Convocation 2002 Research Reunion in Florida Dr. T. Bear Report on Giving NYSADC

From The Director

Dear Alumni, Faculty, and Friends:

The past year has been exciting with many challenges and accomplishments! We continue to make significant progress in accomplishing the goals we set for ourselves in research, clinical care, and education; a significant factor in ensuring success in these areas is to recruit outstanding individuals.

New faculty...



Dr. Michel Koo

The past year has been extremely fruitful in this regard. Dr. Michel Koo was recruited to a translational research position. Dr. Koo is a dental graduate of the

State University of São Paulo, Araraquara, Brazil. He received his Ph.D. in 1999 from the State University of Campinas Faculty of Dentistry in Piracicaba, Brazil. He then completed a two-year post-doctoral program in Dr. William Bowen's lab. Dr. Koo's interests are in caries and microbiology and he will be an excellent addition to our research efforts.



Dr. Andy Teng

Dr. Andy Teng was recruited from the University of Western Ontario. He received his D.D.S. degree from Kaoshiung Medical College, Kaoshiung, Taiwan, his Ph.D.

from the Institute of Medical Sciences/ Immunology Division, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto and has been a faculty member at the University of Ontario since 1997. His interests are in the molecular immunology of periodontal disease. Dr. Teng will complement our research efforts in periodontics and microbiology.



Dr. Karl deLeeuw

New Outreach Clinic

Dr. Karl deLeeuw completed a successful first year as chief of the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

A junior faculty member, Dr. Todd Gerlach, was recruited to add



Dr. Todd Gerlach

to the oral surgery education and clinical efforts. He completed his program in oral and maxillofcial surgery this past June and received his D.D.S. degree

from the University of Minnesota in 1998. Dr. Gerlach will be active in the didactic and clinical training of residents enrolled in the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.



Dr. Gretchen Bush

Other recruits in the clinical arena include Drs. Gretchen Bush and Hiroko Iida. Dr. Bush completed our General Practice Residency Program in June and received her

D.D.S. degree from Case Western Reserve University School of Dentistry in Ohio. Her experience includes comprehensive oral health care for hospitalbased populations and treating dental emergencies. Dr. Iida, who is a faculty member in the Division of Pediatric Dentistry received her D.D.S. degree from Kagoshima University in Japan



Dr. Hiroko lida

and completed a postdoctoral residency at New York University. In addition, she received an M.P.H degree from the School of Public Health at the University of

Illinois at Chicago. Dr. Iida's research interests include dental public health and early childhood caries.

New division...

The past year we established the new Division of Community Dentistry and Oral Disease Prevention to ensure continued progress in serving George Eastman's mission of community involvement. This division has the following objectives: to conduct research on the treatment and prevention of oral disease; to work with community stakeholders and collaborators in a culturally sensitive manner; to oversee oral health surveillance of Rochester and Monroe County children; to extend community efforts to prevent oral disease in high risk children; and to develop strategies



to reduce or eliminate disparities in oral health care of vulnerable children.

Currently, a search committee is actively engaged in a recruitment effort for a chief of this division and a junior faculty member. In line with these efforts, we were extremely fortunate to receive an Oral Health Disparities Planning Grant. Dr. Ronald J. Billings is the principal investigator. This grant will bring together researchers in a multi-disciplinary effort focused on oral health disparities. (See article on page 4).

Research....

Our research efforts continue with funding from both federal and commercial sources. The Department of Dentistry received a number of new grants this year.

Dr. Hans Malmstrom was awarded a \$155,000 clinical trial grant to study the safety and effectiveness of a new pain medication in the treatment of postoperative dental pain. Dr. Gene Watson also received a \$115,000 clinical trial grant to study the same pain medication. Dr. Watson also received a threeyear, \$1.3 million,



Dr. Hans Malmstrom



Dr. Gene Watson

RO1 grant entitled "Longitudinal Study of Lead Exposure in Dental Caries."

Dr. Stephanos Kyrkanides is the

principal investigator of a DHHS/ PHS/NIH KO8 instructional grant for \$501,000 to study, "Neuronal Function in

DHHS/PHS/NIH



Dr. Stephanos Kyrkanides

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Development."

