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Do you remember seeing a resource in the E-News but are unable to locate the exact link?

Now, the Oral Health Initiative has made this information accessible on its Web site. Simply visit the [Tools & Resources](#) page for links to oral health related Web sites, posters, brochures, handouts, and PowerPoint Presentations. The list is updated bi-monthly and includes many of the items featured in the E-News.

Have a resource that we overlooked? E-mail us at oralhealthinfo@aap.org with more information. We are seeking both national and state-related items to feature on our Web pages.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join the Webcast —Keeping Kids Healthy - Engaging Medical Providers in Children's Dental Health on September 24, 2009, 2:00-3:30 pm (EDT)

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/865006914>

The Pew Center on the States and NASHP invite you to attend a Webcast that will highlight 2 state approaches to engaging primary care medical providers in children's dental health. The speakers include:

- Shelly Gehshan, Director, Advancing Children's Dental Health Initiative, Pew Center on the States
- Suzanne Boulter, MD, Adjunct Professor of Pediatrics and of Community Medicine, Dartmouth Medical School; Faculty Pediatrician, NH Dartmouth Family Medicine Program; and Chair, AAP Oral Health Initiative
- John Davis, DDS, JD, Senior Dental Administrator, Division of Healthcare Services, Washington State Health and Recovery Services Administration
- Rebecca King, DDS, Chief, Oral Health Section, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

Space is limited, so be sure to register online today!

Call for Oral Health Literacy Materials

<http://www.mchoralhealth.org>

Health literacy is defined in Health People 2010 as: "The degree to which individuals have the capacity to obtain, process, and understand basic health information and services needed to make appropriate health decisions." The National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center is currently seeking materials that highlight concepts of health literacy and oral health-related materials that integrate those concepts. Share your publications, such as brochures, fact sheets, curricula, policy statements, tool kits, manuals, and protocols, with OHRC for inclusion in our library. Materials can be submitted by e-mail to sk22@georgetown.edu or in hard copy to Sarah Kolo, National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center - Georgetown University, Box 571272, Washington, DC 20057-1272. With either method, include citation information including the publication year, author(s), publisher name and place, and URL if appropriate. Also indicate whether hard copies are available, from whom, and at what cost.

Keeping Kids Healthy-Engaging Medical Providers in Children's Dental Health Webinar

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/865006914>

The Pew Center on the States and the National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) invite you to attend the Keeping Kids Healthy-Engaging Medical Providers in Children's Dental Health Webcast on Thursday, September 24, 2009, from 2:00 to 3:30 PM EDT. The Webcast will highlight 2 state approaches to engaging primary care medical providers in children's dental health and will present the findings of a new NASHP publication, *Engaging Primary Care Medical Providers in Children's Oral Health*.

Call for 2010 NOHC Program Session Submissions

<http://www.nationaloralhealthconference.com>

The Planning Committee for the 2010 National Oral Health Conference (NOHC) "Pursuing Excellence in Dental Public Health" invites plenary and concurrent workshop proposals addressing scientific research, program evaluation, community-based interventions, and partnerships related to dental public health. Please indicate preference for a plenary or concurrent session; however, the final decision on program format will be made by the Planning Committee. Submit proposals no later than September 30, 2009. Notification of selection will be made in October 2009. Any questions may be directed to Pam Tolson at natoff@aaphd.org or Sandi Steil at sandi@assn-srvs.com.

Registration for 2009 Healthy People 2020 Public Meetings Now Open

<http://www.healthypeople.gov/hp2020/regional/default.asp>

The US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will conduct public meetings on draft objectives for Healthy People 2020. HHS is also interested in receiving recommendations on strategies to make national health

improvement progress across a range of diseases, conditions, behaviors, and determinants of health. Upcoming locations include Kansas City, KS (October 22, 2009), Philadelphia (November 7, 2009), and Seattle (November 20, 2009). Participation at the public meetings is open to all individuals interested in the health and wellness of their communities and the nation, including state and local governments, community-based organizations, advocacy groups, professional associations, research and academic institutions, healthcare providers and clinicians, and business. There is no fee for registration.

Oral Health Resource Center Publications Available for Ordering Online

<http://www.mchoralhealth.org/order/index.html>

The National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center now provides an online form for requesting publications. Publications are free and it takes approximately 2 weeks to process an order. Simply complete the order form and indicate how you plan to use the publication(s) in the box at the end of the form. For requests of 100 or more copies or questions about publications or the order form, e-mail OHRInfo@mchoralhealth.org.

Posters Will Soon Be Available for National Children's Dental Health Month

<http://www.ada.org/goto/ncdhm>

February is National Children's Dental Health Month, and the 2010 program posters will soon be available for shipping. The upcoming campaign features a 2-sided, eye-catching poster with new characters. The McGrinn Twins, Flossy and Buck, remind children "For a Sparkly Smile, Remember to Brush & Floss Every Day!" On the opposite side, pre-teens/teens are encouraged to "Rock Your Smile" with general oral health messages. Posters are available in both English and Spanish and are FREE of charge. Posters are packaged in boxes of 25, 50, 100, and 500 and orders will only be accepted online. The Program Planning Guide is also available for download only at <http://www.ada.org/goto/ncdhm>.

INTERVIEW WITH AN ORAL HEALTH CHAMPION



Suzanne Boulter, MD

Background

Dr Boulter graduated from Harvard Medical School and finished her internship and residency at Children's Hospital in Boston. She completed a 1-year fellowship in Family Medicine with a subspecialty in adolescent medicine. She spent 25 years with a multi-specialty group in New Hampshire and has been with NH-Dartmouth Family Medicine in pediatric practice for 11 years.

Oral Health Involvement

Dr Boulter has been involved in oral health for almost 8 years. In her practice, she often saw children with bad childhood caries. Understanding that caries is the result of poor hygiene and sugar, she believed she could have an impact in her practice by providing information and encouraging simple behavioral changes by the family. She felt it would be very

beneficial to educate parents during well child checks through conversations and the distribution of printed matter about oral health.

Dr Boulter has been involved in the oral health work at the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) since the project began in 2002. She spearheaded several AAP resolutions related to oral health and worked tirelessly to have Oral Health added as a topic on the Academy's strategic plan. In addition, she was instrumental in the development of the *Oral Health Risk Assessment Training for Pediatricians and Other Child Health Providers* and has promoted physicians role in children's oral health through presentations, grand rounds, and educational sessions across the country. Currently, Dr Boulter serves as chair of the AAP's Oral Health Initiative, works on the planning committee, and serves as faculty for the Chapter Advocate Training on Oral Health a 3-year initiative funded by the American Dental Association Foundation which provides training to leaders from each AAP

chapter on pediatric oral care), and is working on the development on the oral health component for a future Bright Futures Pedialink module.

Along with AAP activities, Dr Boulter currently speaks in various cities to promote awareness and education to primary care providers. She also participates in a teaching program and holds oral health talks in which she educates new residents on the scientific and preventive aspects of pediatric oral care. In these sessions, she demonstrates ways to examine infants' and toddlers' mouths, including proper positioning and what to look for during the exam. The demonstrations also show how to use fluoride varnish and educate participants on ways of helping a family establish a dental home.

At the state level, Dr Boulter is involved in the New Hampshire oral health coalition and is developing and carrying out a comprehensive oral health plan for the state. She also works to improve primary care provider knowledge and willingness to provide oral health services.

Conclusion

Dr Boulter feels the partnerships between pediatricians and dentists has greatly improved and will continue to do so. Of importance, in Dr Boulter's opinion, is educating medical and dental students on how best to examine and collaborate to ensure best results for the child. Such progression is also helped by continued collaboration with the American Dental Association and American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry to form more pediatric-dental partnerships.

