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## The American Academy of Pediatrics Launches Newly Designed Oral Health Web Site

The American Academy of Pediatrics is pleased to announce the launch the newly designed Oral Health Web site! The new layout incorporates information from the old Web site while adding enhanced features such as state listings and resource pages specifically for practicing clinicians, professionals in training, and families. Be sure to check out our new drop-down menus, the Fluoride Reimbursement page, and information about the Chapter Oral Health Advocates Project and the Chapter Advocate Oral Health Training. Additional enhancements are planned for 2009. Access the site at: [www.aap.org/oralhealth](http://www.aap.org/oralhealth).

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Children's Dental Health Month Resource**

The National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center (OHRC) in collaboration with the Maternal and Child Health Library at Georgetown University released a new edition of the knowledge path about oral health for infants, children, adolescents, and pregnant women. Presented in time for Children's Dental Health Month in February, this electronic resource guide points to resources that analyze data, describe effective programs, and report on policy and research aimed at improving access to and the quality of oral health care. The knowledge path contains sections with resources for professionals, resources for consumers, and resources on specific aspects of oral health. Topics include child care and Head Start, dental sealants, early childhood caries, fluoride varnish, K-12 education, pregnancy, school-based care, school evaluation mandates, and special health care needs. The knowledge path is available at <http://www.mchoralhealth.org/knwpathoralhealth.html>. Knowledge paths on other topics are available at <http://www.mchlibrary.info/KnowledgePaths/index.html>.

~To receive notification of updates of this and other knowledge paths, you can subscribe to the MCH Alert, View the MCH Alert online at <http://mchlibrary.info/alert/default.html>.

~To receive notification of new resources from OHRC, you can subscribe to OHRC Announcements. Subscribe to OHRC Announcements at <http://list.mchoralhealth.org/mailman/listinfo/ohrc>.

#### **Percentage of Children Aged 2-4 Years Who Ever Had Caries in Primary Teeth, by Race/Ethnicity and Sex—National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, United States, 1988-1994 and 1999-2004**

MMWR Weekly Volume 58 No. 2: The proportion of young children who ever had dental caries in their primary teeth increased from 18% during 1988--1994 to 24% during 1999--2004, moving away from the *Healthy People 2010* target of 11% (objective 21-1a). During 1999--2004, a higher percentage of Mexican-American children (35%) had dental caries than non-Hispanic black (26%) and non-Hispanic white (20%) children. Available online at: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhanes.htm>.

## **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Releases National Dental Summary**

In response to concerns regarding access to dental care of Medicaid eligible children, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services performed 16 State dental reviews this past year.

The National Dental Summary:

- describes the methodology used to determine which States received reviews
- describes the scope of the reviews – i.e. the focus areas, the protocol used and who was interviewed
- provides the process for the individual State review reports
- generally identifies findings and recommendations
- identifies best practices
- highlights several overarching issues raised in most States such as missed appointments and provider participation
- explains the next steps for follow-up with individual States and National activity

A summary of these reviews is available now and can be accessed on the CMS Dental Medicaid webpage:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicaidDentalCoverage/>

## **Secretary's Advisory Committee on National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives for 2020 Announcement of the February 23, 2009 Meeting**

The Secretary's Advisory Committee on National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives for 2020 will hold a meeting on the Internet on February 23rd from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.(EST). The meeting will be open to the public. Members of the public are invited to listen to the February 23, 2009 online Committee meeting. To attend the online meeting, individuals must pre-register to attend at the Healthy People Web site at [www.healthypeople.gov/hp2020/advisory/default.asp](http://www.healthypeople.gov/hp2020/advisory/default.asp). There will be no opportunity for oral public comments during the meeting. Written comments are welcome throughout the development process of the national health promotion and disease prevention objectives for 2020. They can be submitted through the Healthy People Web site at: [www.healthypeople.gov/hp2020/comments](http://www.healthypeople.gov/hp2020/comments) or they can be e-mailed to [HP2020@hhs.gov](mailto:HP2020@hhs.gov). Please note that the public comment Web site will be updated throughout the Healthy People development process, so people should return to the site frequently to provide their input. Participation in the meeting is limited. Registrations will be accepted until maximum capacity is reached. Registration for the online meeting must be completed by 9:00 a.m. EST on February 23rd. A waiting list will be maintained should registrations exceed meeting capacity. Individuals on the waiting list will be contacted as additional space for the meeting becomes available. For detailed instructions about how to make sure that your Windows-based computer and browser are set up for the online meeting using WebEx software, please visit the Healthy People Web site at [www.healthypeople.gov/hp2020/advisory/default.asp](http://www.healthypeople.gov/hp2020/advisory/default.asp). Registration questions may be directed to Hilary Scherer at [HP2020@norc.org](mailto:HP2020@norc.org) or 301/634-9374.

## **National Oral Health Conference Registration Open!**

The 2009 NOHC Planning Committee is pleased to announce that registration for the 2009 National Oral Health Conference Portland, Oregon - April 20-22, 2009 at the Portland DoubleTree Lloyd Center is now open. The registration brochure is posted at <http://www.nationaloralhealthconference.com/>.

## **National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research Strategic Plan**

The National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) has just completed drafting its Strategic Plan for 2009 - 2013. The draft Strategic Plan presents a series of goals and objectives that provide continuity in key areas yet also take full advantage of new research and training opportunities. In addition, the plan includes appendices that illustrate significant facts about NIDCR and highlight selected ongoing research efforts. In developing the draft plan, we have aimed to be responsive to our many colleagues and constituencies. Our goal is to actively advance the breadth and diversity of oral, dental, and craniofacial research while recognizing the need to be focused and pragmatic. The draft plan was developed with the benefit of your input. Please take the time to read the plan and give us your comments on the form provided by February 27, 2009. Before the plan is finalized, we invite you to visit our website and give us your comments and suggestions

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

### **Head Start Dental Home Initiative Selects Additional States**

The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry has announced the selection of 12 states to enter the network development phase of the Head Start Dental Home Initiative in 2009: Alabama, Indiana, Iowa, New York, Hawaii, Oklahoma, Oregon, North Dakota, South Dakota, Rhode Island, Vermont, and West Virginia. State launches will take place in the spring. More information is available at <http://www.aapd.org/headstart>.

### **Implementing Medical Home for all Children and Youth Teleconference**

Registration is Now Open for the "Implementing Medical Home for all Children and Youth" taking place on Tuesday, March 3, at 12:00 pm, Central Time. This will be a one-hour teleconference with an approximately 15-minute Q&A session after the presentation to help answer all of your questions. The featured Speakers are Vera Fan Tait, MD, FAAP- Associate Executive Director, American Academy of Pediatrics and Jeanne McAllister, BSN, MS, MHA- Director, Center for Medical Home Improvement (CMHI) Crooked Mountain Foundation, New Hampshire AAP Medical Home Implementation Toolkit, Lead Consultant. Learn about essential tools to have in your practice that provide successful Medical Home for all children and youth; understand how those tools can help your practice pass Level 1 of the National Committee on Quality Assurance (NCQA) standards. You must register separately for each FREE teleconference. Registration will be available one month before each teleconference. Sign up for this free event at <http://tinyurl.com/bko3o6>. Registration for Call #2, "Improving Communication and Co-management Between Specialty Providers and the Medical Home" will begin on February 25, 2009. Visit our Web site for more information as it becomes available at: <http://www.medicalhomeinfo.org/training/archives.html> or contact Brenda Amos-Lewis at [blewis@aap.org](mailto:blewis@aap.org).

### **Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research Launches New Web Site**

A redesigned and enhanced Web site for scientists, advocacy groups, the media and the general public, providing key information on behavioral and social science research and activities at the NIH, is now online. The site, which features a new appearance, format and architecture, was launched by the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research, in the Office of the Director at the National Institutes of Health. The site contains more readily accessible and searchable information on funding opportunity announcements, key scientific areas, a calendar of news and events and video casts of the BSSR Lecture Series. "The new Web site allows the Office to communicate with researchers, advocacy groups, media, and the general public about critical research and training opportunities, lectures and news," said Acting Director Christine Bachrach, PhD. "Our new site enhances our ability to communicate activities that support our mission of stimulating and coordinating behavioral and social science research across NIH." Access the new site at: <http://obssr.od.nih.gov>.

## **IN THE NEWS**

### **Making Dental-Medical History**

(ADA News—Feb 4)

*ADA, ADA Foundation, American Academy of Pediatrics collaborate in training session for pediatricians on oral health Elk Grove Village, Ill.*—The American Academy of Pediatrics, ADA and ADA Foundation and have teamed up for the first-ever national oral health initiative for pediatricians. The historic session marked the first time the AAP, ADA and ADAF have officially collaborated, and the two-day event, held Dec 5-6, 2008, was the first of several training sessions stemming from the ADAF's "Working Together for Oral Health" grant to inspire pediatrician oral health advocates and assist them in identifying the oral health needs of children. The program was held at AAP headquarters and sought to facilitate pediatrician and dentist collaboration at the national, state and local levels. At this first session, participants learned how to conduct oral health risk assessments, including screening exams, received tips for teaching families about oral health and prevention, and stressed the importance of referring children to a dental home. Access article online at: <http://www.ada.org/prof/resources/pubs/adanews/adanewsarticle.asp?articleid=3419>.

