 1/phase 2 fast track Small Business Initiative Research grant totaling \$3.4 million from the National Institutes of Health to research the effectiveness of computer games to change the oral health habits of children. The grant is through the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research and the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities. Firsthand and the department of Dental Public Health Sciences at the University of Washington are developing a multiplayer, stereoscopic 3D action game to engage children ages 8-12 in the world of bacteria and biofilms with the goal of improving oral health habits. The game will be the centerpiece of a hands-on, interactive museum exhibit with its public debut at the Pacific Science Center in Seattle in early 2010. Later, the exhibit will be converted into a travelling exhibit for science centers across the U.S. as well as around the world. Access article online at:

[http://www.dentalofficemag.com/display_article/356336/54/none/none/IndNw/\\$3.4-million-NIH-grant-to-build-computer-games-to-help-children-improve-oral-health-awarde](http://www.dentalofficemag.com/display_article/356336/54/none/none/IndNw/$3.4-million-NIH-grant-to-build-computer-games-to-help-children-improve-oral-health-awarde).

Economic Recession Forcing Local Health Departments to Reduce Services to Undocumented Immigrants

(Kaiser News—Mar 16)

The AP/Austin American-Statesman on Sunday examined how some community health clinics are cutting services for undocumented immigrants as the economic recession continues. According to the AP/American-Statesman, health officials and immigrant advocates say they do not know how many local health systems provide primary care for undocumented immigrants. Hospitals and clinics usually do not ask about a patient's immigration status "in part because treating chronic conditions ... keeps patients from emergency room visits that are far less effective and more expensive," the AP/American-Statesman reports. According to estimates by the Pew Hispanic Center, about 59% of the 11.9 million undocumented immigrants in the U.S. are uninsured, which accounts for about 15% of the nearly 47 million U.S. residents without health insurance. Sonal Ambegaokar, a health policy attorney at the National Immigration Law Center, said that cuts to local health systems could have significant consequences for the greater population. Ambegaokar said, "Cutting care, you save \$100 today, but you may end [up] spending \$500 tomorrow when that person shows up in the emergency room because you didn't provide them with basic medication," adding, "It's shortsighted." Access article online at: http://www.kaisernetwork.org/daily_reports/rep_index.cfm?DR_ID=57497.

\$15M Teeth-Whitening Company Under Fire from Dentists

(Atlanta Journal-Constitution—Mar 15)

WhiteSmile and at least one other Georgia-based company said they have been recently served "a voluntary cease-and-desist" letter from the Georgia Board of Dentistry. Thomas Godfrey, president of the state dental board, wrote in a February letter to Georgia's secretary of state that several such orders have been issued in whitening cases. His letter cited "potential harm" to consumers. The dentists' opposition riles Valentine. "Ninety-five percent of this is dentists trying to protect their turf," he said. Valentine also says WhiteSmile uses the same basic

ingredient, hydrogen peroxide, that's sold in whitening products in drugstores. WhiteSmile staff doesn't dispense dental advice and doesn't even touch the customer during the process, Valentine said. The staff person hands customers a mold to bite into; then, after filling the mold with a peroxide gel, has customers put the mold in their mouths. They sit in a chair with a special light trained on their mouths for a 15-minute session. Access article online at: http://www.ajc.com/business/content/business/stories/2009/03/15/teeth_whitening_kiosks.html.

Retirement? Dentists May Have To Keep Working

(PRLEAP—Mar 15)

Most dentists are postponing their retirement plans because today's brutal economy is wreaking havoc on their dental practice profits, reveals a survey by dental practice marketing resource The Wealthy Dentist. While 62% of dentists say they plan to work longer, only 25% report that their retirement plans are on track. Dentists are feeling the pinch of tighter finances as much as any other industry. "I love dentistry, but this sucks!" griped a New York dentist. An orthodontist mused, "I'm beginning to wonder if I'll ever be financially able to retire and maintain my current lifestyle (which is NOT an extravagant one, by the way). The older dentists in this survey were more likely to acknowledge that they might not even have a concrete retirement plans. "I feel as though I may have to work forever!" said a 65-year-old California dentist. "My plans are mostly holding steady," reported a New York dentist, 61. "However the loss of pension assets is causing me to rethink the time frame." Access article online at: <http://www.prleap.com/pr/133540/>.