IN THE NEWS

Oral Health Knowledge Gap Contributes to Children's Issues

(Reuters – September 14)

<http://www.reuters.com/article/pressRelease/idUS120955+14-Sep-2009+PRN20090914>

Although a majority of Americans rate their children's oral health as "excellent," there are clear gaps in understanding of basic oral health procedures and actual behavior. This is one of the key findings from a survey conducted on behalf of Delta Dental Plans Association to build greater knowledge about the state of children's oral health. Of those respondents who rated their child's oral health as less than excellent, 45% said that not enough brushing or poor brushing technique was the biggest obstacle to excellent oral health while 20% identified a poor diet or too many sweets as the biggest obstacle. In addition, 25% of survey respondents said their child never flosses, with only 7% reporting that their child flossed daily. Among children who have never visited a dentist, or who have not visited one in the past year, the most cited reason was that the child was too young or did not have enough teeth. About 1 in 5 (18%) of respondents reported their child had a cavity in the past year, with nearly 1 in 5 children (17%) having had 4 or more. More than a third of the survey respondents (36%) admitted their child brushes his or her teeth less than once a day, yet they recognized the frequency as "not enough," despite the fact that 95% of those surveyed with children 2 to 6 years old said they supervise or assist with brushing.

Weekend Sees First Ever World Oral Health Day

(Dentistry.co.uk – September 14)

http://www.dentistry.co.uk/news/news_detail.php?id=2226

The American Dental Association (ADA) and FDI World Dental Federation joined together on September 12th to raise awareness of dental health and how conditions like gum disease can affect world populations. The FDI would like to establish "World Oral Health Day" on September 12th of each year to support the improvement of oral health worldwide. It is their hope that focus will be drawn to the importance of prevention of oral diseases through educational, community and promotional activities.

Code Revision Requests for 2011 Due October 11

<http://www.ada.org/prof/resources/pubs/adanews/adanewsarticle.asp?articleid=3719>

Dentists who have requests they want considered for the next version of the Code on Dental Procedures and Nomenclature, effective January 2011, have until October 1 to submit them to the American Dental Association.

According to Dr Alan Friedel, chair of the ADA Code Revision Committee, "This is how we communicate the procedures we perform to other dentists, third-party payers and government entities ... That's why we ask for submissions from dentists who believe the Code could be improved." Requests to revise the Code (additions, revisions, or deletions) can be submitted by dentists and others in the dental community. There is no restriction on who may submit a request and each submission is presented to the CRC for consideration. More information about the process is available on the ADA Web site at <http://www.ada.org/prof/resources/topics/cdt/index.asp>.

Plan to 'Varnish' Kids' Teeth to Fight Decay

(Portsmouth Today, UK – September 9)

<http://www.portsmouth.co.uk/newshome/Plan-to-39varnish39-kids39-teeth.5628921.jp>

Health officials in Portsmouth will launch a pilot project at up to 3 city schools in a bid to improve oral health among young people. The move comes after figures revealed Portsmouth has one of the worst dental health records in the South East among children. The initiative will involve painting pupils' teeth with small quantities of the varnish between 2 and 4 times a year. Parents will be asked to give their consent and will still be urged to ensure their children eat healthily, brush their teeth, and visit the dentist regularly. The schools that will take part have not yet been chosen. If the project is successful it could be rolled out citywide.

Simple School Lunch Makeover Can Bring Sugar Under Control

(Reuters – September 3)

<http://www.reuters.com/article/pressRelease/idUS233606+03-Sep-2009+BW20090903>

Parents wouldn't send their children to school with a lunchbox full of candy bars, but they might be packing almost as much sugar when they send them off with some popular lunchtime classics. Considering most children brush their teeth in the morning and before bed, the sugar they put in their mouths at lunchtime could stay there for a while, and that worries some dentists. Without drastic changes, lunches can be given a sugar makeover. White bread can be replaced with wheat bread, carrots can be substituted for raisins, and regular applesauce can be replaced with a natural version. Other alternatives include yogurt tubes and string cheese. "When you start adding up the sugars found in some common lunchbox items, you might be shocked," says George Koumaras, DDS, dental director for Delta Dental of Virginia. "Simple changes can lower the sugar count, which is better for children's oral health and, ultimately, better for their bodies."

Tooth Decay More Prevalent in Patients with Cleft Lip and/or Palate

(Dental Economics – September 2)

http://www.dentalofficemag.com/display_article/368655/54/none/none/IndNw/Tooth-decay-more-prevalent-in-patients-with-cleft-lip-and/or-palat

Patients with cleft lip and/or palate have a higher prevalence of tooth decay and cavities than siblings without clefts, according to a new report published in the *Cleft Palate/Craniofacial Journal*. In this study, 53 patients with clefts aged 12 to 29 years were compared with 53 sex- and age-matched siblings without clefts. All subjects underwent the same dental examination without X-rays. Dental caries scores were calculated according to decayed, missing, and filled permanent teeth, and 85% of the patients with clefts exhibited a moderate or high dental caries score, compared with only 43% of the control subjects. Based on these differences among siblings, the author asserts that, independent of socioeconomic status, cleft patients are more susceptible to dental caries. Therefore, "the implementation of special dental caries preventive programs should be encouraged in approaching cleft lip and/or palate patients."

Officials Flesh Out New Grant Program To Help States, Doctors With Health IT

(Kaiser Health News – August 31)

<http://www.kaiserhealthnews.org/Daily-Reports/2009/August/31/Health-IT-Monday.aspx>

Nearly \$1.2 billion in stimulus-funded grants were made available to set up state-run health information exchanges and create 70 regional extension centers to help physicians adapt to the digital era. The centers will spend more than \$500,000 a year, mostly on services for physicians; serve approximately 1,000 doctors each; help doctors select and implement an effective electronic record system; and provide technical support on a list of vendor systems. According to *American Medical News*, "Half the grant money will go directly to states to help establish "a widespread and sustainable health information exchange. ... Some health IT experts say such assistance is vital in helping physician practices become meaningful users."

Saving Teeth via Root Canal Not Advised

(United Press International – August 28)

http://www.upi.com/Health_News/2009/08/28/Saving-teeth-via-root-canal-not-advised/UPI-27241251491141

Patients should forgo prolonged dental heroics (eg, root canals) and replace bad teeth with dental implants, dentists say. Even though patients often resist losing natural teeth, in many cases the best outcomes occur after extraction and inserting implants. Root canals can fail because abscesses occur and oral surgery is required to clean out the infected area. A recent study published in the *Journal of Oral Implantology* showed single-tooth dental implants are 98.5% successful after 7 years, while the American Academy of General Dentistry found first-time root canals fail 5% of the time and at much higher rates in repeat procedures. According to John Minichetti, a dentist with the American Academy of Implant Dentistry, "There really is no justification for undergoing multiple endodontic or periodontic procedures, and enduring the pain and financial burden, to save a diseased tooth."

Athletic Mouth Guards Protect Teeth, but May Pose Other Problems

(Los Angeles Times – August 27)

http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/booster_shots/2009/08/athletic-mouthguards-protect-teeth-but-may-pose-other-problems.html

Although mouth guards protect teeth, the devices may also be causing other problems. A new study appearing in the September/October issue of the journal *Sports Health: A Multidisciplinary Approach* has found that athletic mouth guards may cause a marked increase in the number and severity of oral lesions during the course of an athletic season. Because mouth guards are important for tooth safety, researchers recommend they be worn but thrown out at the first sign of distortion, when sharp, jagged edges appear, or when lesions occur. They should also be replaced regularly and sanitized daily using an antimicrobial denture-cleaning solution to reduce the risk of harboring bacteria.