### **Millions 'Opt for DIY Dentistry'**

(BBC News—Feb 12)

Millions of people in England have resorted to Do-It-Yourself (DIY) dentistry, a survey by consumer magazine *Which?* suggests. The poll, of 2,631 adults, found 8% had tried to fix their own dental problems - and a similar number knew somebody who had tried. Of those who admitted trying the DIY approach, one in four had tried to pull out a tooth using pliers. Since a new dental contract was introduced in 2006 there has been growing concern over access to care. But the government said the findings of the survey were unreliable, and said access to NHS dentistry was improving. Ministers have announced an independent review of NHS dentistry in England, which will report back later this year. *Which?* will be making a submission to this review and is currently carrying out detailed research to build an accurate picture of the state of NHS dentistry. The latest survey found 12% of those who had tried DIY techniques had tried to extract a tooth by using a piece of string tied to a door handle. Access article online at: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/health/7881865.stm>.

### **Dentists Say Fewer People are Seeking Dental Treatment During Recession**

(Chicago Tribune—Feb 11)

Chicago-area dentists are warning that, just as the recession has eroded the nation's job and stock markets, it's also causing another kind of decay. With more families losing dental insurance or facing difficult choices about which costs are essential or expendable, dentists are reporting a sharp downturn in dental care as people decide to put off regular or even emergency visits. The economic crisis is also exacerbating an already worrisome imbalance between the number of Illinois residents with public insurance or no dental coverage and the dwindling number of dental clinics willing or able to treat those people, dental health advocates said. In a Chicago Dental Society poll of more than 300 dentists last fall, more than 60 percent said their patients are putting off cosmetic procedures because of the struggling economy. More than half said their patients were putting off dental work and more than 40 percent said that preventive visits were down. "The economy is being reflected in offices; any [elective] care is being postponed," said Dr Indru Punwani, head of pediatric dentistry at the University of Illinois at Chicago. "It's happening across the board, people asking, 'Can I delay it for a while?' These are people in the middle classes now." Access article online at: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/chi-dental-care--zonefeb12,0,4600396.story>.

### **Dentists Want Education, Guidance On Treating Pregnant Women**

(InteliHealth News Service—Feb 11)

Dentists want to learn more about how to care for pregnant women, a survey shows. Researchers from the University of Washington, Seattle, did the study. They surveyed 829 Oregon dentists. Nearly all -- 92% -- said that dental care was an important part of a pregnant woman's health. But most said they wanted to know more about treating and talking with pregnant women. About 8 of 10 dentists in the study were male. Their average age was 47. Most had been in dentistry for more than a decade. Just over half of dentists said it was never safe to give a pregnant woman a full-mouth X-ray. About 8 out of 10 dentists said it was never okay to give nitrous oxide to a pregnant woman. There were some barriers to counseling and treating pregnant women. Most dentists said they had time for counseling. However, they said insurance companies did not pay enough for this service. About 4 out of 10 dentists were worried about legal action if something went wrong in a pregnancy. Most dentists said they would like to take continuing education courses about treating pregnant patients. Dentists also were open to hearing examples of how to talk with pregnant women about their health care. The study appears in the February issue of the *Journal of the American Dental Association*. Access article online at: <http://www.simplestepsdental.com/SS/ihtSS/r.WSIHW000/st.32571/t.32571/pr.3/d.dmtNewsContent/c.1024355.html>.

### **Perio Treatment, Preterm Delivery Unrelated, Study Shows**

(ADA News—Feb 9)

A new study suggests that traditional treatments of periodontal disease in pregnant women are safe, but have no discernable effect on the rates of preterm deliveries. The study was led by Dr. Steven Offenbacher, director of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry Center for Oral and Systemic Diseases, and

was conducted by investigators at Duke University Medical Center, the University of Alabama at Birmingham and the University of Texas at San Antonio, who were overseen by the UNC School of Dentistry. The results were based on a trial of 1,800 pregnant women with periodontal disease who were randomly assigned to two groups: one received periodontal treatment (scaling and root planing) before 23 weeks gestation; the other did not. Neither group received any follow-up treatment until delivery. Overall, no significant differences in periodontal disease were reported when the two groups were compared for obstetric or neonatal outcomes, according to a Duke press release. "Although we did not reduce the risk of preterm births, the level of periodontal care provided in this study was not as effective in improving periodontal health as compared to earlier studies," Dr. Offenbacher said. "It may be that a more aggressive approach to periodontal disease management could have a different outcome. Access article online at: <http://www.ada.org/prof/resources/pubs/adanews/adanewsarticle.asp?articleid=3422>.

### **Headaches? Tell Your Dentist!**

(PressRelease—Feb 9)

If you have headaches on a regular basis, it is a good idea to tell your dentist about them. But why your dentist? For one reason, it is important to have this information as part of your medical records. Dentistry today concerns many aspects that go beyond just tooth mechanics. Depending upon the type of headache, their frequency, and their severity, there are a variety of medical reasons that this can be important information for your dentist. But most importantly, your headaches may be caused by an abnormal bite, and if so, your dentist can treat them more effectively than anyone else. Headache is just one symptom that may be attributable to malocclusion (a bad bite). Other symptoms such as pain or noise in the jaw joint, facial pain, sensitive teeth, difficulty chewing, and neck pain may also be related to your occlusion, and should be discussed with your dentist. Headaches are generally classified into several basic types: Sinus, Cluster, Tension and Migraine. You can determine which type you have by discussing it with your physician or dentist. While headaches are typically treated by your physician, improper occlusion (your bite) may play a significant role in certain types of headaches as well as other forms of head and neck pain. Access article online at: <http://www.24-7pressrelease.com/press-release/headaches-tell-your-dentist-86562.php>.

### **High Barriers to Dental Care Exist for 12 Million Children**

(Newswise — Feb 9)

As the nation begins to focus its attention on the prospects of major health care reforms, one important aspect of health must not be overlooked – access to affordable dental care for children. If left untreated, tooth decay in childhood can lead to lifelong tooth and gum problems, hospitalizations and emergency room visits, delayed physical development and loss of school days. A new report released today reveals that nearly 12 million children in the United States experience serious barriers to getting much needed dental care due to lack of insurance coverage, cost of care and difficulty finding providers who accept their insurance. "In this poll, we wanted to understand the patterns of dental care for children," says Matthew Davis, MD, MAPP, director of the C.S. Mott Children's Hospital National Poll on Children's Health. "We asked parents how they access dental health services: whether they had problems accessing services, how often they took their children to the dentist, and whether they experienced barriers to receiving that care." The poll found that 57 percent of parents say their children began going to the dentist by age 3, and that 82 percent receive regular dental care, defined by going to the dentist at least once per year. Access article online at: <http://www.newswise.com/articles/view/548867/>.

### **Girl Starved to Death after Operation**

(BBC News-UK—Feb 9)

An eight-year-old girl starved to death at home because she refused to open her mouth after a dental operation, an inquest heard. Sophie Waller, from St Dennis, Cornwall, was so afraid of dentists she was sent to the Royal Cornwall Hospital to have her milk teeth taken out. Afterwards, she would not open her mouth and was given a feeding tube. The inquest heard that she died at home about three weeks later from acute renal failure. Her parents, Richard and Janet Waller, told the inquest in Truro that Sophie had been scared of dentists and had refused to eat or talk when a milk tooth became loose. The inquest was told it had happened before but this time

her GP arranged for her to go to the Royal Cornwall Hospital for the tooth to be removed under general anaesthetic. She was admitted to the Royal Cornwall Hospital on 7 November 2005. In fact, eight teeth were taken out so that she would not have to go through the trauma of losing a tooth again. Access article online at: [http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/england/cornwall/7879301.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/england/cornwall/7879301.stm).