AWARDS / FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

2009 Oral Health Section of the American Public Health Association Awards

The Oral Health Section of the American Public Health Association (APHA) is pleased to announce the award categories for 2009. The awards will be presented at the American Public Health Association 137th Annual Meeting and Exposition, November 7-11, 2009 in Philadelphia, PA. The theme of the meeting is Water and Public Health: the 21st Century Challenge. For more information about the Oral Health Section of APHA, please visit <http://www.apha-oh.org/>.

~*John W. Knutson Distinguished Service Award in Dental Public Health:* Nominations for the John W. Knutson Distinguished Service Award in Dental Public Health are due May 29th. Please see details below or contact Charla J. Lautar, RDH, PhD, Chair, 2009 Knutson Award Committee for more information. Questions may be directed to Charla at: cjlautar@siu.edu, (618/453-7211 or 618/453-8860)

~*Anthony Westwater Jong Memorial Community Dental Health Student Awards:*

Applications for the 4th annual Anthony Westwater Jong Memorial Community Dental Health Pre-Professional Student Award and the 3rd annual The Anthony Westwater Jong Memorial Community Dental Health Post-professional Student Award are due May 13th. Please see details/application below or contact Amos Deinard, MD, MPH, Chair, Oral Health Section Anthony Westwater Jong Student Awards Committee for more information. Questions may be directed to Amos at: deina001@umn.edu (612/377-1020).

2009 Dental Trade Alliance Foundation Request for Proposal

The Dental Trade Alliance Foundation (DTAF) was established in 2000 to fund innovative programs that are:

- ~ Collaborative – inclusive of the entire community
- ~ Innovative – resourcefulness in leveraging promising initiatives
- ~ Business-Minded – drawing on the collective business experience of the dental community for greater impact
- ~ Ethical – honesty and accountability in the stewardship of resources and relationships
- ~ Sustainable – outcomes that are likely to result in long-term impact

The 2009 Grant Guidelines & Criteria, Grant Submission Guidelines and Grant Proposal Summary Form are available online at: <http://www.dtafoundation.org/>.

Hispanic Dental Association Foundation Scholarship Programs for 2009 – 2010

Currently the Hispanic Dental Association is offering 3 scholarship programs:

- ~ Colgate-Palmolive Company HDA Foundation Scholarship
- ~ Procter & Gamble Professional Oral Health/ HDA Foundation Scholarship
- ~ Dr. Juan D. Villarreal / HDA Foundation Scholarship

Details and the eligibility criteria can be found online at: http://www.hdassoc.org/site/epage/8351_351.htm.

Please contact the National HDA Office with questions at: Phone: 800-852-7921 - Fax: 217-529-9120, Email: hispanicdental@hdassoc.org.

HHS Releases \$338 Million to Expand Community Health Centers, Serve More Patients

Grants Will Support Centers That Care for the Uninsured Support Up to 6,400 Jobs. The US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced the release of \$338 million to expand services offered at the nation's community health centers. The money was made available by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and comes as more Americans join the ranks of the uninsured. "More Americans are losing their health insurance and turning to health centers for care," said Health Resources and Services Administrator (HRSA) Mary Wakefield, Ph.D., R.N. "These grants will aid centers in their efforts to provide care to an increasing number of patients during the economic downturn." The grants -- titled Increased Demand for Services (IDS) grants -- will be distributed to 1,128 federally qualified health center grantees. Health centers will use the funds over the next two years to create or retain approximately 6,400 health center jobs. To see a list of grantees by state, go to <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/programs/hrsa/idsgrawards.html>. To find a health center near you or to learn more about health centers, visit <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/>.

Opportunity for Leadership Training in California:

Applications for California HealthCare Foundation (CHCF) Health Care Leadership Program, a part-time, two-year fellowship for clinically trained health care leaders serving communities throughout California, are now available. This program is interdisciplinary, and is actively seeking applicants from the dental field in California. The Program's goal is to improve the health of Californians by developing and sustaining a network of diverse health care leaders who will shape practice and policy within our health care system. You can find out more information about the program at <http://futurehealth.ucsf.edu/futureleaders> Application deadline is May 15th.