Dentists Work on Reducing Costs

(American Dental Association – August 24)

<http://www.ada.org/prof/resources/pubs/adanews/adanewsarticle.asp?articleid=3706>

Dentists are finding new strategies to combat the current economic downturn, according to the 4th ADA Survey of Economic Confidence. Patient needs are different now and they're modifying their practices accordingly. Sixteen percent of the dentists responding reported increasing hours of operation and adding other services during the second quarter of 2009, up from 9.9% during the first quarter. More than one-fifth (20.6%) reported making cuts in areas including overhead during the second quarter, up from 18.7% during the first quarter of 2009. Many are changing practice hours (sometimes decreasing the number of days but increasing the number of hours per day), hiring associates to expand services or extend hours, doing more bread and butter dentistry, cutting staff hours, and fully utilizing assistants and hygienists. Other suggestions include additional training to increase scope of service, hiring an associate, adding operatories, or purchasing new technology.

High Percentage of Indians Have Never Visited a Dentist

(Indo-Asian News Service, IN – August 24)

<http://www.expressbuzz.com/edition/story.aspx?Title=67%+Indians+have+never+visited+a+dentist:+Survey&artid=W6sWlJ8m0fU=&SectionID=I2BV3V4tQCE=&MainSectionID=ngGbWGz5Z14=&SectionName=2cz5nrWdli4=&SEO=dentist>

Approximately 67% of Indians have never visited a dentist and 87% do not believe in visiting one unless there is a problem, a nationwide survey has revealed. The national Consumer Usage and Attitudes Survey indicates that dental problems in India are reflected in the low awareness levels and poor oral hygiene habits. According to the survey, 49% of the respondents associate dental problems with lifestyle related reasons such as "improper eating habits" and "not leading a healthy lifestyle". Almost half the respondents relate dental problems to lack of a daily oral care regimen such as "regular brushing at least twice a day".

Once in Check, Tooth Decay in Children Surges

(The Tennessean – August 22)

<http://tennessean.com/article/20090822/NEWS01/908220338/Once+in+check++tooth+decay+in+children+surges>

Health professionals and experts in pediatric dentistry are seeing an increase in the number of children with tooth decay and cavities. Dentists who focus on dental care for children say the use of fluoride, particularly added into tap water, helped prevent decay in children for several decades. But an explosion of people buying

and drinking bottled waters and sodas, plus more sugar being added to food, has allowed decay to make a strong return. "It's all the sweets, also the reason why kids are getting fatter," says Dr Edwin Hines, chairman of the department of pediatric dentistry at Meharry Medical College, who has seen more decay in young children since the 1980s. "Everyone is drinking sodas non stop. If you cut that out and you're real meticulous about cleaning and the fluoride, it will help a great deal.

Nearly 1 Million Teeth Pulled from British Children Last Year

(The Times Online, UK – August 20)

http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/life_and_style/health/article6802505.ece

Children have had nearly 1 million teeth pulled out in a year as sugary diets and poor dental care took its toll. The number of tooth extractions carried out on children aged 18 and younger has risen by 12% in 5 years, according to the NHS Information Centre. The figures support recent warnings that thousands of children are ending up in hospital because of their teeth, with many requiring a general anesthetic. Bad diets, poor brushing, and shortfalls in the provision of dental care have all been blamed for the sharp rise in teeth pulling brought on by dental caries, although there is concern that the overhaul of dental contracts 3 years ago to eliminate dentists being paid for the number of treatments is now resulting in under-treatment.

Laser Ultrasound Helps Determine Dental Health

(The Times of India – August 19)

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/health-science/science/Laser-ultrasound-helps-determine-dental-health/articleshow/4909388.cms>

Dentists can now size up the mineral content of tooth enamel non-invasively with the help of laser-generated ultrasound, says a new study appearing in the latest issue of *Optics Express*. This is the first time anyone has employed such a tool to find the elasticity of our teeth, besides assessing dental health and predicting tooth decay and cavities. According to co-author David Hsiao-Chuan Wang, "The ultimate goal is to come up with a quick, efficient, cost-effective, and non-destructive way to evaluate the mineralization of human dental enamel."

San Francisco Dentists Bring Back House Calls

(PR Web – August 18)

<http://www.prweb.com/releases/housecall/dentist/prweb2763054.htm>

Bay Area House Call Dentists (BAHCD), based in San Francisco's Laurel Heights neighborhood, has built a thriving practice around visiting their patients where they live. Patients may include a child with autism, a senior with Alzheimer's disease, or someone who's simply too scared to set foot in a dentist's office. These are people who regularly go without dental care, because their caretakers are unable to get them to a dentist, and because dental problems, unless accompanied by acute pain, often go diagnosed. During their house calls, BAHCD practitioners take x-rays, perform cleanings, identify gum disease, prescribe medicines, remove infected teeth, and determine effective courses for longer term comprehensive treatment where needed. This can save the caregiver a lot of anxiety and may mean the difference between receiving or foregoing comprehensive dental care for someone who can't or won't leave their home without difficulty.

Doctor Shortage Looms as Retirement Increases

(Jerusalem Post – August 18)

<http://www.jpost.com/servlet/Satellite?cid=1249418640306&pagename=JPost%2FJPostArticle%2FShowFull>

The latest Health Ministry report, "Manpower in the Health Professions" includes data not only on doctors but also nurses, dentists, psychologists, pharmacists, dental technicians, and optometrists. Last year, for example, 212 new dentistry licenses were awarded in Israel, with 36% of them going to women (a rate that has remained steady during the past decade). There are now 9656 licensed dentists, a number that has remained steady since the early 1990s. Two-fifth of Israeli dentists were born in Israel, compared to 40% born in Eastern Europe and 10% born in the Americas.

Dentists Urged to Take a Role in Identifying Children Suffering From Neglect

(Physorg.com – August 18)

<http://www.physorg.com/news169818231.html>

Dr Peter Sidebotham from the University of Warwick has co-authored a policy document on dental neglect in children for the British Society of Paediatric Dentistry. The document, thought to be the first of its kind in Europe, is the result of collaboration among the University of Warwick, University of Sheffield, and Leeds Dental

Institute and details the numerous factors that need to be taken into account when assessing a child with suspected dental neglect. Dental neglect is defined as the persistent failure to meet a child's basic oral health needs. Consequences can include severe pain, loss of sleep, and even reductions in body weight and growth. Because dental neglect can be indicative of a wider welfare picture of child neglect and abuse, the policy states that dentists should refer cases to child protection services if they have concerns.

Hands Up for Mobile Dental Unit

(Dentistry.co.uk – August 18)

http://www.dentistry.co.uk/news/news_detail.php?id=2165

Three schools in deprived areas of Scotland will benefit from once-a-week visits from a mobile dental unit. The dental unit will offer check-ups to school pupils, as well as fluoride varnishing. Information will also be given to children on what food and drink is bad for teeth, as well as help to find their own dentist. It is hoped it will improve the dental records of children who are less likely to attend for check-ups.

The Recession is Tough on Teeth

(Reuters – August 17)

<http://blogs.reuters.com/commentaries/2009/08/17/the-recession-is-tough-on-teeth>

The US economy isn't giving dentists many reasons to smile yet, an annual survey of the profession by JPMorgan has found. The survey found that 84% of dentists believed the economy was having a negative or strongly negative impact on their practices and 74% think the economy will continue to weigh on their businesses 12 months out. The survey talked to 100 dentists, representing similar numbers of endo, ortho and periodontists and other tooth doctors in 2008 and 2006.

AWARDS / FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

NIDCR Dentist Scientist Pathway to Independence Award

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-256.html>

The objective of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) Dentist-Scientist Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00) initiative is to assist dual degree DDS/DMD-PhD investigators in transitioning to a stable independent research position with the National Institutes of Health or other independent research funding. The transition from postdoctoral trainee to independent scientist can be challenging, particularly for dual degree dentist-scientists who may lack focused, mentored postdoctoral research experiences because of the demands of their dental and dental specialty training. The K99/R00 award will provide up to 7 years of support that consists of an initial mentored phase for 2 years, during which support will be provided to allow the candidate time to obtain mentored post-doctoral training, complete research, publish results, and bridge to an independent research position and up to 5 years of support to conduct research as an independent scientist at an extramural sponsoring institution/organization. NIDCR anticipates providing up to \$7.5 million (total costs) in funds for this program. Applications may be submitted to Grants.gov from September 12, 2009 through February 12, 2010.