### **Pulling Wisdom Teeth May Improve Gum Health**

(InteliHealth News Service—Feb 6)

Removing wisdom teeth might improve early periodontal (gum) disease, a study suggests. Researchers from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, did the study. It involved 69 people who had at least two wisdom teeth removed. Dentists often call these teeth "third molars." Before the teeth were removed, about half the people in the study had early periodontal disease around the back sides of their second molars. The second molars sit just in front of the wisdom teeth. People who had their lower wisdom teeth taken out were less likely to still have periodontal disease nine months later. Only 2 out of 10 people had it, compared with nearly 7 out of 10 people who did not have teeth removed. The study does not show whether removing wisdom teeth improves gum health of nearby teeth for a longer period of time. Periodontal disease takes many years to develop. The study appears in the February issue of the Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Access article online at: <http://www.simplestepsdental.com/SS/ihSS/r.WSIHW000/st.32571/t.32571/pr.3/d.dmtNewsContent/c.1019838.html>

### **Google to Partner with IBM to Allow Consumers to Add Data from Portable Monitoring Devices to PHRs**

(Kaiser Daily—Feb 5)

Google has announced plans to partner with IBM to allow consumers who have accounts with Google Health, an online personal health records service launched in 2007, to add data from portable monitoring devices, such as glucose and blood pressure meters, the Wall Street Journal reports. For the program, IBM will design software that consumers can use to transfer the data to their PHRs. The software will comply with standards established by the Continua Health Alliance, a large partnership of technology and medical device companies. Google Health Director Sameer Samat said that the partnership with IBM will help consumers add to their PHRs daily data that often is difficult to organize. Dan Pelino, general manager of health care and life sciences for IBM, added that the partnership might help "kick-start" online monitoring of chronic diseases. In addition, Google and IBM hope that the partnership leads to increased use of portable monitoring devices. According to the Journal, although many of the devices "already have communicating capabilities, they generally rely on custom-built interfaces, rather than a single standard for communications" Access article online at: [http://www.kaisernetwork.org/daily\\_reports/rep\\_index.cfm?DR\\_ID=56819](http://www.kaisernetwork.org/daily_reports/rep_index.cfm?DR_ID=56819)

### **AGD Members to Benefit from Technical Continuing Dental Education Programs**

(PRNewswire-USNewswire—Feb 5)

AGD members will have an opportunity to benefit from Computer-Aided Design (CAD) and Computer-Aided Manufacturing (CAM) technology in their dental offices. During the year-long corporate sponsorship, the AGD and Sirona will work together to provide continuing dental education (CDE) programs and materials for AGD members aimed at raising awareness for CAD/CAM technology. Over the years, technological advances in the dental industry have provided dentists with more efficient ways to detect decay and bone loss and to help with root canals. This progression has allowed dentists to provide more precise tooth whitening procedures and better treatment of gum disease therapy to their patients. Dental technology also has offered patients an inside look at their teeth and a better image and understanding of the state of their oral health. "Sirona's technological innovations and expertise will enable AGD members to develop, shape, and enhance their practices with next level dental equipment and knowledge that will ultimately benefit the oral health of their patients," says AGD President, Paula S. Jones, DDS, FAGD. "We are pleased to partner with a company that takes great pride in creating and providing products to help advance the dental community and the public." Access article online at: [http://news.prnewswire.com/DisplayReleaseContent.aspx?ACCT=104&STORY=/www/story/02-05-2009/0004966925&EDATE=.](http://news.prnewswire.com/DisplayReleaseContent.aspx?ACCT=104&STORY=/www/story/02-05-2009/0004966925&EDATE=)

### **Cavities Not Your Child's Worst Dental Enemy**

(NBC-LA—Feb 4)

New research shows cavities may not be your child's worst dental enemy.

"This research is on dental erosion -- a silent process that's eating away at a tooth's enamel. The treatment for this condition can be simple," Dr Bruce Hensel said. Finding out your child has a cavity is the last thing parents want to hear after a dental exam. But now there's something else to worry about. A first-of-its-kind study finds that 30 percent of 10-to 14-year-olds have dental erosion. It's the loss of enamel caused by acids found in certain foods and drinks. Dental Researcher Bennett Amaechi says that at the early stage dental erosion can be identified by a very shiny surface. So shiny, people don't usually notice a problem. While you don't have to avoid them completely, moderation is key. Like cavities, catching erosion at its earliest can help prevent problems. Access article online at: [http://www.nbclosangeles.com/health/tips\\_info/Cavities-Not-Your-Childs-Worst-Dental-Enemy.html](http://www.nbclosangeles.com/health/tips_info/Cavities-Not-Your-Childs-Worst-Dental-Enemy.html).

### **Expanding Dental Care Coverage in Health Insurance Program for Low-Income Children**

(MSNBC—Feb 4)

February is Children's Dental Health month and today dental care for children emerged as a key priority for this country as the President signed legislation for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Reauthorization. This legislation is the second bill that the President has signed into law, and has received overwhelming support in Congress. The Children's Dental Project applauds President Obama and this Congress for moving quickly and demonstrating that children's access to proper dental care is a major priority. This legislation provides a stable dental benefit for CHIP eligible children for the first time along with provisions that include: coverage for dental care, oral health education for new parents, expanded access for health center patients, and increased accountability and quality of care for millions of children whose families are unable to afford private dental insurance. Access article online at: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/29022271/>.

### **A British Gulf War Veteran Pulled Out 13 of His Teeth When He Could Not Find an NHS Dentist**

(The Sun-UK—Feb 4)

A soldier Ian Boynton could not afford to go private for treatment after suffering with excruciating toothache since 2006. So instead he took drastic action and removed them himself. The 42-year-old, from Beverley, East Yorks, had not had his teeth looked at since seeing the army dentist in 2003. And he has not registered with a dentist of his own since 2001. He said: "I've tried to get in at 30 dentists over the last eight years but have never been able to find one to take on NHS patients. "I started having pain in a front tooth, which protruded slightly more than the others. I was constantly fiddling with it and wiggling it because it hurt so much. "In the end I knew it had to come out and had to use the pliers to pull it. "Amazingly, it did not hurt as much as you might think. I think I'd been prising it that much in the meantime that I'd been killing the nerve." Access article online at: <http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/article2205042.ece?OTC-RSS&ATTR=News>.

### **'The Health Captains - The Tooth Galaxy Mission': A Story of Two Heroes' Journey to Fend Off Damaging Tooth Elements While Sharing Proper Oral Care**

(PRNewswire—Feb 4)

"The Health Captains - The Tooth Galaxy Mission" has just been released by Dr. Xavier Azar. Venture into a universe rich with fluoride ions, galactic toothpaste, toothbrushes and floss as superheroes Sammy Smile and Ginger Grin travel across the galaxy educating the youth about proper oral care. Join Sammy and Ginger on their amazing journey navigating through a galaxy filled with Astro-Plaque, Astro-Germ and many other enamel-damaging elements as they fight off Astro-Monsters and secret enemies who are at work attacking and destroying the teeth of the galactic youth. Learn about many common misconceptions along the way like how chewing hard objects such as candy and ice can damage teeth. Also learn why it is imperative to get any suspicious-looking teeth looked at by Dr Astrodent to see if in fact a cavity has landed and imbedded itself into your teeth. Access article online at:

<http://news.prnewswire.com/DisplayReleaseContent.aspx?ACCT=104&STORY=/www/story/02-04-2009/0004966188&EDATE=>

## **February JADA Looks at Restorations in Children**

(ADA News—Feb 3)

The cover story in the February issue of The Journal of the American Dental Association concludes that there is no difference among the survival rate of esthetic materials used in Class I and Class II beveled preparations in primary molars, but finds that such restorations fare better in Class I preparations. The authors, led by pediatric dentist Márcia Pereira Alves dos Santos, a doctoral student at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro School of Dentistry, conducted a randomized controlled trial in 48 healthy children between the ages of 3 and 9 years to evaluate the survival rate of esthetic restorations in Class I and Class II beveled preparations in primary molars 24 months after placement. Each child received at least two of three types of restorative materials: resin-modified glass ionomer cement, polyacid-modified glass ionomer cement and resin-based composite. The study consisted of 141 total restorations, with 70 placed in first primary molars and 71 in second primary molars. Ninety-nine were Class I cavity preparations and 42 were Class II. Access article online at: <http://www.ada.org/prof/resources/pubs/adanews/adanewsarticle.asp?articleid=3416>.

## **Early Humans Had 'Jaws of Steel'**

(ScienceDaily—Feb. 3, 2009)

Your mother always told you not to use your teeth as tools to open something hard, and she was right. Human skulls have small faces and teeth and are not well-equipped to bite down forcefully on hard objects. Not so of our earliest ancestors, say scientists. New research published in the February 2009 issue of *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* reveals nut-cracking abilities in our 2.5-million-year-old relatives that enabled them to alter their diet to adapt to changes in food sources in their environment. Mark Spencer, an Arizona State University assistant professor, and doctoral student Caitlin Schrein in ASU's School of Human Evolution and Social Change, are part of the international team of researchers who devised the study featured in the article "The feeding biomechanics and dietary ecology of *Australopithecus africanus*." Using state-of-the-art computer modeling and simulation technology – the same kind engineers use to simulate how a car reacts to forces in a front-end collision – evolutionary scientists built a virtual model of the *A. africanus* skull and were able to see just how the jaw operated and what forces it could produce. Access article online at: <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2009/02/090203093125.htm>.