Supported by the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)

The recent ARRA legislation provides an unprecedented level of funding (\$8.2 billion in extramural funding) to the NIH to help stimulate the US economy through the support and advancement of scientific research. While NIH Institutes and Centers have broad flexibility to invest in many types of grant programs, they will follow the spirit of the ARRA by funding projects that will stimulate the economy, create or retain jobs, and have the potential for making scientific progress in 2 years. We expect to:

1. Select recently peer reviewed highly meritorious research grant applications (R01s and others), that can be accomplished in 2 years or less.
2. Fund new research applications.
3. Accelerate the tempo of ongoing science through targeted supplements to current grants.
4. Support new types of activities such as the NIH Challenge Grant program that meet the goals of the ARRA.
5. Use other funding mechanisms as appropriate.

Access information online at: <http://grants.nih.gov/recovery/>.

Series Focuses on New Opportunities For Covering Children Under Medicaid and CHIP

A new series of implementation briefs called "CHIP Tips" examines opportunities for covering children following the reauthorization and expansion of the Children's Health Insurance Program in February 2009. The first two briefs, explain the new "performance bonus" that states may qualify for when they are very successful in enrolling eligible children in Medicaid above target levels specified in the law. Upcoming topics include coverage opportunities for legal immigrant children and new financing opportunities. The series is jointly produced by the Foundation's Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured and the Center for Children

and Families at the Georgetown University Health Policy Institute. Access briefs online at: <http://www.kff.org/medicaid/kcmu040609pkg.cfm>.

TRAINING AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Applications Sought for International Speaker Development Program

The FDI World Dental Federation and Nobel Biocare are seeking applicants for their International Speaker Development Programme. The purpose of the ISDP is to contribute to improving oral health by establishing a global network of young professional leaders in the field. The ISDP will select six young oral health professionals, one from each of the United Nations regions, and provide them with presentation and leadership skills training in a blended learning environment, combining the traditional live setting and a virtual online environment. Each applicant must: be an oral health professional, within 8 years post graduation; be currently active and have a proven track record and/or published research in his/her field of expertise; feel he or she has potential to be a future leader within the oral health profession; have not had international exposure at this stage of his/her career. Applicants must submit a one-minute video recorded on mobile phone through which they define oral health; 100 words in a Microsoft Word document explaining why the FDI and Nobel Biocare have developed the International Speakers Development Programme; and 10 PowerPoint slides describing how the applicant would relate his/her specialty in oral health to general health, the global public health issues and the Millennium Development goals. Applications must be received by April 30. For more details, visit www.oralhealthleaders.org

ADA Institute for Diversity in Leadership

-enhance your leadership potential! Promising leaders, who are members of racial, ethnic and/or gender groups that have been traditionally underrepresented in leadership, are encouraged to participate in this extraordinary educational experience. Established in 2003 by the ADA, the goal of the Institute is to provide a diverse group of dentists with education and experience so that they can set new leadership paths within the profession and their communities. Deadline is April 30th. Access application online at: www.ada.org/goto/diversity.

CONFERENCES

National Oral Health Conference (April 20-22)

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)

The 62nd Annual Session will be held in Honolulu, HI. Information is available online at:

http://www.aapd.org/events/detail.asp?EVENT_ID=182&MONTH_CHOICE=5&DAY_CHOICE=21&YEAR_CHOICE=2009.

Dental Management Coalition (June 1 – 2)

The 2009 meeting of the Dental Management Coalition will take place in Jersey City, NJ at the Westin Jersey City Newport Hotel. More info including a regularly updated agenda can be found on the website, www.dmcnet.org.

International Association of Paediatric Dentistry (June 17-20)

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/>.

American Dental Hygienist Association (June 17-23)

The 86th annual meeting of the American Dental Hygienist Association will take place in Washington, DC at the Shoreham Hotel. Information is available online at: <http://www.adha.org/annualsession/index.html>.

Academy of General Dentistry (July 8-12)

The Annual meeting of the Academy of General Dentistry will take place in Baltimore, MD. Information is available online at: <http://www.agd.org/annualmeeting/>.