NIH Request for Applications: Increasing the Service Life of Dental Resin Composites

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DE-10-004.html>

Photocurable composite materials are increasingly used for dental restorations; however, longevity and survival studies show that dental resin composites have an average replacement time of 5.7 years, with such failures mainly the result of secondary decay and fracture of the restoration. The primary objective of this initiative is to better understand how degradation due to either physical and environmental factors and/or the composition of dental resin composites interacting with the biofilm in the oral cavity facilitates the development of secondary decay, with a long-term goal of increasing the service life of dental resin composites. It is anticipated that 3 to 5 awards will be made, pending the number and quality of applications and availability of funds. Letters of Intent must be received by December 4, 2009, and applications are due by January 4, 2010.

New Online Research Portfolio Reporting Tool (RePORT) Available

<http://report.nih.gov/index.aspx>

The National Institutes of Health has a new Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool (RePORT) that provides quick and easy access to reports, data, and analyses of NIH research activities, including information on expenditures and the results of NIH-supported research. Several tools are available for searching the database and different filters can be applied to find information specific to a particular NIH Institute or Center, funding mechanism, or topic of interest.

AHRQ Soliciting Patient-Centered Medical Home Grant Applications

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HS-10-002.html>.

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) has announced a new grant funding opportunity for patient centered medical home (PCMH) practice transformation. Ten to 12 grants, totaling \$3.2 million, are for organizations that propose systematic studies of ongoing, successful efforts that focus on whole practice redesign. AHRQ is looking for proposals demonstrating that practice transformation into a PCMH has produced quantifiable changes in process and outcome measures. An informational conference call for interested parties is scheduled for Sept. 25.

RWJF Community Health Leaders Call for Applications

<http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=20902>

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Community Health Leaders (CHL) program honors 10 outstanding and otherwise unrecognized individuals who overcame daunting odds to improve health and health care, especially to underserved populations in communities across the United States. The program aims to elevate the work of these unsung heroes through enhanced recognition, technical assistance, and new leadership opportunities. The application deadline is October 15, 2009. Refer to the Web site for more information or to apply.

The Impact of the Federal Stimulus Funds on Oral Health Services in California

<http://www.chcf.org/topics/view.cfm?itemID=134054>

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) provides financial incentives for oral health care providers who adopt a certified electronic health record. The new CHCF fact sheet provides more information about these programs, including incentive payments under Medi-Cal that will reimburse up to \$63,750 per full-time equivalent dentist over a 5-year period. To be eligible, dentists must have at least 30% of their patient volume attributable to Medicaid patients. For dentists who practice primarily in federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) or rural health centers, at least 30% of their patient volume must be attributable to "needy individuals." These include Medicaid and Child Health Plus recipients, as well as patients who receive free or reduced-price care based on income. Other topics addressed in the fact sheet include incentive payments, electronic health records loan program, scholarships and other funding for dental education and training, Medi-Cal support, prevention and wellness funding, dental research funding, and FQHC funding. The application period for loans funded by the ARRA's \$200 million began June 5, 2009, and ends September 30, 2010, or when all funds have been expended.

NIH Loan Repayment Programs - Apply Now for 2010 Contracts

<http://www.lrp.nih.gov>

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) repays outstanding student loans through its extramural Loan Repayment Programs (LRPs). The LRPs target researchers who are or will be conducting nonprofit biomedical or behavioral research, and the application cycle opens September 1. The 5 extramural LRPs are Clinical Research, Pediatric Research, Health Disparities Research, Contraception and Infertility Research, and Clinical Research for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds. Applications will be accepted online until 8:00 p.m. Eastern time on December 1, 2009. Applicants must possess a doctoral-level degree (with the exception of the Contraception and Infertility Research LRP); be a US citizen, national, or permanent resident; devote 20 hours or more per week to conducting qualified research funded by a university, nonprofit organization, or federal, state, or local government entity; and have qualified educational loan debt equal to or exceeding 20 percent of their institutional base salary.

HHS Secretary Announces \$25.7 Million in Grants to Expand, Improve Health Center Services

<http://www.dhhs.gov/news/press/2009pres/08/20090823a.html>

Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced more than \$25.7 million in grants to increase and improve health and support services at the nation's health centers. A total of 180 grants worth more than \$21.9 million will give existing health centers the funds to add or increase mental health/substance abuse, enabling (ie, outreach, transportation, case management services), oral health, or pharmacy services. Additionally, 48 planning grants totaling more than \$3.8 million will be distributed to organizations in hard hit areas that do not have health centers to help them develop new service delivery sites. More information about the 2009 grant awards is available on the HHS Web site.

TRAINING AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Recruiting Participants for the ADA Evidence Reviewer Workshop (November 19-20 at Louisiana State University)

<http://ebd.ada.org/Volunteer.aspx>

The ADA is recruiting participants for the ADA Evidence Reviewer Program to write 1-page critical summaries of systematic reviews on dental and oral health care topics. Evidence reviewers will have the opportunity to review state-of-the-art information on key clinical issues, enrich themselves professionally, and achieve authorship recognition for each critical summary that they write. The critical summaries will be published on the ADA's EBD Web site and may also be selected for publication in *The Journal of the American Dental Association*. Selected evidence reviewers will attend a 2-day workshop on November 19 and 20 at Louisiana State University. Participating dentists will receive continuing education credit for attending the workshop and for each critical summary that they write. If admitted to the programs, individuals are expected to write 10 critical summaries over a 2-year period.

Risk Management for Dental Providers Webcast

<http://www.cdnetwork.org/NewCDN/LibraryView.aspx?ID=cdn514>

Whenever a dental provider performs procedures on a patient, there are risks involved. Risk Management is the technique of determining, minimizing and preventing accidental loss in a business and of ensuring patients' health. Complete risk management for dental practices includes taking appropriate safety measures, maintaining proper documentation, acting in a professional manner, working in your defined scope of competency and proficiency and having appropriate levels of malpractice coverage. Through this presentation, participants will learn the system of the Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA), how to avoid risks, and how to address claims. The Webcast is approximately 1 hour and 19 minutes long, and a total of 1.25 CME credits is available.

New Distance Learning Curriculum for School-Based Dental Sealant Programs

<http://ohiodentalclinics.com>

A 2-hour, 5 module distance learning curriculum on school-based dental sealant programs is now available! Included are chapters on infection control, tooth surface assessment and selection, materials and application techniques, and operating effective programs. The curriculum was prepared by Ruth Barzel, MA, and Katrina Holt, MPH, MS, RD, National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center at Georgetown University, with assistance from Mark Siegal, DDS, MPH, at the Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Oral Health Services.

Protecting All Children's Teeth (PACT): A Pediatric Oral Health Training Program

<http://www.aap.org/oralhealth/pact.cfm>

The Oral Health Initiative is pleased to announce the launch of Protecting All Children's Teeth (PACT): A Pediatric Oral Health Training Program! This 13-chapter module aims to educate pediatricians, pediatricians in training, and others interested in infant, child, and adolescent health about the important role oral health plays in the overall health of patients. PACT features topics such as dental development, fluoride, and oral injury and includes interactive tools such as roll-over definitions, chapter photo galleries, and self-assessment pages. The American Academy of Pediatrics is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The AAP designates this educational activity for a maximum of 11.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the

extent of their participation in the activity. This training is also available through AAP Practice Management Online at <http://practice.aap.org/content.aspx?aid=2328>.