## **New Oral Cancer Tests: Crucial or Wasteful?**

(The New York Times, Feb 2)

"Though relatively rare, it is one of the easiest cancers to spot and diagnose. And if treated early, it is usually curable. So why do experts find oral cancer so vexing? Despite the many advances against cancer in recent decades, the statistics on this form of it remain discouraging: more than 60 percent of cases are diagnosed in the late stages, and the five-year survival rate is a disappointing 59 percent. Moreover, oral cancer is increasing in people traditionally at low risk, a phenomenon partly attributed to the rise of the cancer-causing human papilloma virus, or HPV, which can be transmitted through oral sex. Now some dentists -- whose visual examinations have long been a first line of defense against oral cancer -- are using screening devices that they say may help identify cancers and premalignant lesions. But these new tests have set off a debate over cost and effectiveness. Experts are divided on whether they will reduce mortality from oral cancer or simply lead to a wave of expensive and unnecessary biopsies." Access article online at: [http://www.nytimes.com/2009/02/03/health/03cancer.html?\\_r=1&ref=health](http://www.nytimes.com/2009/02/03/health/03cancer.html?_r=1&ref=health) Free registration required.

## **ADA 'Give Kids A Smile' Events Provide Dental Care to Children from Low-Income Families**

(PRNewswire—Feb 2)

With dental disease among pre-schoolers on the rise, the American Dental Association (ADA) is mobilizing dental professionals in a national campaign to extend necessary care to children and adolescents from low-income families. On Feb. 6, during the seventh annual ADA Give Kids A Smile® program, some 45,000 dental professionals will provide free services to as many as 500,000 children at more than 1,600 sites. St. Louis Cardinal first baseman and National League MVP Albert Pujols has joined with the ADA to support Give Kids A Smile by starring in several television public service announcements. Give Kids A Smile (GKAS) is the

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ADA's major oral health outreach program, launched to encourage parents, health professionals and policymakers to address this important health issue. GKAS will provide educational materials, screenings and, where possible, free dental care such as cleanings, X-rays and fillings. Participating dentists and dental team members hope to diminish the current four percent rise in dental caries--the first rise in 50 years--among pre-schoolers, ages 2-5, reported by the CDC in April 2007. Access article online at: <http://sev.prnewswire.com/null/20090202/NY6550902022009-1.html>.

### **Dentists Facing Depression and Suicide**

(Medical News Today—Jan 30)

An article published in the *Journal of the Canadian Dental Association* claims that many dentists are at risk of suffering from a chronic mood disorder known as dysthymia. It's a condition the Université de Montréal Department of Dentistry is fighting - preventively. Dysthymia is characterized by loss of appetite, low levels of energy, desperation, excessive anger, social withdrawal and working long hours to compensate for declining performance, troubles in concentration, guilt and suicidal thoughts. A 2005 study published in the *Journal of the American Dental Association* claims that 10 percent of the 560 dentists surveyed suffer from this condition. However, only 15 percent of them are followed by a doctor and receive treatment. Access article online at: <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/137209.php>.

### **Study Show Dental Erosion is Problem in Children**

(KDKA TV—Jan 28)

New research has found that there's a huge problem with some children's teeth and it's not cavities. Dental erosion is a slow, silent process that eats away at a tooth's enamel. A first of its kind study finds that 30 percent of 10- to 14-year-olds have dental erosion, a loss of enamel caused by acids found in certain foods and drinks. "The thing is that at the early stage, dental erosion, the surface looks very shiny," says dental researcher, Dr. Bennett Amaechi, PhD. So shiny, experts say people don't usually notice a problem. Researchers say they focused on acidic products that cause dental erosion like: soda, sports drinks, herbal teas, fruit juices and some candies. Access article online at: <http://kdka.com/seenon/dental.erosion.teeth.2.920025.html>.

### **\$12 Million Rural Health Construction and Equipment Boost**

(Australian Dental Association News—Jan 28)

The Minister for Health and Ageing, Nicola Roxon, has announced \$12 million to be invested in rural and regional health infrastructure under the Government's new National Rural and Remote Health Infrastructure Program (NRRHIP). The infrastructure program will improve access to health services by funding projects in rural and remote communities where a lack of infrastructure is a barrier to the establishment of new health services, or the enhancement of existing health services. The National Rural and Remote Health Infrastructure Program is a competitive grants program and is a result of the Labour Government's election commitment to reform the more limited former Rural Medical Infrastructure Fund. Access information online at: [http://www.ada.org.au/App\\_CmsLib/Media/Lib/0901/M154251\\_v1\\_633688161269926703.doc](http://www.ada.org.au/App_CmsLib/Media/Lib/0901/M154251_v1_633688161269926703.doc).

### **New Survey Shows Parents and Caregivers are Uninformed about Cavity-Causing Bacteria and Teeth-Friendly Snacks**

(PRNewswire—Jan 28)

According to a recent survey by the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) many parents and caregivers are unaware that routine practices, such as providing healthy snacks and sharing utensils, may increase children's risk of developing cavities. The national survey, conducted by Harris Interactive and commissioned by the AAPD, found that 96% of U.S. adults with children under 12 years old in their household thought a cracker was better for children's teeth than a piece of caramel. The truth is that starches can lead to cavities just as sugars can, and caramels dissolve more quickly from the mouth than crackers. Therefore, the longer children's teeth are exposed to the food, the more damage is done. A cracker may be more figure-friendly, but it is not a teeth-friendly snack. Additionally, the survey shows that only 13% of adults with children under 12 years old in their household know that they can spread cavities to children, similar to a cold or

the flu. Children are not born with cavity causing-bacteria in their mouths, and babies and small children can actually "catch" bacteria from their caregivers. Sharing utensils or letting children put their fingers in your mouth can transfer bacteria in the saliva, which can cause tooth decay. "Although most parents and caregivers don't believe they are putting their children at risk for tooth decay, many parents and caregivers unfortunately -- and unintentionally -- are doing so," said AAPD President Dr. Beverly Largent. Access article online at: [http://news.prnewswire.com/DisplayReleaseContent.aspx?ACCT=104&STORY=/www/story/01-28-2009/0004961810&EDATE=.](http://news.prnewswire.com/DisplayReleaseContent.aspx?ACCT=104&STORY=/www/story/01-28-2009/0004961810&EDATE=)

### **Oral Health Gains Ground But Decay in the Youngest Rises**

(ADA News—Jan 27)

Tooth decay among the nation's youngest children is increasing against the grain of improving oral health for youths, adolescents and most adults, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports. The proportion of young children who had ever had dental caries in their primary teeth increased from 18 percent during 1988-1994 to 24 percent during 1999-2004, said a CDC analysis of data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, an important source of information on oral health and dental care in the United States since the early 1970s. The trend among 2-4 year olds is actually moving away from a national Healthy People 2010 target of 11 percent for this age group. Healthy People 2010 is the third in a series of public-private sector health promotion, disease prevention and health access goals and objectives for the United States. Commenting on the report, Dr. Lindsey Robinson, chair of the ADA Council on Access, Prevention and Interprofessional Relations, said, "These data reinforce the importance of the age one dental visit. We need to help parents understand how to prevent dental caries among infants and toddlers." Access article online at: <http://www.ada.org/prof/resources/pubs/adanews/adanewsarticle.asp?articleid=3407>.

### **Tooth Infection Causes Brush with Death**

(Foxreno.com—Jan 27)

The economy has people cutting back on a lot of things, and dental experts said that includes dental care. Dentists told WDIV-TV in Detroit that can be a very costly decision. Virginia Pryor, of Pontiac, Mich., nearly died from a dental infection. She said it started with what she thought was an earache. She went to bed, but when she tried to get up to use the bathroom, she couldn't stand. Her husband called 911. "This was a Saturday night. The next day I remember was Wednesday morning," said Pryor. Pryor spent four days in the intensive care unit on life support. She had an enormous battery of tests, but the only thing doctors could find wrong was an infection around one tooth. "You would think that one little tooth would not take your life, but it almost did for me," said Pryor. Periodontist Dr. Joseph Nemeth said people often underestimate the importance of oral health. "This infection can end up in various parts of your body, causing really severe problems, and some people have actually died from gum or tooth abscesses," said Nemeth. Access article online at: <http://www.foxreno.com/health/18573060/detail.html>.

### **Dentists Often First to Spot Eating Disorders in Patients**

(Dental Economics—Jan 27)

Although parents may not recognize that their child is anorexic or bulimic, they are often still taking the child to a dentist on a regular schedule and the dentist may spot the oral signs of the disease. Bad breath, sensitive teeth and eroded tooth enamel are just a few of the signs that dentists use to determine whether a patient suffers from an eating disorder. Other signs include teeth that are worn and appear almost translucent, mouth sores, dry mouth, cracked lips, bleeding gums, and tender mouth, throat and salivary glands. According to the National Eating Disorders Association, studies have found up to 89 percent of bulimic patients have signs of tooth erosion, due to the effects of stomach acid. Over time, this loss of tooth enamel can be considerable, and the teeth change color, shape, and length. Access article online at: [http://www.dentaleconomics.com/display\\_article/351599/54/none/none/DEIns/Dentists-often-first-to-spot-eating-disorders-in-patients](http://www.dentaleconomics.com/display_article/351599/54/none/none/DEIns/Dentists-often-first-to-spot-eating-disorders-in-patients).