National Dental Association (July 24-29)

The 96th Annual Convention of the National Dental Association will take place at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville- Riverfront in Jacksonville, Florida. Information is available online at: <http://www.ndaonline.org/>.

World Congress on Preventive Dentistry (Sept 7 – 10)

The 9th World Congress on Preventive Dentistry will take place in Phuket, Thailand at the Hilton Phuket Arcadia Resort & Spa. Information is available online at: <http://www.iadr.com/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3777>.

International Symposium on the Oral-Systemic Health Connection in Children (October 9th)

The 3rd International Symposium will be held at North Pointe Conference Center, Columbus, Ohio. Information is available online at:

<http://www.nationwidechildrens.org/gd/templates/pages/medpros/medpros.aspx?url=409&page=4609&clk=58094>.

Hispanic Dental Association (Oct 22-24)

The 17th Annual Meeting of the Hispanic Dental Association will be held at the Hilton Americas in Houston, TX. Information is available online at: http://www.hdassoc.org/site/epage/25547_351.htm.

RESOURCES / RESEARCH

Materials from the 3rd International Meeting on Indigenous Child Health Now Available

The 3rd International Meeting on Indigenous Child Health - a collaborative biennial conference sponsored by AAP, IHS, Canadian Paediatric Society, and First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (Health Canada) - was held on March 6-8, 2009 in Albuquerque. Materials from this conference, including session handouts, can now be found at: <http://www.aap.org/nach/3InternationalMeeting.html>. The handouts for the Oral Health presentation given by James Irvine, MD, FCFP, FRCPC, Steve Holve, MD, FAAP, David Krol, MD, MPH, FAAP and Robert Schroth, DMD, MSc are available on the site.

National Network for Oral Health Access Talking Points

National Network for Oral Health Access (NNOHA) has drafted talking points for use in the regional discussions about health care reform that are taking place across the country. As momentum for health care reform is building, it is vital that NNOHA members voice the importance of including oral health. These talking points are available online at:

<http://www.nnoha.org/PDFs/2009%20Reform%20Talking%20Points%20FINAL.pdf>.

Updated Primer Examine Nation's Rising Health Care Costs

The Kaiser Foundation has issued an updated primer that examines recent trends in health care costs in the United States and the factors that contribute to their rapid rise. Between 1970 and 2007, the share of the economy devoted to health care grew from 7.2 percent to 16.2 percent, and it is projected to increase to one-fifth by 2018. Reducing that rate of growth poses significant challenges for efforts to reform the nation's health care system. The primer describes the types and sources of health care spending; the demographic factors associated with higher or lower levels of spending, and the impact of higher premiums and out-of-pocket costs on families and employers. It also discusses factors that influence health care spending growth, including the use of new medical technology, population changes, and changes in disease prevalence – and highlights some of the challenges policymakers face in trying to slow the rise in health care costs. Health Care Costs: A Primer is

available online at <http://www.kff.org/insurance/7670.cfm>. A short updated fact sheet on health care costs is also available online at <http://www.kff.org/insurance/7692.cfm>.

CHIP TIPS” Series Focuses On New Opportunities For Covering Children Under Medicaid and CHIP
States that do an especially good job of signing up eligible children for Medicaid may be in line for extra financial support from the federal government thanks to a provision in the recently passed Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act. Together Medicaid and CHIP provide coverage for more than one in four children in the U.S., yet many others remain eligible but uninsured. The new “performance bonus” is designed to help states cover the added costs that result when states are very successful in enrolling eligible children in Medicaid above target levels specified in the law. It reflects an understanding that aggressive state outreach efforts for CHIP – which federal officials would like to encourage -- tend also to drive up enrollment in state Medicaid programs, since most uninsured children are eligible for public coverage. The bonus and how it works are the subject of “CHIP TIPS: Medicaid Performance Bonus,” the first in a new series of implementation briefs that will examine opportunities for covering children following the reauthorization and expansion of CHIP this February. The second brief, “CHIP TIPS: Medicaid Performance Bonus '5 of 8' Requirements”, also issued today, explains the requirements states must meet in order to be eligible for a performance bonus under the new law. The series is jointly produced by the Kaiser Family Foundation’s Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured and the Center for Children and Families at the Georgetown University Health Policy Institute. Upcoming topics include coverage opportunities for legal immigrant children and new financing opportunities. The reports can be viewed online at <http://www.kff.org/medicaid/kcmu040609pkg.cfm>.