CONFERENCES

Moving Into the Future – New Dimensions and Strategies for Women’s Health Research for the National Institutes of Health *(Sept 21-23)*

Women & Infants Hospital – Providence, RI

http://orwh.od.nih.gov/news/Brown%20meeting_flyer_RI_508.8.12.09.pdf

American College of Dentists Meeting & Convocation *(Sept 30–Oct 1)*

Sheraton Waikiki Hotel - Honolulu, HI

<http://acd.org/upcoming.htm>

American Dental Association’s 150th Annual Session *(Sept 30 – Oct 4)*

Hawaii Convention Center – Honolulu, HI

<http://www.ada.org/prof/events/session/index.asp>

American Dental Assistants Association Annual Session *(Sept 30 – Oct 4)*

Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa – Honolulu, HI

<http://www.dentalassistant.org>

3rd International Symposium on the Oral-Systemic Health Connection in Children *(October 9)*

North Pointe Conference Center – Columbus, OH

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

Fourth Annual Institute for Oral Health Conference: Defining Quality Oral Health Care *(Oct 15-16)*

Hotel Valencia – San Jose, CA

<http://quest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=5c135ee7-d109-4fd5-be06-94bd2494426a>

American Academy of Pediatrics National Conference and Exhibition *(Oct 17-21)*

Washington Convention Center—Washington, DC

<http://www.aapexperience.org/>

Oral Health Sessions offered at the 2009 NCE include:

- 10/19 4-5:30 pm: Medical/Dental Efforts (C Czerepak, DDS; Giusy Romano-Clarke, MD)
- 10/20 7-8:00 am: Meet the Expert (Adriana Segura, DDS)
- 10/20 8:30-10 am: Medical/Dental Efforts (Rama Oskouian, DMD; Giusy Romano-Clarke, MD)

ADEA Fall 2009 Meetings *(Oct 21-24)*

Hilton Anatole – Dallas, TX

<http://www.adea.org/events/Pages/Fall2009Meetings.aspx>

17th Annual Meeting of the Hispanic Dental Association *(Oct 22-24)*

Hilton Americas – Houston, TX

http://www.hdassoc.org/site/epage/25547_351.htm

ACE Symposium on Periodontics & Systemic Health *(November 12-14)*

Hyatt Regency Resort & Spa at Gainey Ranch – Scottsdale, AZ

<http://www.acescottsdale2009.com>

RESOURCES

ADA Helps Members Comply With HHS Rule

<http://www.ada.org/prof/resources/pubs/adanews/adanewsarticle.asp?articleid=3724>

ADA guidance to help dentists comply with the Department of Health and Human Service's interim final rule effective this month is now available for ADA members. The rule regulates when and how dentists must notify patients if their health care information has been exposed in a security breach. The Council on Dental Practice says the guidance can assist dentists in understanding the steps required to comply if a breach occurs. The question-and-answer formatted resources for the dentist and dental office staff determine applicability of the new rules in a number of scenarios. Its guidance will also assist members and employees who have questions about their current security needs, including encryption. Also included is a discussion of proper media and records disposal for breach notification compliance.

The Oral Health Atlas - Mapping a Neglected Global Health Issue

<http://www.oralhealthatlas.org>

Despite its importance for individuals and health systems, oral health is still a neglected area of both national and international health. The Oral Health Atlas highlights the extent of the problem and suggests realistic individual and population-wide solutions through a combination of short texts, full-color maps, and graphics. A wide range of topics is addressed, including dental decay and other major oral diseases, major risk factors for oral diseases, oral health workforce, treatment and care, prevention, and strategies for addressing global disease burden. An extensive World Table with key health and oral health indicators for most countries of the world is also available as a free download.

Delta Dental Launches Oral Health and Wellness Portal

<http://oralhealth.deltadental.com>

Delta Dental has launched a new, 400-article Oral Health and Wellness portal. To make manual browsing easier, the articles are grouped into 3 main categories: Pediatric Oral Health, Adult Oral Health, and Oral Cancer. Each category is divided into subsections such as Oral Safety, Medical Conditions and Oral Health, Diagnosis of Oral Cancer, Alternative Therapies for Dental Anxiety, and Nutrition and Oral Health. A search function is also available to identify which of the 400 articles contains the necessary information you seek. All articles are vetted by Delta Dental Plans Association's National Scientific Advisory Committee. Delta Dental enrollment is not required to take advantage of this information.

New Edition of Knowledge Path About Children With Special Health Care Needs

http://www.mchlibrary.info/KnowledgePaths/kp_cshcn.html

This electronic guide to resources analyzes data, describes effective programs, and reports on policy and research aimed at developing systems of care for children and youth with special health care needs that are family-centered, community-based, coordinated, and culturally competent. The new edition of the knowledge path, produced by the Maternal and Child Health Library at Georgetown University, contains information on Web sites, publications, databases, and social media for health professionals, program administrators, policymakers, educators, researchers, and families. Separate sections address specific aspects of care and development, such as early intervention and education, financing services, rehabilitation, screening, and transition. A section on oral health is also available.

New Social Network Website for Dental Professionals

(PR Web – September 8)

<http://www.dentoris.com>

Dentoris, a newly launched social network Web site, brings the world of dentistry together for referrals, the sharing of information, and peer collaboration, while also serving as a central point for gaining insight through current news, case studies, and more in the field of dentistry. The site works like other social networking sites, except that it caters to members with a professional affiliation to dentistry.

New Oral Health and the Aboriginal Child Web Site

<http://oralhealth.circumpolarhealth.org>

The Oral Health and the Aboriginal Child: Knowledge Transfer Site provides a home for resources, teaching tools, program information, and research articles on oral health and the Aboriginal child. This venture is a result of the Oral Health and the Aboriginal Child forum that took place in Winnipeg, Canada, in June 2007. One outcome of the forum was a compilation of resources related to improving oral health in Aboriginal children from various organizations and the development of a clearinghouse to enable access to these specific resources.

The US Oral Health Workforce in the Coming Decade - Workshop Summary

<http://www.iom.edu/CMS/3809/55302/71993.aspx>

This summary from the Institute of Medicine (IOM) workshop states that “the current oral health workforce fails to meet the needs of many segments of the US population.” Oral health experts and researchers, by way of presentations on oral health needs and workforce trends, focused on 3 main areas: 1) the current status of access to oral health services; 2) which workforce strategies hold promise to improve access; and 3) how stakeholders can improve the regulations and structure of oral health care delivery to improve access. Their conclusions led the IOM to state that a “variability in access to oral health services ... often related to geography, insurance status, sociodemographic characteristics, and income levels...” creates many challenges. Those challenges include: a lack of coordination and integration among the oral health, public health, and medical health care systems; misaligned payment and education systems that focus on treatment of disease rather than prevention; the lack of a robust evidence base for many dental procedures and workforce models; and regulatory barriers that prevent the exploration of alternative models of care.

New Dental and Orthodontic Blog

<http://dentalcorp.com/dental>

Dental Corporation of America has launched a new dental and orthodontic blog. The blog will encompass news and trends within the dental and orthodontic industries and offer users the opportunity to interact through blog commenting and posting.

The Dental Home: Summary from an MCHB Expert Meeting

<http://www.mchoralhealth.org>

Health professionals and the lay community often use the term “dental home,” yet there is no widely accepted definition. To address this issue, the Health Resources and Services Administration’s Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) convened a meeting of experts representing federal, national, state, and local leaders on September 18–19, 2008, in Washington, DC, to explore the concept of the dental home as it relates to the MCHB’s philosophy and goals; to explore relationships between the medical home and dental home concepts; and to collect information about defining and establishing dental homes and identify promising practices and programs for implementing dental homes. Both a summary report and presentation of this meeting are available in PDF format on the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center Web site.

Oral Health Education Curriculum for K-12 Students

<http://www.dhss.mo.gov/oralhealth>

The State of Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services provides oral health PowerPoint presentations for kindergarteners to high school seniors. These presentations are available for free download and can be used by school health nurses or teachers and other health care or child care professionals in conjunction with their health curriculum. Presentations are available in English and Spanish. Adaptations for Native American populations are also available at <http://www.nappr.org/services-resources/dental/resources/index.php>. (The presentations were reproduced with permission from the State of Missouri Department of Health).