### **Global Recruitment Drive to Attract More Dentists to Ireland**

(Belfast Telegraph—Jan 26)

KMS Dental Recruitment unveiled a new recruitment business to attract dentists from across the world to meet the shortfall in Northern Ireland. The move comes amid widespread concerns over the ongoing shortage of dentists, particularly in the North West region. Recent recruitment drives by local health authorities in the North West have failed to attract candidates, with many local practices last year closing their books to NHS patients. The company's main aim is to attract experienced, qualified dentists to Northern Ireland from Britain and further afield. This will add to the existing pool of local dentists and ensure easier access to dental services for local people throughout Northern Ireland. The recent tender for the delivery of additional dental services requires an extra 38 dentists to deliver NHS dentistry to meet the needs of an additional 54,000 people. Access article online at: <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/global-recruitment-drive-to-attract-more-dentists-here-14157095.html>.

### **SCHIP Provides Health Coverage to 7.4 Million Children in 2008**

(HHS.gov-News Release—Jan 26)

Some 7.4 million children were enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) in 2008 -- a four percent increase over the previous year, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced. The announcement comes as Congress is debating reauthorization of SCHIP, which is projected to expand coverage to an additional four million children. "With unemployment numbers rising and the economy struggling to regain momentum, more and more American families are relying on SCHIP to insure their children get the health coverage they need," said Acting HHS Secretary Charles Johnson. "It is no surprise that SCHIP enrollment went up in 2008 and we expect this trend to continue well into 2009 if the program is reauthorized." Enrollment data, compiled by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), and based on state reports, show that 7.4 million children were enrolled in SCHIP at some point during federal fiscal year (FFY) 2008, compared to 7.1 million for fiscal 2007. During FFY 2008, 334,616 adults were covered with SCHIP funds. Access article online at: <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2009pres/01/20090126a.html>.

### **Extra Weight May Up Risk For Tooth Loss**

(InteliHealth News Service—Jan 21)

Being overweight can lead to many health problems. Now, a study has found that younger obese adults are at risk for tooth loss. Researchers from Karlstad University in Skövde, Sweden, did the study. They found that obese adults aged 30 to 59 had twice the risk of missing at least 12 teeth, including wisdom teeth. Obese people ages 60 and older did not have this risk. The researchers also looked at abdominal obesity, or belly fat. People who were obese and "apple shaped" had the same increase in risk as the larger group of obese people. The study considered the effects of age, sex, family income and other health conditions. Even after taking all of these into account, younger obese adults were still at risk for tooth loss. Some studies have shown that people who lose many of their natural teeth are more likely to be obese. The Swedish study appears in the January issue of the Scandinavian Journal of Public Health. Access article online at:

<http://www.simplestepsdental.com/SS/ihSS/r.WSIHW000/st.32571/t.32571/pr.3/d.dmtNewsContent/c.1016547.html>.

### **Dental Facilities Share £82m Fund**

(BBC News-UK—Jan 19)

Health boards across Scotland are set to share almost £82m for projects aimed at improving the nation's teeth. The plan is to create 13 new stand-alone dental centers across Scotland and two other centers which will form part of multi-purpose health facilities. Health Secretary Nicola Sturgeon said: "In the tough climate we find ourselves in, capital projects are a crucial way for the government to stimulate the economy by providing local employment opportunities. "That is why the projects outlined represent not just better health facilities for people the length and breadth of Scotland, but also a lifeline for some of the hardest-hit sectors of our economy like construction. Access article online at: [http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/scotland/north\\_east/7837553.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/scotland/north_east/7837553.stm).

## **Sweden to Ban All Mercury for Environmental**

(ADA News—Jan 20)

The Swedish government said it has decided for environmental reasons to ban use of all mercury in the country effective June 1. The ban includes dental amalgam. Such a ban is not necessary in the United States, said the American Dental Association in a Jan. 16 statement. The ADA statement notes that US dentists already capture nearly 80 percent of waste amalgam with standard equipment in their practices, and an increasing number of dentists have added the use of amalgam separators, which can increase the capture rate up to 99 percent. Also, last month, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and a national wastewater treatment organization joined with the ADA in signing an agreement to promote voluntary use of the ADA's best management practices for handling amalgam waste. The Swedish government statement says that alternative techniques will have to be used in dental care as well as chemical analysis and the chloralkali industry. The statement from Sweden does not list what those alternatives are. The ADA notes that a recent economic impact study published in the journal Public Health Reports indicates dental care costs in the U.S. would increase up to \$8.2 billion in the first year alone if amalgam use was discontinued. Among other effects, this could cripple dental public health programs that serve as a safety net to millions of low-income people, the report says. Access article online at: <http://www.ada.org/prof/resources/pubs/adanews/adanewsarticle.asp?articleid=3390>.

## **Health Trust Spends £700,000 Teaching Children to Clean Their Teeth**

(Telegraph-UK—Jan 19)

A Primary Care Trust has been criticized for spending £700,000 of public money teaching children how to clean their teeth. The scheme, which will take place in pre-schools and nurseries, will introduce daily supervised toothbrushing. It will be run over five years, at £134,000 a year, and the trust will also foot the £36,000 bill for toothbrushes and toothpaste for 9,400 children attending 60 schools and nurseries. Targeting children aged three to five years old, it has been funded by North Staffordshire Primary Care Trust after new figures showed five-year-olds in the area had an average of 1.3 decayed, missing or filled teeth. Health chiefs want to cut tooth decay among under-fives by 20 per cent to bring it down to national levels. George Wiskin, trust chairman, said: "Tackling health inequalities between areas is a top priority for us. "The more deprived wards face being worse hit in the economic downturn, and this commendable scheme intends to do that." Kate Taylor-Weetman, a dental health consultant, said the scheme would have more impact than taking on an extra dentist and support at a cost of £180,000 a year. She said work had already been done to improve the teeth of 12-year-olds. Access article online at: [http://www.telegraph.co.uk/health/children\\_shealth/4290999/Health-trust-spends-700000-teaching-children-to-clean-their-teeth.html](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/health/children_shealth/4290999/Health-trust-spends-700000-teaching-children-to-clean-their-teeth.html).

## **American Teeth, Made in India**

(DNA India—Jan 18)

A patient in the US goes for a root canal treatment. His dentist orders a crown for him from a dental lab in the US. The lab then takes the patient's tooth impression and ships to a dental lab thousands of miles away in Mumbai. Based on the impression, the Indian lab fabricates the crown and ships it back to the American lab, which then delivers it to the dentist, who fits it in the patient's mouth. Two factors -- a shrinking number of qualified technicians abroad and lower costs in India -- are luring more and more dental labs to outsource production. According to statistics from the US National Association of Dental Laboratories, between 10 and 15 per cent of the total number of restorations in the US -- mostly crowns, according to Food and Drug Administration (FDA) -- are currently produced offshore, mostly in India and China. And with reports of lead being found in Chinese-made dental prostheses, dentists in the US and UK are now increasingly turning to Indian labs to outsource their dental work. Access article online at: <http://www.dnaindia.com/report.asp?newsid=1222443>.

## **Search Engine for Dentists, Hygienists and Oral Health Industry**

(E-Release-Jan 16)

Icludesdental.com announces the availability of a specialized search engine for dentists, hygienists and other oral health care professionals. The site allows dentistry experts to search for product reviews, clinical research,

equipment specifications, continuing education, and dental forums across thousands of sites. Built for those in the trade of dentistry, Includesdental.com has hand-selected thousands of sites to be included in its keyword-driven directory. The site features QuickProfiles on manufacturers, service providers and organizations, and highlights company information such as address, phone number, and website links. "We believe that search engines like Yahoo! and Google are really great for general searching, but when clinicians, dentists and oral-health pros need to find trade information, they need a search tool that is more focused for the dental industry," says project coordinator Elizabeth Anderson. Access information online at:

<http://www.ereleases.com/pr/includesdentalcom-announces-search-engine-dentists-hygienists-oral-health-industry-14711>.