Craniofacial

From The Director

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He also received a \$50,000 sponsored research grant from the National Tay-Sachs & Allied Diseases Association to study "Perinatal Gene Therapy for Bphexosaminidase Disorders in Tay-Sachs and Sandhoff's Diseases."

Education...

The progress in the educational arena has been substantial. We continue to recruit outstanding individuals for our NIDCR clinical research training grant, "Rochester Training Grant for Oral Health Clinical Research." In addition, the Oral Cell and Molecular Biology training grant developed by Dr. James Melvin, principal investigator, was funded. This collaborative grant includes short-term training opportunities for translational and clinical researchers.

Dr. Robert Berkowitz was awarded a DHHS/PHS/ HRSA D30 grant of \$526,000 for, "Enhancing Oral Healthcare to Underserved Children," to expand the number of residents in the Pediatric Dental Residency Program with particular emphasis on care for the underserved. (See article on page 4).

We were extremely pleased with the Commission on Dental Accreditation's site visit of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery residency. This program received full accreditation. Dr. Karel de Leeuw, Division of Oral and Maxillo-facial Surgery chief and program director did an excellent job extending the efforts of Dr. Lee Polan, the acting director of the program prior to Dr deLeeuw's recruitment, to ensure this successful outcome and both should be congratulated.

Patient care.....

We provided 123,000 patient visits during the past year and continue to expand our clinical services. A significant accomplishment in the clinical arena was the establishment of the new, 4000 square foot, Daisy Marquis Jones Foundation Outreach Dental Center. (See article on back cover).

Center group where we are currently developing a proposal which links the five academic dental centers in New York State to improve access to care for the underserved. (See article on page 11).

The future...

Our future goals are to move ahead with our vision; to be the premier dental postdoctoral training environment for the education of dentistry's future academic leaders; to develop a service/education system which is a national model for the integration of dentistry with medicine and the health care system at all levels of education, research, and clinical service; to be a local and national leader of high quality oral health care that is evidence-based with an emphasis on prevention and community service; and to work in close cooperation with the Center for Oral Biology (COB) of the Rochester Institute of Biomedical Science, to move into the top three ranking in NIDCR funding, the primary focus in the Eastman Department of Dentistry being clinical and translational research.

Next year will be an exciting one in this regard because we will be conducting a strategic planning process for Dentistry's efforts including Eastman Dental Center, the Center for Oral Biology, and Eastman Department of Dentistry. This will dovetail well with the Medical Center's current strategic planning process.

Our research initiatives will move ahead aggressively with joint recruitment efforts together with the Center for Oral Biology, and the development of a core research facility for our investigators at the Eastman Dental Center site.

Our educational efforts will continue to involve residents in research activities and participation in our training grants. We will strive to increase the number of residents who pursue masters or PhD programs in oral biology, public health or other areas. In addition, we continue to develop the

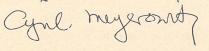
> curricular requirements necessary to create a hybrid masters program.

> I am very excited and pleased that our plans for an All-Alumni Reunion in Naples, Florida in November 2003 are moving along so well. That event will be a wonderful opportunity for alumni to get together and hear more about Dentistry's activities

and plans. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Lastly, I would like to thank all our dedicated faculty, staff, residents, and alumni for their hard work in making Dentistry at the University of Rochester Medical Center move toward achieving its vision. It is both a privilege and a pleasure to work with such outstanding individuals.

Warm Regards,



Cyril Meyerowitz, D.D.S., M.S. Professor & Chair, Eastman Department of Dentistry Director, Eastman Dental Center

WELCOME

APPOINTEES FOR 2002–2003

GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION (GME) PROGRAM

Advanced Education in General Dentistry

Rebecca Anderson, DDS Amit Batra, DDS Edward Cervini, DDS Robert Durand, DMD Siu-Cheuk Hon, DDS Jean-Pierre Khalil, DMD Hoang-Anh Nguyen, DMD

General Practice Residency

Gerry Cellura, DMD Stephen Cho, DDS Neha Dalal, DDS Talal Dimachki, DDS Sean McLaren, DDS Emmanuel Puddicombe, DDS Ryan Swain, DMD Sol Weinstein, DDS