New Delta Dental Web Site Educates Americans of Oral Health Care Reform

Delta Dental Plans Association, a national dental benefits carrier, has launched a Web site at Advance Oral Health to educate the public, regulators, lawmakers and policymakers about the importance of including dental benefits in health care reform. The site includes information about the effects of poor oral health, the connection between oral and overall health, the significant differences between medical and dental benefits and the importance of preventive dental treatment. The site is available at: <http://www.advanceoralhealth.com/>.

Updated Resources on Community Health Centers

The Kaiser Foundation has issued three new resources that examine the role of community health centers as key components of the US health care system, providing primary care to more than 16 million patients nationwide in 2007. One noteworthy new report examines how community health centers have fared under Massachusetts' health reform law. Such centers saw a significant increase in patient load amid the state's efforts to improve health coverage by expanding public programs and making private insurance more affordable. Other new documents, produced for the Foundation’s KCMU, include a fact sheet on community health centers and an updated issue brief on their role in the health system. The documents can be viewed online at <http://www.kff.org/uninsured/kcmu032409pkg.cfm>.

Emergency Department Visits for Preventable Dental Conditions in California

On average, California emergency departments log more than 80,000 visits a year for preventable dental conditions. Left untreated, cavities and other routine dental problems can develop into serious infections that require immediate treatment, exacting a high cost both on patients and the health care system. This snapshot uses data from the California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) to document the extent to which uninsured and insured Californians use the ED for preventable dental conditions such as untreated cavities, dental abscesses, and periodontal disease. Among the findings: Statewide, the ED visit rate, without hospitalization, for preventable dental conditions runs higher than that for diabetes. The report concludes with recommendations for developing a more comprehensive dental safety net, improving insurance coverage, raising reimbursement rates, and promoting good oral health practices. Access report online at: <http://www.chcf.org/topics/view.cfm?itemid=133902/>.

Medicare 101

Kaiser Family Foundation and the Alliance for Health Reform has release a brief featuring a panel of experts discussing the Medicare program. Panelists described the population Medicare serves, the services it covers, how Medicare is structured and financed, future challenges of the program and more. A podcast is also available. Access online at: <http://www.kaisernetwork.org/healthcast/alliance/16mar09>.

The Dental Public Health Infrastructure: Failing to Meet the Needs of the Underserved

The ASTDD issue brief on Oral Health in Health Care Reform, and a condensed one-pager for educational use are available at <http://www.astdd.org/docs/HCRIssueBrieffinal4.1.2009II.pdf> and <http://www.astdd.org/docs/HCRone-pagefinal4.1.2009II.pdf> or a can be accessed from the ASTDD home page at: www.astdd.org.

New Publication Looks at Dental Care in Children

The recently published *C.S. Mott Children's Hospital National Poll on Children's Health* asked parents with children aged 3-17 years about dental care and dental health concerns for their children. The report found nearly 90 percent of children with dental insurance receive regular dental care, while only 58 percent of children with no dental insurance receive regular dental care. In addition, nearly one-quarter of parents report "costs too much" as a big problem in getting dental care for their children. To view report, go to:

http://health.med.umich.edu/home_npch.cfm?id=325 (*Information provided by CityMatCH NewsBriefs, Mar 18*)

Series of Briefs Focus on Disparities in Child Health

Trends in Child Health, 1997-2006: Assessing Black-White Disparities highlights differences in health outcomes among black children and white children and then examines how child health indicators vary by sociodemographic characteristics. The issue brief, the first in a series produced by the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies with support from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, is based on an analysis of data from the National Health Interview Survey for the years 1997 through 2006. The brief presents findings for non-Hispanic white children and non-Hispanic black children under age 18 on the following health indicators: low birthweight, health status (as evaluated by a family member), recent unmet oral health needs, attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder diagnosis, lifetime asthma diagnosis, learning disability diagnosis, and activity limitation. For each health indicator, in each year between 1997 and 2006, comparisons are made first between children of the two racial groups as a whole; then, black children and white children in families with characteristics corresponding to nine sociodemographic variables are compared. The brief concludes with a discussion of gaps in health indicators between black children and white children by sociodemographic subgroup, and the influence of specific sociodemographic variables (educational attainment, poverty, health insurance) on health indicators. The brief is available at:

http://www.jointcenter.org/publications_recent_publications/health/trends_in_child_health_1997_2006_assessing_black_white_disparities.