### **Girl Dies During Dental Work**

(KRQE-TV—Jan 15)

An Albuquerque teenager on a routine trip to the dentist is dead after apparently suffering a reaction to a common anesthetic. Medical investigators have not yet pinpointed exactly what killed Chanel Broomfield, 17, a senior at Albuquerque High School. However her family said she went into distress after she was given a common anesthesia. Broomfield's family told KRQE News 13 she went to the dentist and was given what they were told was Lido-Epi, a combination of Lidocaine and Epinephrine used to numb the gums. She had a reaction, and as the seconds passed Broomfield's condition got worse. She was rushed to the hospital where she died. Albuquerque dentist Dr. Reid Darnell, who is not involved in Broomfield's case, said Lido-Epi is the most common anesthesia used by dentists. "To hear something and a complication due to that is a very rare instance," Darnell said. "Almost every single routine dental procedure we do from basic fillings to root canals all the way to dental surgeries." Darnell said as with any drug there are risks. That is especially true for cardiac patients, people with underlying heart disease and those with certain arrhythmias or irregular heart beats. That's why it is so crucial for every patient to provide a complete medical history, he said. Access article online at:

[http://www.krqe.com/dpp/news/health/health\\_krqe\\_albuquerque\\_girl\\_dies\\_during\\_dental\\_work\\_200901152208](http://www.krqe.com/dpp/news/health/health_krqe_albuquerque_girl_dies_during_dental_work_200901152208).

## **AWARDS / FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Rome CATCH Visiting Professorships Program: Call for Proposals**

The American Academy of Pediatrics' Community Pediatrics Training Initiative (CPTI) is partnering with the Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) Program to offer the Leonard P. Rome CATCH Visiting Professorship Program. The purpose of the Leonard P. Rome CATCH Visiting Professorship Program is to promote advocacy for children and advance the field of community pediatrics. The program provides 4 accredited pediatric residency programs up to \$4,500 each to fund a 2- or 3-day educational program focusing on the field of community pediatrics. The guidelines and application are available online at:

<http://www.aap.org/commpeds/cpti/Opportunities.htm>. Applications and letters of support must be submitted by e-mail to [cpti@aap.org](mailto:cpti@aap.org) in a Word or PDF file by 4 PM CST March 23, 2009. This program was established in honor of Leonard P. Rome, MD, a pediatrician and tireless child health advocate who dedicated his life to improving children's health. For more information, please contact Monique Evelyn at: [cpti@aap.org](mailto:cpti@aap.org) or (800) 433-9016, ext. 7397.

### **Certificate of Recognition for Volunteer Service in a Foreign Country**

Do you know of a volunteer dentist or student who deserves recognition? The ADA's Center for International Development & Affairs is accepting applications for the Certificate of Recognition for Volunteer Service in a Foreign Country until March 31, 2009. The certificate program honors member dentists and dental student volunteers who have spent at least 14 days in a 24 month period performing dental services in a foreign country. A local or state dental society, the federal dental service or a dental school must submit an application on behalf of the volunteer for consideration. For more information or to receive an application, contact the ADA Center for International Development & Affairs by calling 312.440.2726, e-mailing [international@ada.org](mailto:international@ada.org) or logging on to: <http://www.ada.org/ada/international/volunteer/certificate.asp>.

## Grants.gov Opportunities

- Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources & Services Administration/ State Implementation Grants for Integrated Community Systems for CSHCN Modification 1  
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=44992>
- Department of Health and Human Services National Institutes of Health/ NCMHD Endowment Program for Increasing Research and Institutional Resources Capacity in Section 736 Health Professions Schools (NCMHD Research Endowment Fund) (S21) Grant  
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=45019>
- Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/ NIOSH Small Research Grant Program (R03) Modification 1 <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=45022>
- Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Centers for Disease Control and Prevention / NIOSH Exploratory and/or Developmental Grant Program (R21) Grant  
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=45028>

## US Department of Health and Human Services

Funding is available for specific events and activities designed to reduce health disparities in women and girls in the U.S. Deadline: March 3, 2009. Information is available online at: <http://www.womenshealth.gov/fund/>.

## **TRAINING AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT**

### **American Dental Association seeks Champions for Journal of Evidence-Based Dental Practice**

The American Dental Association and the Journal of Evidence-Based Dental Practice are inviting applications for the second EBD Champions Conference to be held on May 29-30, 2009 at the ADA Headquarters in Chicago. This unique conference is supported by an educational grant from Procter and Gamble. The goal of the EBD Champion Conference is to identify local clinical and academic leaders to help promote the practice of EBD and develop a network of dentists that will serve as a resource to their local dental communities by promoting the application of an evidence-based approach to patient treatment and disease prevention. Faculty members, given their involvement in clinical education and their direct contact with dental students, would be ideal EBD Champions. The Conference also presents unique opportunities for faculty development and it will provide examples of clinical decision support tools that will facilitate implementation of EBD at the point of care. Approximately 100 practitioners will be selected through an application process to become EBD Champions and attend the Conference. In addition to the main conference, a pre-conference session will be offered on May 28 to provide hands-on training to practitioners in how to look for evidence and apply it in patient care. Eleven hours of continuing education credits will be awarded for the Conference. An additional three CE credits will be offered to those attending the pre-conference session. The application for the EBD Champion Conference is available at [www.ada.org/goto/ebdconf](http://www.ada.org/goto/ebdconf).

### **Registration for 2009 Kellogg Program**

Registration for the 2009 ADA/Kellogg Executive Management Program for Dentists ends May 31. Dates for this session are July 9-14, Sept. 10-15 and Nov. 6-10. Launched in 2005, the Executive Management Program draws from the core content areas for Kellogg MBA students including business strategy, organizational leadership, marketing, finance, accounting, economics, quantitative methods and information systems. All classes are taught by professors at the Kellogg School of Management, which was recently ranked the No. 1 MBA program in a nationwide survey conducted by the Wall Street Journal. The Executive Management Program is not a practice management course. 2009 marks the program's fifth consecutive year. Sessions are held at Northwestern University's Chicago campus near ADA Headquarters. Dentists in the program have come from diverse backgrounds but share a common interest in expanding their business and management expertise. The small class sizes facilitate breakout sessions and experiential learning among peers. Information is available online at: <http://www.ada.org/prof/resources/pubs/adanews/adanewsarticle.asp?articleid=3423>.

### **UIC College of Dentistry to host 2009 Student Research Conference**

The University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry is hosting the April 18 Midwest Regional Dental Student Research Conference. Student researchers from dental schools throughout the Midwest come together for the annual event, representing schools such as UIC, Ohio State University, Marquette University, University of Michigan and Southern Illinois University. The conference enables students to present their research projects, which gives researchers from all participating schools the chance to meet and learn from each other during the course of three poster sessions. The institutions select students to participate based on their research projects. "These students are essential to the future of academic dentistry because of their commitment to research and inquiry," said Dr Phil Marucha, associate dean for research, UIC College of Dentistry. Access information online at: <http://www.ada.org/prof/resources/pubs/adanews/adanewsarticle.asp?articleid=3438>.

### **New Online Health Disparities Course**

A new online health disparities course, *Introduction to Healthcare Disparities*, is now available. It is the first course in a series on Disparities, Culture & Health. In this module you will learn about: the latest research on healthcare disparities and their possible causes the changing meanings of race and ethnicity and their place in healthcare the medical community's response to the problem of healthcare disparities. The course can be accessed online at: <http://elearning.talariainc.com/pageview.asp?tut=190>.

### **ADHA and DENTSPLY Team Up to Promote Dental Hygiene Research**

The American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) and DENTSPLY International are proud to announce a new program aimed at promoting dental hygiene research. Beginning this year the DENTSPLY/ADHA Graduate Student Clinician Program will sponsor one graduate level dental hygiene student from each U.S. Dental Hygiene program offering a Masters of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene to present his/her research at the annual American Dental Hygienists Association Center for Lifelong Learning at the Annual Session in June of each year. Information is available online at: [http://www.adha.org/media/releases/02092009\\_dentsply%20.htm](http://www.adha.org/media/releases/02092009_dentsply%20.htm).

## **CONFERENCES**

### **National Healthy Start Association (March 1-4)**

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

### **American Student Dental Association (March 25-29)**

The 39th Annual Session of the American Student Dental Association will take place in Louisville, Kentucky. Information is available online at: <http://www.asdanet.org/annualsessions.aspx>.

### **International Association for Dental Research (April 1-4)**

The General Sessions of the International Association for Dental Research will take place at the Miami Beach Convention Center. Information is available online at: <http://dentalresearch.i4a.com/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3775>.

### **Special Care Dentistry Association (April 17-19)**

The 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Special Care Dentistry Association will take place at the Hilton Baltimore, MD. Information is available online at [www.scdonline.org](http://www.scdonline.org)

### **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>.

### **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 86<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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>.