Oral Health and Learning – When Children’s Oral Health Suffers, So Does Their Ability to Learn

<http://www.mchoralhealth.org/PDFs/Learningfactsheet.pdf>

This fact sheet from the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center provides information about lost school time and restricted activity days, oral health and learning, nutrition, and programs for improving oral health.

New Publications Available to ADA Members

http://www.ada.org/ada/prod/survey/publications_freereports.asp#economic

The American Dental Association is pleased to offer the following selection of Survey and Economic Research on Dentistry publications available to download free of charge, as a benefit to ADA members.

- Economic Confidence Surveys
- Survey of Dental Practice Series
- Survey of Dental Fees
- Survey of Dental Services Rendered
- Distribution of Dentists
- Survey of Dental Graduates
- Survey of Current Issues in Dentistry Series
- Survey on the Use of Dental Labs (NEW!)
- Survey of Legal Provisions Delegating Intraoral Functions to Chairside Assistants and Dental Hygienists
- Key Dental Facts
- Consumer Price Index for Dental Services
- National Peer Review Reporting System Survey

Expanded Medical Expenditure Panel Survey Data Now Available

<http://drc.hhs.gov/dqs.htm>

The Dental, Oral and Craniofacial Data Resource Center has recently expanded the Data Query System to include additional years of the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS) data for key oral health indicators. The years 1996-2006 are now available to be used to create a customized query to produce reliable national statistics. MEPS, conducted by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, is a set of large-scale surveys of families and individuals, their medical providers, and employers across the United States. For more information please contact Pamela Martinez, MLS, at oralhealthdrc@ngc.com.

JOURNALS

Access (*August 2009*)

<http://adha.org/publications/index.html>

American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics (*Volume 136, Issue 2, August 2009*)

<http://journals.elsevierhealth.com/periodicals/yomod/current>

American Journal of Public Health (*Volume 99, Issue 9; September 2009*)

<http://www.ajph.org/current.shtml>

Archives of Disease in Childhood (*Volume 94, Number 9, September 2009*)

<http://adc.bmj.com/current.dtl>

Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine (*Volume 163, Number 9, September 2009*)

<http://archpedi.ama-assn.org/>

Australian Dental Journal (*Volume 54, Issue 3, September 2009*)

<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/118902577/home?CRETRY=1&SRETRY=0>

Articles of interest:

- *Erosion and Remineralization*
- *Models for Individual Oral Health Promotion and Their Effectiveness: A Systematic Review*
- *Alignment of Transposed Mandibular Lateral Incisor and Canine Using Removable Appliances*

British Dental Journal (Volume 207, Number 5; September 2009)

<http://www.nature.com/bdj/index.html>

Articles of interest:

- *Oral Health Month Launched*
- *British Society of Paediatric Dentistry: A Policy Document on Dental Neglect in Children*
- *Nutrition and Health: Guidelines for Dental Practitioners*
- *Incidence of Symptoms in Previously Symptom-free Impacted Lower Third Molars Assessed in General Dental Practice*

British Medical Journal (Volume 339, Number 7720)

<http://www.bmj.com/current.dtl>

Clinical Pediatrics (Vol 48, No 7, September 2009)

<http://cpj.sagepub.com/current.dtl>

Articles of interest:

- *The Influence of Pediatric Resident Counseling on Limiting Sugar-Sweetened Drinks in Children*

Community Dental Health (Volume 26, Issue 3, September 2009)

http://www.cdjournal.org/view.php?journal_id=23

Articles of interest:

- *The Prevalence and Severity of Dental Fluorosis in the High and Low Altitude Parts of Central Plateau, Nigeria*
- *Prevalence of Enamel Defects Related to Pre-, Peri- and Postnatal Factors in a Brazilian population*
- *Predicting Relative Need for Urgent Dental Care*
- *Opportunities and Challenges to Promoting Oral Health in Primary Schools*

Community Dentistry and Oral Epidemiology (Volume 37, Issue 4, August 2009)

<http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/loi/COM>

Contemporary Pediatrics (August 2009)

<http://contemporarypediatrics.modernmedicine.com/contpeds/issue/issueDetail.jsp?id=17832>

Dental Economics (Volume 99, Issue 8; August 2009)

<http://www.dentaleconomics.com/issue/toc.html>

Dental Traumatology (Volume 25, Issue 5, October 2009)

<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/118537215/home?CRETRY=1&SRETRY=0>

Articles of interest:

- *Effects of Severe Dentoalveolar Trauma on the Quality-of-Life of Children and Parents*
- *Traumatic Dental Injuries in Children With Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder*
- *Knowledge of Teachers and Students in Physical Education's Faculties Regarding First-aid Measures for Tooth Avulsion and Replantation*
- *Factors Associated with Traumatic Dental Injuries Among 12-year-old Schoolchildren in South India*
- *Relationship Between Traumatic Dental Injuries and Obesity in Brazilian Schoolchildren*
- *Longitudinal Clinical and Radiographic Evaluation of Severely Intruded Permanent Incisors in a Pediatric Population*
- *Temporary Management of Permanent Central Incisors Loss Caused by Trauma in Primary Dentition with Natural Crowns: A Case Report*
- *Traumatic Lesions from Congenital Insensitivity to Pain with Anhidrosis in a Pediatric Patient: Dental Management*

Dentomaxillofacial Radiology (Volume 38, Issue 6, September 2009)

<http://dmfr.birjournals.org/current.shtml>

Articles of interest:

- *Dental Magnetic Resonance Imaging: Study of Impacted Mandibular Third Molars*

Dutch Journal of Dentistry (Volume 116, Number 8; August 2009)

<http://english.ntvt.nl>

Articles of interest:

- *Correlations Between the Presence of a Mesiodens and Position Abnormalities, Diastemas, and Eruption Disturbances of Maxillary Frontal Teeth*
- *The Restorative Care Index in Children 2 - Factors Concerning the Dentist*
- *Dental Caries - Which Strategy Suits Whom?*

General Dentistry (Volume 57, Number 5, September/October 2009)

<http://www.agd.org/publications/issue/?PubID=17>

Articles of interest:

- *Periodontal Treatment With a Low-Level Diode Laser: Clinical Findings*
- *Prevalence of Oral Lesions in the Dental Office*

ICAN: Infant, Child & Adolescent Nutrition (Vol 1, No 4, August 2009)

<http://can.sagepub.com/content/vol1/issue4>

Articles of interest:

- *Simple, Effective—and Inexpensive— Strategies to Reduce Tooth Decay in Children*

International Dental Journal (Volume 59, Issue 4, August 2009)

<http://www.idjonline.org>

International Journal of Dental Hygiene (Volume 7, Issue 3, August 2009)

<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/118537311/home>

Articles of interest:

- *Oral Health Education for Schoolchildren: A Qualitative Study of Dental Care Professionals' View of Knowledge and Learning*
- *Oral Health Education in Schools: Promoting Health Agents*

International Journal of Paediatric Dentistry (Volume 19, Issue 5, September 2009)

<http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/loi/ipd>

Articles of interest:

- *Influence of Psychosocial Factors on the Development of Sleep Bruxism Among Children*
- *The In Vitro Erosive Potential of a Range of Baby Drinks*
- *Has Urbanization Become a Risk Factor for Dental Caries in Kerala, India: A Cross-sectional Study of Children Aged 6 and 12 years*
- *Anticipatory Anxiety in Children Visiting the Dentist: Lack of Effect of Preparatory Information*
- *Oral Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis in Malaysian Children: A 40-year Experience*
- *Peer Teaching Pilot Program for Caries Prevention in Underprivileged and Migrant Populations*
- *Pain Assessment by Children and Adolescents During Intraosseous Anesthesia Using a Computerized System (QuickSleeper™)*
- *Dental Age Assessment: A Comparison of 4- to 24-Year-Olds in the United Kingdom and an Australian Population*