(*Information provided by CityMatCH NewsBriefs, Mar 18*)

Updated Fact Sheet Highlights State Variations in Key Disparities Indicators

The Kaiser Family Foundation issued an updated fact sheet showing variations across states and racial and ethnic groups for six key health and health care indicators. The fact sheet provides a quick glance at disparities in rates of infant mortality and diabetes-related mortality and AIDS cases in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. It also provides similar breakdowns showing the percentage of each group in each state that is uninsured, enrolled in Medicaid, and living in poverty. Key Health and Health Care Indicators by Race/Ethnicity is drawn from the more than 30 state-specific indicators related to race and ethnicity available on Kaiser's [statehealthfacts.org](http://www.kff.org/statehealthfacts.org). The fact sheet is available online at <http://www.kff.org/minorityhealth/7633.cfm>.

New Policy Brief Offers an Overview of the History of Health Reform in the US

A new policy brief by the Foundation provides an overview of health reform efforts in the United States over much of the last century. From New Deal-era calls for government-subsidized health coverage to the creation of

Medicare and Medicaid in the 1960s and the failed attempt at universal coverage in the early 1990s, the history of past efforts offers lessons for policy makers contemplating how to achieve comprehensive health reform. The brief is among many resources that the Foundation has gathered in a new section of its Web site devoted to the subject of health reform which can be viewed online at <http://www.kff.org/healthreform/index.cfm>. The policy brief is available online at <http://www.kff.org/healthreform/7871.cfm>.

Oral Health Alert: Focus on Head Start Resources

The Oral Health Alert: Focus on Head Start has made the following resources available online:

1. ASTDD Basic Screening Survey for Children Planning and Implementation Packet
2. Increasing Access to Dental Care in Medicaid: Targeted Programs for Four Populations (policy brief)
3. We Like Our Teeth (book)
4. Topical Fluoride Recommendations for High-Risk Children: Development of Decision Support Matrix—Recommendations from MCHB Expert Panel (report)
5. The Association Between Antibiotics Usage in Early Childhood and Early Childhood Caries (journal article)
6. Parental Attitudes on Restorative Materials as Factors Influencing Current Use in Pediatric Dentistry (journal article)
7. The Pediatric Nurse Practitioner's Role in Reducing Oral Health Disparities in Homeless Children (journal article)
8. Providing Dental Care to Pregnant Patients: A Survey of Oregon General Dentists (journal article)

These resources are available online at: <http://www.mchoralhealth.org/alert/2009/ohalert0309.html>.

Highwire Press

Articles on interest from Stanford University Highwire Press:

- *Prospective Study of Potential Sources of Streptococcus Mutans Transmission in Nursery School Children*
<http://highwire.stanford.edu/cgi/medline/pmid;19273644>
- *The Correlation Between Dental Calculus Disturbed Mineral Metabolism in Pediatric Patients with Chronic Kidney Disease.*
<http://highwire.stanford.edu/cgi/medline/pmid;19297359>

Access (March 2009)

Abstracts of articles found in the latest issue of Access—the Dental Hygiene journal are now available online.

The table of contents can be accessed online at: <http://www.adha.org/publications/index.html>

Articles of interest include:

American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics (Volume 135, Issue 4; April 2009)

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>.