## **RESOURCES / RESEARCH**

### **Evaluating Your Community-Based Program Part II: Putting Your Evaluation Plan to Work**



The American Academy of Pediatrics Division of Community-based Initiatives Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program would like to announce the release of *Evaluating Your Community-Based Program Part II: Putting Your Evaluation Plan to Work*. This follow up publication to *Part I: Designing Your Evaluation* takes the evaluation plan you developed for your community-based health initiative from the planning to the implementation stage. The guide goes through steps in a workbook format to help you decide how to measure progress on your objectives and collect, analyze, and present the resulting data meaningfully and efficiently. To download a copy, visit [www.aap.org/EvalResources](http://www.aap.org/EvalResources). For additional evaluation resources, visit [www.aap.org/commpeds/resources/evaluation.html](http://www.aap.org/commpeds/resources/evaluation.html). To receive a printed copy of the material above or for more information on the evaluation guides or Healthy Tomorrows Program, contact Nita Patel at [npatel@aap.org](mailto:npatel@aap.org); 847/434-7082 or Karla Palmer at [kpalmer@aap.org](mailto:kpalmer@aap.org); 847/434-4279.

### **BLOCK Oral Disease Toolkit**

The BLOCK Oral Disease educational materials and training are designed to educate child health providers on oral health topics, with a particular focus on the oral health needs of children with special health care needs. Oral health is integral to every child's overall health, growth, development, and well-being. Children with special health care needs are identified as a population at a higher-risk for developing oral diseases that can significantly influence their quality of life. The Toolkit is a comprehensive resource for child health providers that offers an overview of oral health, including but not limited to oral disease etiology, a pictorial digest of oral diseases as they relate to systemic diseases, multi-lingual anticipatory guidance for parents and caregivers, as well as other useful tools to assist child health providers incorporate oral health into their medical practice. Fluoride Varnish Trainings-MassHealth now reimburses certain categories of health providers for applying fluoride varnish, a topical fluoride, on the teeth of children with a moderate to high-risk for dental caries. Health providers must complete a MassHealth approved training on fluoride varnish application before they can bill for this service. The BLOCK Oral Disease training offered by the Office of Oral Health is an approved training.

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Currently the Office of Oral Health is conducting these in-person trainings at community health centers statewide. If you are a health provider and would like to learn more about the BLOCK Oral Disease Toolkit and the Fluoride Varnish Trainings, or if you would like to host a training, please contact, Lynn Bethel, Director of the Office of Oral Health at 617-624-6074 or [Lynn.Bethel@state.ma.us](mailto:Lynn.Bethel@state.ma.us).

### **New National Academy for State Health Policy Report - The Role of Physicians in Children's Oral Health**

This new state health policy monitor highlights two recent surveys which detail the extent and characteristics of twenty-five state Medicaid programs that reimburse physicians for providing basic preventive oral health care to young children during an office visit. The early and frequent contact that most young children typically have with physicians presents a unique opportunity to evaluate their oral condition and perform basic preventive services. States most often reimburse physicians for application of fluoride varnish, which helps prevent cavities; some states also reimburse separately for additional services such as risk assessments, oral exams, and face to face parent/caregiver education about proper oral health practices. Access PDF online at: <http://www.nashp.org/files/Fluoride%20Varnish%20Monitor.pdf>.

### **Children's Defense Fund Releases Report on Key Child Data**

*State of America's Children 2008* is a statistical compendium of national and state-by-state data on children. The report, published by the Children's Defense Fund, also includes comparisons of selected child statistics from the United States and other industrialized countries. Topics include child population, poverty and income, poverty and race, health and health coverage, welfare, youths at risk, education, child care and early childhood development, nutrition, and housing. The press release, highlights, and full report are available at [http://www.childrensdefense.org/site/PageServer?pagename=policyareas\\_stateamericaschildren\\_2008](http://www.childrensdefense.org/site/PageServer?pagename=policyareas_stateamericaschildren_2008). (Information provided by CityMatCH NewsBriefs, January 7, 2009)

### **Community Health Status Indicators Report Published**

The US Department of Health and Human Services has published the Community Health Status Indicators Report, which contains health indicator data on over 200 measures for every county in the United States. Please visit <http://communityhealth.hhs.gov/homepage.aspx>

### **New Resources on Indicators of Child Well-Being**

Child Trends and KIDS COUNT have developed *A Guide to Resources for Creating, Locating, and Using Child and Youth Indicator Data* that provides brief descriptions of the ever-increasing number of data and information resources available to measure child and youth well-being. To view, go to: [http://www.childtrends.org/Files//Child\\_Trends-2009\\_01\\_05\\_FR\\_ChildIndicatorGuide.pdf](http://www.childtrends.org/Files//Child_Trends-2009_01_05_FR_ChildIndicatorGuide.pdf). The most recent issue of *The Child Indicator* focuses on multiple sources of local child indicator data. To view, go to: [http://www.childtrends.org/Files//Child\\_Trends-2008\\_11\\_08\\_CI\\_Fall2008.pdf](http://www.childtrends.org/Files//Child_Trends-2008_11_08_CI_Fall2008.pdf). (Information provided by CityMatCH NewsBriefs, January 7, 2009)

### **New Website to Support Youth Efforts**

The new website FindYouthInfo, was developed through the coordination of multiple Federal agencies, this website offers Federally-developed interactive tools and other resources to help community organizations and partnerships in their efforts to support youth. Included are tools and resources to help form effective partnerships, assess community assets, understand risk factors and protective factors, generate maps of local and Federal resources, and search for evidence-based youth programs. To view, go to: <http://www.findyouthinfo.gov/>. (Information provided by CityMatCH NewsBriefs, January 7, 2009)

### **Brief Examines Cost-Sharing Requirements and Limits in Three European Nations**

As policymakers in the United States weigh options for reform to the nation's health care system, the level of cost sharing that consumers face when they receive services covered by their health plans is a major consideration, especially for those with serious health conditions. A new background brief authored by Kaiser Family Foundation researchers examines how three European countries – France, Germany, and Switzerland – have dealt with cost sharing in their health systems. While cost sharing is required in each of these countries,

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each has a number of specific policies to limit the impact on people and families with significant health care needs and low incomes. Cost Sharing for Health Care: France, Germany, and Switzerland is available online at <http://www.kff.org/insurance/7852.cfm%20>.

### **New Report Examine Trends in Children's Health Coverage**

The nation's weak economy and growing unemployment have many more families and children turning to Medicaid and SCHIP for health coverage. To examine the implications of these developments, the Kaiser Family Foundation's Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured (KCMU) held a policy briefing on trends in health coverage for children and parents and implications for the future. As part of the briefing, the Foundation released its eighth annual 50-state survey of eligibility rules, enrollment and renewal procedures, and cost-sharing practices in Medicaid and SCHIP for children and families. The report finds that state efforts to expand coverage to children slowed in state fiscal year 2008 amid uncertainty around SCHIP's future funding. In addition, the Foundation also released two new issue briefs based on the Kaiser Survey of Children's Health Coverage, a telephone survey of parents that was conducted in 2007 to learn more about children's access to coverage and care and the health care cost-related pressures facing their families. The first provides key findings from the survey, including that many low- and middle-income working families with an uninsured child do not have access to employer-sponsored health insurance. The other examines health insurance coverage for low-income citizen children whose parents are not citizens and some of the specific barriers to enrolling these children in Medicaid and SCHIP. The survey, issue briefs, and other resources are available at <http://www.kff.org/medicaid/kcmu012309pkg.cfm>.

### **Trends in Children's Health Coverage, Including Changes in State Eligibility, Enrollment Requirements**

The Kaiser Family Foundation's Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured released its eighth annual 50-state survey of eligibility rules, enrollment and renewal procedures, and cost-sharing practices in Medicaid and SCHIP for children and families. In addition, the Foundation also released two new issue briefs based on the Kaiser Survey of Children's Health Coverage and has updated several related resources. The survey, issue briefs and additional resources are available online:

- \* Challenges of Providing Health Coverage for Children and Parents in a Recession
- \* Next Steps in Covering Uninsured Children: Findings from the Kaiser Survey of Children's Health Coverage
- \* Covering Uninsured Children: Reaching and Enrolling Citizen Children with Non-Citizen Parents
- \* Chartpack: Health Insurance Coverage of America's Children
- \* Enrolling Uninsured, Low-Income Children in Medicaid and SCHIP
- \* Updated Children's Health Coverage Timeline

A webcast of a briefing on children's health coverage also is available online at [kaisernetwork.org](http://www.kaisernetwork.org). Access this story and related links online: [http://www.kaisernetwork.org/daily\\_reports/rep\\_index.cfm?DR\\_ID=56626](http://www.kaisernetwork.org/daily_reports/rep_index.cfm?DR_ID=56626).

### **Webcasts Now Available On Kaisernetwork.Org**

- Children's Health Coverage: A Primer Alliance for Health Reform and Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured <http://www.kaisernetwork.org/healthcast/kff/02feb09>  
This event featured a panel of experts discussing Medicaid and SCHIP. A podcast is also available.
- Health on the Hill from [kaisernetwork.org](http://www.kaisernetwork.org) and CQ Health Beat's Mary Agnes Carey looks at recent activity on the Hill <http://www.kaisernetwork.org/healthcast/cq/02feb09> A podcast is also available.
- 2009 National Health Policy Conference Academy Health <http://www.kaisernetwork.org/healthcast/nhpc/02feb09>  
This conference provides perspectives on critical health care issues for 2009 from the Administration, Congress, academia and the health care industry. Podcasts are also available.