Journal of the American Dental Association (Volume 140, Issue 9; September 2009)

<http://jada.ada.org/current.dtl>

Articles of interest:

- *The Effect of Salivary Factors on Dental Erosion in Various Age Groups and Tooth Surfaces*
- *Dental Care Utilization and Expenditures in Children With Special Health Care Needs*

Journal of Contemporary Dental Practice (Volume 10, Number 4, July 2009)

<http://www.thejcdp.com/issue047/index.htm>

Journal of Dental Education (*Volume 73, Issue 9; September 2009*)
<http://www.jdentaled.org/current.shtml>

Journal of Dental Research (*Volume 88, Number 8; August 2009*)
<http://jdr.sagepub.com/current.dtl>

Journal of Endodontics (*Volume 35, Number 9, September 2009*)
<http://www.jendodon.com>

Journal of Evidence Based Dental Practice
<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/issue/12976-2009-999909997-1197067>

Journal of Periodontology (*Volume 80, Number 9; September 2009*)
<http://www.joonline.org/toc/jop/80/8>

Journal of Public Health Dentistry
<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/118502703/home>

Journal of the Canadian Dental Association (*Volume 75, Number 7, September 2009*)
<http://www.cda-adc.ca/jcda/vol-75/issue-7/index.html>

Articles of interest:

- *Time to Improve Access to Oral Health Care for Persons with Special Needs*
- *Oral Manifestations of Vitamin B12 Deficiency: A Case Report*

New England Journal of Medicine (*Volume 361, Number 11, September 2009*)
<http://content.nejm.org/current.dtl>

Oral Diseases (*Volume 15, Issue 6, September 2009*)
<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/118545009/home?CRETRY=1&SRETRY=0>

Articles of interest:

- *Nutrition and Health: Guidelines for Dental Practitioners*
- *A Pilot Study of the Association Between Cariogenic Oral Bacteria and Preterm Birth*

Oral Health (*August 2009*)
http://www.oralhealthjournal.com/issues/table_of_contents.asp?issue=08012009&RTtype=&PC

Pediatric Dentistry
<http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/aapd/pd/2009/00000031/00000003>

Pediatrics (*Volume 124, Issue 3; September 2009*)
<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/current.dtl>

Pediatrics in Review (*Volume 30, Number 9, September 2009*)
<http://pedsinreview.aappublications.org/current.dtl>

Pediatric News (*Volume 43, Issue 8; August 2009*)
<http://www.epediatricnews.com/current>

RDH Magazine (*Volume 29, Issue 8; August 2009*)
<http://www.rdhmag.com/issue/toc.html>

ONLINE NEWSLETTERS

ADA News Today
<http://www.ada.org/prof/resources/pubs/adanews/index.asp>

Erie Family Health Center Newsletter (August 2009)

<http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs054/1102233611976/archive/1102677066589.html>

MCH Alert – Maternal & Child Health Library

<http://www.mchlibrary.info/alert/2009/alert090409.html>

News from NIDCR – National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (September 2009)

<http://www.nidcr.nih.gov/NewsAndFeatures/ENewsletters/CurrentNews>

Articles of interest:

- *Possible Biomarkers for Root Resorption in People with Braces*
- *Researchers Test Circuits Underlying Salivary Gland Development*
- *Xylitol Syrup Helps to Prevent Childhood Tooth Decay*

NNOHA News – National Network for Oral Health Access (August 2009)

<http://www.nnoha.org>

Articles of interest:

- *Improving Children's Oral Health Through Prenatal Treatment and Education*
- *Primary Caries Prevention Intervention (PCPI) as Part of Well/III-Child Care*
- *HER Becoming More Prevalent, But Oral Health Still Not Integrated*

Oral Health Alert: Focus on Head Start

<http://www.mchoralhealth.org/alert/2009/ohalert0809.html>

Articles of interest:

- *The Dental Home: Summary from an MCHB Expert Meeting*
- *Environmental Factors in Implementing the Dental Home for All Young Children*
- *Improving Perinatal Oral Health: Moving Forward – An Expert Meeting, Meeting Summary Report*
- *Increased Children's Access to Fluoride Varnish Treatment by Involving Medical Care Providers: Effect of a Medicaid Policy Change*
- *Simple, Effective—and Inexpensive—Strategies to Reduce Tooth Decay in Children*
- *Xylitol Pediatric Topical Oral Syrup to Prevent Dental Caries: A Double-Blinded Randomized Clinical Trial of Efficacy*

Oral Health America e-Newsletter (August 2009)

<http://oralhealthamerica.org/enewsAug09.html>

Update – Friends of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (September 2009)

<http://www.fnidcr.org/newsletters/Sep09News.html>

OPPORTUNITIES



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

National Listings

Indian Health Service

Indian Health Service (IHS) has vacancies in facilities large and small in some of the most beautiful areas of the United States. Whether you choose the Commissioned Corps, Civil Service, or direct Tribal hire career path, IHS has a position that will meet your specific needs for opportunity, adventure, and purpose. There are currently 70 vacancies—64 available now. Access an unofficial listing of vacancies open or soon to be open online at <http://www.dentist.ihs.gov/index.cfm?module=vacancies>.

National Network for Oral Health Access (NNOHA) Job Listings

The NNOHA Web site lists health center dental openings throughout the United States. The job list is available at http://nnohajobbank.com/NNOHA%20Logon/Job_List.aspx.

State Listings

Boston, MA—*Director of Dental Services (MassHealth)*

The Director of Dental Services is a full-time key policy-making position in the Office of Medicaid. The Dental Director shall oversee the MassHealth dental program within the MassHealth Office of Acute and Ambulatory Care (OAAC) and work in collaboration with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Office of Oral Health on dental public health programs. The Dental Director shall also work to increase access and work on oral health prevention activities and other initiatives to address oral health disparities, including but not limited to workforce shortages. The Dental Director must be a Massachusetts-licensed dentist with public health experience. The Dental Director will report directly to the Director of the MassHealth Office of Clinical Affairs and indirectly to the Deputy Assistant Commissioner for the OAAC. The Dental Director will be an important representative of and spokesperson for the MassHealth dental program, participate on various committees, and provide outreach to dentists in the Commonwealth. The Dental Director will lead the MassHealth Dental Advisory Committee, chair applicable joint committees, and consult with the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy regarding dental rate development. Frequent travel throughout Massachusetts and occasional evening hours for board meetings are required. More information and a link to apply online are available at https://www.jobs-umassmed.org/umm/jobboard/JobDetails.aspx?_ID=*C34CD1B14930B825.

Chicago, IL—*Project Manager, Dental Team Activities & Publications (American Dental Association)*

This position's main responsibilities include providing support and technical expertise to the Council in carrying out its Bylaws responsibilities related to dental practice management, publications and dental team issues; planning, managing, and overseeing select Council on Dental Practice (CDP) subcommittee projects, the Dental Team Advisory Panel; writing Council, Board of Trustee, and House of Delegates reports and implementing select Council actions; creating and developing CDP practice management publications, articles, and internet resources, as well as providing expert review of practice management publications as requested by other internal and external agencies; providing expert advice and responding to inquiries from members about issues related to dental practice management and dental team issues; managing the liaison activity of the Council with the national dental hygiene, dental assisting, and dental laboratory industry associations; and working with the Council on ADA Sessions in planning of the Team Building Conference/Series held annually at the ADA Annual Session. More information about the job, including a link to the online application, is available at https://pserprd.ada.org/psp/HRPRD849E/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/HRS_HRAM.HRS_CE.GBL?Page=HRS_CE_HM_PRE&Action=A&SiteId=1.