American Journal of Public Health (Volume 99, Issue 4; April 2009)

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 206, Issue 6; March 2009)

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/v206/n6/index.html>. Articles of interest include:

- *Evaluation of Oral Malodor in Children*
- *Summary of: Who is Referred for Sedation for Dentistry and Why?*

Caries Research (Volume 43, Number 2; 2009)

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=JournalHome&ProduktNr=224219>. Articles of interest include:

- *Relationship Between Mothers' Sense of Coherence and Oral Health Status of Preschool Children*
- *A Cluster Randomized Trial of Effectiveness of Educational Intervention in Primary Health Care on Early Childhood Caries*
- *The Effects of Acidic Fluoride Solutions on Early Enamel Erosion in Vivo*

Community Dental Health (Volume 26, Number 1; March 2009)

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.cdhjournal.org/view.php?journal_id=20. Articles of interest include:

- *Closing the Gap in a Generation: Health Equity Through Action on the Social Determinants of Health. A Report of the WHO*
- *Predictive Tool for Estimating the Potential Effect of Water Fluoridation on Dental Caries*
- *Dental Caries Prevalence and Distribution Among Preschoolers in Singapore*
- *Oral Health in German Children, Adolescents, Adults and Senior Citizens in 2005*
- *Caries Prevalence and Fluoride Use in Low SES Children in Clermont-Ferrand (France)*
- *Previous Radiographic Experience Of Children Referred For Dental Extractions Under General Anesthesia in the UK.*
- *The Prevalence of Dental Caries and Fissure Sealants in 12 Year Old Children by Disadvantaged Status in Dublin (Ireland).*
- *Childhood Growth and Dental Caries*
- *Measurement of Attitudes of UK Dental Practitioners to Core Job Constructs.*
- *Dental General Anesthesia - Will the Service Disappear? A Pilot Study*
- *Orthodontic Treatment Need and Oral Health-Related Quality Among Children*
- *Changing Dental Caries Levels in the 1980's, 1990's and 2005 Among Children of a Jerusalem Region*

Community Dentistry and Oral Epidemiology (Volume 37, Number 2; April 2009)

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>. Articles of interest include:

- *A Longitudinal Study of Dental Caries Risk Among Very Young Low SES Children*
- *Life Course Dental Caries Determinants and Predictors In Children Aged 12 Years: A Population-Based Birth Cohort*
- *Comparison of the Discriminative Ability of the Generic and Condition-Specific Forms of the Child-OIDP Index: A Study on Children With Different Types of Normative Dental Treatment Needs*
- *Confirmatory Factor Analysis on the Health Domains of the Child Perceptions Questionnaire*
- *Impact of Oral Disease on Quality of Life in the US and Australian Populations*
- *Black Stain and Dental Caries in Filipino Schoolchildren*

Dental Economics (Volume 99, Issue 3; March 2009)

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 25 Issue 2; April 2009)

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:

- *Prevalence and Factors Associated to Dental Trauma in Infants 1–3 Years of Age*
- *Dental Trauma: An Evidence-Based Approach to Care*
- *Maxillofacial Fractures Sustained During Baseball and Softball*
- *Traumatic Anterior Dental Injuries in 7- To 12-Year-Old Brazilian Children*
- *Parent and Caretaker Knowledge About Avulsion of Permanent Teeth*
- *Prevalence of Dental Trauma in Deciduous Teeth of Brazilian Children*
- *Traumatic Dental Injuries of Permanent Incisors In 11- to 13-Year-Old South African Schoolchildren*
- *New Method of Temporary Rehabilitation After Traumatic Tooth Loss in a Juvenile Patient: A Case Report*
- *Mandibular Fracture With a Mouth Formed Mouthguard in Kickboxing*

Dutch Journal of Dentistry (Volume 116, Number 3; March 2009)

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.ntvt.nl/>. Articles of interest include:

- *Standard Dental Care for People Who are Mentally Disabled*
- *Dissertations 25 Years After Date 19 Children With a Lateral Forced Bite*

Evidence-based Dentistry (Volume 10, Issue 1; 2009)

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/index.html>. Articles of interest include:

- *Oral Health, Mouthwashes and Cancer – What is the Story?*
- *Consistent Evidence to Support the Use Of Xylitol- and Sorbitol-Containing Chewing Gum to Prevent Dental Caries*
- *Fluoride has a Beneficial Effect on Root Caries*
- *Music May Reduce Anxiety During Invasive Procedures in Adolescents and Adults*

Journal of the American Dental Association (Volume 140, Issue 4; April 2009)

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:

- *Children's Anxiety Decreases in Sensorially Adapted Environment*
- *Caries Risk in Formerly Sealed Teeth*
- *The Effect of Casein Phosphopeptide–Amorphous Calcium Phosphate and a Cola Soft Drink on In Vitro Enamel Hardness*

Journal of the Canadian Dental Association (Volume 75, Number 3; April 2009)

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-75/issue-3/index.html>.