### **Highwire Press**

Articles on interest from Stanford University Highwire Press:

- *Evaluation of Superficial Microhardness in Dental Enamel with Different Eruptive Ages.*  
<http://highwire.stanford.edu/cgi/medline/pmid;19148385>

- *Tooth Loss and Associated Factors in Adolescents: A Brazilian Population-Based Oral Health Survey.*  
<http://highwire.stanford.edu/cgi/medline/pmid;19169572>
- *Estimate of DMFT Index Using Teeth Most Affected by Dental Caries in Twelve-Year-Old Children.*  
<http://highwire.stanford.edu/cgi/medline/pmid;19169592>
- *A 57-year Follow-up Study of Occlusion : Part 3: Oral Health and Attitudes to Teeth among Individuals with Crossbite at the Age of 8 Years.*  
<http://highwire.stanford.edu/cgi/medline/pmid;19169642>

**American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics** (Volume 135, Issue 2; February 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 2; February 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>. Articles of interest include:

- *Oral Health of Early Head Start Children: A Qualitative Study of Staff, Parents, and Pregnant Women*

**Australia Dental Journal** (Volume 53, Issue 4; December 2008)

Abstracts of articles found in the latest issue of the Australian Dental Journal are now available online. The table of contents can be accessed online at: <http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/loi/ADJ>. Articles of interest include:

- *The Role of Alcohol in Oral Carcinogenesis with Particular Reference to Alcohol-Containing Mouthwashes*
- *The Monitor Practice Programme: Is Non-Invasive Management of Dental Caries in Private Practice Effective?*
- *Protective Effect of Yogurt Extract on Dental Enamel Demineralization*
- *Caries Risk Reduction in Patients Attending a Caries Management Clinic*
- *The Inability of Streptococcus Mutans and Lactobacillus Acidophilus to Form a Biofilm in Vitro on Dentine Pretreated with Ozone*

**Cochrane Library Oral Health Review** (Issue 1; 2009)

Abstracts of reviews of the Cochrane Collaborative related to oral health are now available. The index can be accessed online at: <http://www.ohg.cochrane.org/reviews.html>.

**Community Dentistry and Oral Epidemiology** (Volume 36, 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/120122021/issue>. Articles of interest include:

- *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*
- *A Longitudinal Study of Dental Caries Risk Among Very Young Low SES Children*
- *Confirmatory Factor Analysis on the Health Domains of the Child Perceptions Questionnaire*
- *Does Medicaid Improve Utilization of Medical and Dental Services and Health Outcomes for Medicaid-Eligible Children in the United States?*
- *Six-Year Follow Up of Atraumatic Restorative Treatment Restorations Placed in Chinese School Children*
- *Gender Differences In Reported Dental Fear And Fear Of Dental Pain*
- *Are Intrauterine Growth Restriction and Preterm Birth Associated with Dental Caries?*

**Dental Traumatology** (Volume 25 Issue 1; February 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:

- *Has the Education of Professional Caregivers and Lay People in Dental Trauma Care Failed?*
- *Activities Related to the Occurrence of Traumatic Dental Injuries in 15- To 18-Year-Olds*
- *Dental Trauma In Children And Young Adults Visiting A University Dental Clinic*
- *A 6-Year Investigation Into Types Of Dental Trauma Treated In A Paediatric Dentistry Clinic In Eastern Anatolia Region, Turkey*
- *Prevalence And Determining Factors Of Traumatic Injuries To Primary Teeth In Preschool Children*

**Dutch Journal of Dentistry** (Volume 116, Number 1; January 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:

- *Fear of Dental Treatment Among Children Influence of Experience and Psychological Functioning*
- *An Implant-Supported Mandibular Overdenture a Godsend for a Child With Anodontia*

**European Journal of Paediatric Dentistry** (Volume 9, Number 4; 2008)

Abstracts of articles found in the latest issue of the European Journal of Paediatric Dentistry are available online. The table of contents can be accessed online at: <http://www.eapd.gr/EAPDJournal/EAPD%20Front.htm>.

**General Dentistry** (Volume 57, Number 1; January-February 2009)

Abstracts of articles found in the latest issue of General Dentistry are now available online. The table of contents can be accessed online at: <http://www.agd.org/library/>. Articles of interest include:

- *Fluoride Content of Bottled Water and Its Implications for the General Dentist*

**International Journal of Dental Hygiene** (Volume 7, Issue 1; February 2009)

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

<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/118537311/home?CRETRY=1&SRETRY=0>. Articles of interest include:

- *Dental Hygiene Education in Nepal*
- *A Discourse on the Nature of Dental Hygiene Knowledge and Knowing*
- *Working Profiles of Dental Hygienists in Public and Private Practice in Finland and Norway*

**Journal of the American Dental Association** (Volume 140, Issue 2; February 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:

- *Providing Dental Care to Pregnant Patients: A Survey of Oregon General Dentists*

**Journal of the Canadian Dental Association** (Volume 75, Number 1; February 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/back\\_issue.html](http://www.cda-adc.ca/jcda/back_issue.html). Articles of interest include:

- *Charging for Missed Appointments*
- *Are Routine Sterilization Procedures Effective*
- *Oral Health Care for the Pregnant Patient*

**Journal of Contemporary Dental Practice** (Volume 9, Number 2; February 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>.

**Journal of Dental Hygiene** (January 2009)

Abstracts of articles found in the latest issue of the Journal of Dental Hygiene are now available online. The table of contents can be accessed online at: <http://www.adha.org/publications/index.html>

Articles of interest include:

- *Holistic Dentistry: What Does It Mean?*

**Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved** (Volume 20, Number 1; February 2009)

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

[http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/journal\\_of\\_health\\_care\\_for\\_the\\_poor\\_and\\_underserved/toc/hpu.20.1.html](http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/journal_of_health_care_for_the_poor_and_underserved/toc/hpu.20.1.html). Articles of interest include:

- *Universal Health Insurance for Children*

**Journal of Periodontology** (Volume 80, Number 2; 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 2; February 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:

- *Usual Source of Care and Unmet Need Among Vulnerable Children: 1998-2006*
- *Minitablets: New Modality to Deliver Medicines to Preschool-Aged Child*

**Pediatric News** (Volume 43, Number 1; January 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>.

**RDH Magazine** (Volume 27, Issue 1; January 2009)

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

## **NEWSLETTERS AVAILABLE ONLINE**

Current issues of the following Newsletters are now available online:

***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](http://adha.informz.net/adha/archives/archive_231868.html).

***Cochrane Oral Health Group Newsletter***

The current newsletter is available online in a PDF format at:

[http://www.cochrane.org/newslett/CochraneNewsIssue44\\_Final2Dec08low.pdf](http://www.cochrane.org/newslett/CochraneNewsIssue44_Final2Dec08low.pdf)

***International Association of Pediatric Dentistry Newsletter***

The current issue of the International Association of Pediatric Dentistry Newsletter is available online at:

<http://www.iapdworld.org/images/pdf/january%202009%20newsletter.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://oralhealthamerica.org/enewsjan09.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**



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

### **Indian Health Service**

Indian Health Service (IHS) has vacancies in facilities large and small in some of the most beautiful areas of the United States. Whether you choose the Commissioned Corps, Civil Service, or direct Tribal hire career path, IHS has a position that will meet your specific needs for opportunity, adventure, and purpose. There is a \$75,000 sign up bonus for newly commissioned dentists that agree to a 4 year commitment. Please visit [Commissioned Corps Compensation](#) to learn more. There are currently 182 vacancies—90 available now. To access an unofficial listing of vacancies open or soon to be open go online to: <http://www.dentist.ihs.gov/Positions/vacancies.cfm>. For more information contacts each area's contact person found by clicking on the job title opening to page 2 of the vacancy listing.

### **Burlington, Vermont- *Office of Oral Health Director, Vermont Department of Health***

This position provides administrative, coordinating and supervisory work involving the direction of oral health programs for the Vermont Department of Health. This position is involved with the planning and administration of programs to prevent future oral health diseases and to treat existing oral health deficiencies. The individual will work within the Division of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention in collaboration with other Department chronic disease programs. Candidates should have a working knowledge of the objectives, strategies and procedures of a public health oral health program. Candidates must be graduates of an approved school of dentistry and either be licensed to practice in the State of Vermont or eligible for licensure within one year. The position will be open until filled. Interested individuals must apply on-line through the Vermont Department of Human Resources at [www.vermontpersonnel.org](http://www.vermontpersonnel.org)

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