El Paso, TX—*Public Health Dentists*

Reporting to the Senior Public Health Dentist, this position provides professional chair side dental services to El Paso County residents from ages 1 to 21, both in the Public Health Department's Rawlings Dental Clinic and in 3 Mobile Dental Clinics, which operate at schools throughout El Paso County. Important aspects of the Dental staff's responsibilities are Oral Health Education and related preventive services. Responsibilities of this position include restorative and surgical services, preventive services to include prophylaxis, topical fluoride, oral hygienic instruction, diet instruction and sealant placement, and the interpretation of radiological survey of oral structures and tissues. The Public Health Dentist also completes required documentation of treatments and patient assessments and ensures compliance with guidelines related to infection control, radiation safety, hazardous chemicals and other policies and regulations as promulgated by the El Paso Public Health Department and/or Texas State Board of Dental Examiners. The position is open until filled. Qualified candidates please submit your resume online at <http://www.watersconsulting.com/recruitment>.

Flagstaff, AZ—*Dental Hygiene Assistant Clinical Professor Positions (Northern Arizona University)*

Northern Arizona University has 2 positions open for Assistant Clinical Professor. One position is located in Keams Canyon, AZ, with weekly travel between Keams Canyon and Flagstaff required. The second position is a 9-month clinical position located in Phoenix. Both positions will remain open until filled. To learn more, visit the Faculty and Administrator Openings Web page at <http://hr.nau.edu/m/content/view/796/549>.

Hartford, CT—*Multiple Positions (Connecticut Oral Health Initiative)*

The Connecticut Oral Health Initiative is seeking qualified applicants for the positions of Advocacy Director, Development Coordinator, and Administrative Assistant. For more information about the available positions, refer to the Connecticut Oral Health Initiative's Web site at <http://www.ctoralhealth.org>. To apply, e-mail a cover letter and resume (PDF or Word files only) to the Connecticut Oral Health Initiative at lisar@ctoralhealth.org.

Indianapolis, IN—*Various academic positions (Indiana University)*

Numerous dental health positions are listed at http://www.iupui.edu/~oeo/academicjobs/acad_jobs.htm.

Available jobs include:

- *Dean, School of Dentistry*
- *Visiting Assistant Professor/Department of Preventive and Community Dentistry*
- *School of Dentistry Assistant/Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion*
- *Assistant Professor, Department of Endodontics*
- *Assistant Professor, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery*

Lincoln, NE—*Dental Health Director (Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services)*

This position provides overall management and leadership in the strategic design, analysis, and development of improved dental health care. Responsibilities include providing information on policies and programs that can improve oral health; represent the office to external stakeholders, including public and private organizations, providers, and the general public; building both state and national visibility for Nebraska's oral health initiatives through participation on various leadership committees, conference attendance, submissions to national publications, and networking; and working with communities, review scientific literature and determine the oral health evidence base for policy recommendations. The position is open until filled. Apply online at <http://www.statejobs.nebraska.gov>.

Minneapolis, MN—*Various academic positions (University of Minnesota)*

Numerous dental health positions are listed at <http://www.dentistry.umn.edu/employment/home.html>. Available jobs include:

- *Associate Dean for Clinic Administration and Patient Care*
- *Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Faculty*
- *Research and Post-Doctoral Associates*
- *Director, Dental Therapy Program*
- *Endodontics Faculty*
- *Post Doctoral Associates*

Morgantown, WV—*Assistant/Associate Professor, Division of Pediatric Dentistry (West Virginia University School of Dentistry)*

Responsibilities include course development and clinical instruction for predoctoral training, patient care, and scholarly activity. There may also be future involvement in postdoctoral training with the potential of a pediatric dental residency program. Candidates must have a DDS or DMD degree from an accredited US or Canadian dental school or foreign equivalent, be board certified or board eligible in pediatric dentistry, and be eligible for a West Virginia License. Prior academic and/or private practice experience is desirable. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Salary and academic rank will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest; current CV; and the names, addresses, and phone numbers of 3 references to Dr Elliot Shulman, Chair, Search Committee, West Virginia University School of Dentistry, PO Box 9485, Morgantown, WV, 26506-9485. More information about the position is available online at <http://www.hsc.wvu.edu/sod/employment/faculty/index.html>. A full-time position as Chair of the Department of Endodontics is also available.

San Francisco, CA—*Professor and Chair, Department of Preventive and Restorative Dental Sciences and Leland A & Gladys K Barber Distinguished Professorship in Dentistry (University of California, San Francisco School of Dentistry)*

The University of California, San Francisco School of Dentistry invites applications and nominations for the position as Chair of the Department of Preventive and Restorative Dental Sciences. Strong departmental research programs in behavioral sciences, epidemiology, biomaterials/bioengineering, lasers, and caries are

related to the department's clinical responsibilities. The successful candidate will hold a Leland A and Gladys K Barber Distinguished Professorship in Dentistry and will take a strong leadership role in the teaching, research, patient care, and service missions of the department and school while being responsible for overall strategic planning and management of the department. UCSF seeks candidates whose experience, teaching, research, or community service has prepared them to contribute to UCSF's commitment to diversity and excellence. Applicants should e-mail a letter of interest and curriculum vitae plus the names and addresses of 3 references to Peter B Sargent, PhD, Chair, PRDS Search Committee at peter.sargent@ucsf.edu or mail to UCSF School of Dentistry, Box 0640, 521 Parnassus St, Room C-734, San Francisco, CA, 94143-0640. More information about the position is available online at http://www.norcalherc.org/c/job.cfm?t3169=&keywords=D-229&site_id=730&page=1&sort=relevance,date_&jb=5534818.

San Francisco, CA—Multiple Positions (University of California, San Francisco School of Dentistry)

The University of California, San Francisco School of Dentistry is seeking faculty members in the Department of Preventive and Restorative Dental Sciences, Division of Oral Epidemiology and Dental Public Health and the Center for Health Professionals, with a joint appointment in the School of Nursing, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences. A biostatistician and pediatric dentist/cariologist are also needed. Learn more at http://www.norcalherc.org/c/search_results.cfm?site_id=730&page=1&keywords=school+of+dentistry&t3169.

International Listings

Dental Volunteers Sought for Caribbean, Latin American Missions

Hope for A Healthier Humanity, a charitable organization that provides medical and dental care and education in the Caribbean and Latin America, seeks dentist volunteers for three dental brigades in 2009. Mission trips are set for Aug. 16-21 to Honduras, Sept. 13-17 to the Dominican Republic and Oct. 18-22 to Panama. For more information, contact Dr. A. Stanley Kosan, HHH co-founder and chairman, by calling 718/966-4750 or 917/689-5830; by e-mail at hopeforahealthierhumanity@gmail.com. The Web site is www.hopeforahealthierhumanity.org. For information about other international dental volunteer opportunities contact the ADA Division of Global Affairs at 312/440-2726 or international@ada.org.

Sydney, Australia—Professor and Dean of Dentistry (University of Sydney)

The Dean is responsible for the general management of the faculty, providing leadership and support for all research, teaching and learning activities provided by the Faculty, overseeing the finances of the Faculty, and for the overall supervision of its staff. The successful applicant will be a distinguished scholar and researcher of international standing in a field of knowledge or clinical discipline within Dentistry, and have a breadth of interests and sympathy for other research interests represented in the faculty. In addition, he/she will demonstrate a capacity for high-level academic leadership, strategic vision and planning at a senior level; a capacity for practical and supportive administration, good financial management, and clear decision-making; and a record of success in fund raising through partnerships with alumni and external parties. The new Dean will be expected to actively contribute to its work and participate in University-wide projects. An information brochure can be obtained from Kevin Mitchell, Senior Recruitment Manager at (+61 2) 9036 7294 or srsacademic@usyd.edu.au. More information is available online at <http://tinyurl.com/dentistrydean>.

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