Journal of Contemporary Dental Practice (Volume 10, Number 2; March 2009)

Abstracts of articles found in the latest issue of the Journal of Contemporary Dental Practice are now available online. The table of contents can be accessed online at: <http://www.thejcdp.com/issue038/index.htm>. Articles of interest include:

- *Prosthetic Rehabilitation in a Four-year-old Child with Severe Early Childhood Caries: A Case Report*

Journal of Dental Education (Volume 73, Issue 4; April 2009)

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:

- *Dental Students' Attitudes Toward the Care of Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities: Relationship Between Instruction and Experience*

Journal of Dentistry for Children (Volume 76, Number 1 January-April 2009)

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

<http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/aapd/jodc/2009/00000076/00000001;jsessionid=4qq1obklbmr0p.alice>.

Articles of interest include:

- *Current Research in Pediatric Dentistry*
- *Primary Tooth Wear in Functional Lateralities*
- *Factors Associated With Different Measures of Dental Fear among Children at Different Ages*
- *Effect of Silver Diammine Fluoride on Incipient Caries Lesions in Erupting Permanent first Molars: A Pilot Study*
- *Effectiveness of a Glass Ionomer Cement Used as a Pit and Fissure Sealant in Recently Erupted Permanent first Molars*
- *Temporomandibular Joint Ankylosis in Children*
- *Barriers to Utilization of Dental Services during Pregnancy: A Qualitative Analysis*

Journal of Periodontology (Volume 80, Number 4; 2009)

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/loi/jop>.

Pediatrics (Volume 123, Issue 4; April 2009)

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:

Pediatric News (Volume 43, Number 3; March 2009)

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>.

NEWSLETTERS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Current issues of the following Newsletters are now available online:

ADHA Update

The current issues of the Bi-Weekly News Service from the American Dental Hygienists' Association is now available online at: http://adha.informz.net/adha/archives/archive_231868.html.

HDA News and Reports

The current issue of the Hispanic Dental Association Newsletter is now available online at: http://www.hdassoc.org/site/files/351/32799/125363/385560/Winter_09_newsletter_final.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/>.

NNOHA News

The current issue of the National Network for Oral Health Access (NNOHA) News is now available in a PDF format at: [http://www.nnoha.org/PDFs/NNOHA%20Newsletter%2002\[1\].09_FINAL.pdf](http://www.nnoha.org/PDFs/NNOHA%20Newsletter%2002[1].09_FINAL.pdf)

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/enewsmarch09.html>.

Update

The current issue of Friends of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (FNIDCR) E-News is now available online at: <http://www.fnidcr.org/newsletters/FundingNews.html>.

OPPORTUNITIES



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The IHS DENTAL Recruitment Listserv (DRLS) Web site is now available. The purpose of the Listserv is to provide instant news to all subscribers regarding IHS Dental Recruitment issues and allow subscribers to pose questions for the benefit of all. To subscribe, please click on the [Subscribe](#) link, type your name in the appropriate space in the text, and click on send.

Atlanta, Georgia. Program Services Team—Team Leader

The Division of Oral Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is currently seeking a Team Leader for its Program Services Team. The Team Leader is responsible for providing consultation on and training in dental public health practice and programs to state and local oral health programs as well as technical support for the development and implementation of specialized programs designed to motivate community leaders and residents to understand and accept opportunities for disease prevention and oral health promotion. The position is located in Atlanta, Georgia. This is a supervisory position; the incumbent will supervise a team that includes public health educators, health education specialists, and program analysts. For more information about this position and to

submit an application, please access the USA Jobs Web site at www.usa.jobs. The job announcement for this position is: Lead Public Health Educator, GS-1725-14, External Announcement #HHS-CDC-D2-2009-0168 (for people not currently employed in federal government). Additional questions can be answered by Mr. Louis Salinas, Acting Deputy Director, CDC Division of Oral Health, at (770) 466-6218 or via e-mail at LOS2@cdc.gov. The closing date for this position is Thursday, April 16.

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