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Manoj Caplash, DMD Peter Lee, DDS Harinder Lotay, DDS Daniel Mahar, DDS Sam Roy, DDS, MD Liansheng Song, DMD State University of New York at Buffalo University of Michigan University of Western Ontario, Canada University of Montreal, Canada University of Western Ontario, Canada University of Montreal, Canada University of Montreal, Canada

University of Pennsylvania University of Toronto, Canada University of Michigan Syria; Eastman Dental Center AEGD State University of New York at Buffalo Ukraine; Eastman Dental Center AEGD Nova Southeastern University State University of New York at Buffalo

University of Alabama University of Western Ontario, Canada University of Alberta, Canada State University of New York at Buffalo University of Maryland Shandong Med. College, China; Eastman Dental Center AEGD

State University of New York at Buffalo

State University of New York at Buffalo

University of Nebraska Medical Center Medical College of Georgia

University of Pennsylvania

University Ibadan, Nigeria Baylor College of Dentistry

University of Toronto, Canada

University of Illinois at Chicago

Marquette School of Dentistry

Nova Southeastern University University of North Carolina

Case Western Reserve University

Peru; Eastman Dental Center AEGD

University of Oklahoma

University of Iowa

University of Iowa Colorado University

Ohio State University

Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics Boston University

David Armbrecht, DMD Ishkhan Bayrakdarian, DMD John Duthie, DDS Lance Edwards, DDS Deji Fashemo, DDS John Graham, DDS Alec Gush, DDS John Hanson, DDS Chad Meyer, DDS James Paschal, Jr., DMD

Pediatric Dentistry Ruben Acuna, DDS Clinton Callahan, DMD Jason Clark, DDS Clarence Graves, DDS Nicole Hawkinson, DDS Sally Kotani, DDS Meggy Orellano, DDS Erik Rooklidge, DDS Judith Shea, DDS

Periodontics

Ryan Anderson, DDS Jang Choi, DDS Neer Even-Hen, DMD Joshua Grant, DDS Vivien Kwok, DDS Chad Lalsingh, DMD

Prosthodontics Majd Al-Mardini, DDS

Wael Garine, DDS

Julian Kahn, DDS

Temple University University of Pennsylvania State University of New York at Buffalo McGill University, Canada **Tufts University**

Syria; University of Western Ontario, Canada Egypt University/ University Western Ontario, Canada Mexico; Eastman Dental Center AEGD Peruana Cayetano Heredia, Peru

INTERNATIONAL DENTAL POSTGRADUATE PROGRAM~

Advanced Education in General Dentistry

Ricardo Huerta-Andrade, DDS

Jose Afable, DDS Jan Bublik, DDS Nahla Elashker, DDS Aharon Ernan, DDS Karin Flores, DDS Yaniun Gan, DDS Gabriela Ganoza, DDS Wei Gao, DDS Patricia Gomez Bazan, BDS Patricia Nino de Guzman, DDS Alfonso Pineyro, DDS Sandro Popelka, DDS Carlos Sanchez Marin, DDS Larysa Smith, DDS Zhenxing Tai, DDS Lana Tello Al-Nashawati, DDS Abidin Hakan Tuncer, DDS Oren Weiss, BSc

Centro Escolar University, Philippines University Palack, Czech Republic Tanta Dental School, Egypt Hebrew University, Israel Francisco Marroquin University, Guatemala Beisting University Dental School, China Cayeto Heredia University, Peru Beisting University Dental School, China Cayetano Heredia University, Peru Cayetano Heredia University, Peru University Autonoma de Guadalajara, Mexico Free University, Germany University Cuauhtemac, Mexico Kuban State Medical Institute, Russia Beijing University Dental School, China Damascus University, Syria Hacettepe University, Turkey Hebrew University, Israel

Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics
Won Hee Lim, DDS You Yonsei University, Korea

Ana Sotela, DDS

Periodontics Alexander Pritsky, DMD

Prosthodontics

Mario Ganddini, DDS Anh Nguyen, DDS

Tel-Aviv University, Israel

University of Costa Rica

Francisco Marroquin University, Guat. University of Montreal

DENTAL FELLOWSHIPS

Temporomandibular Joint Dysfunction

Chad Church, DDS Panagiotis Kamyblafkas, DDS Timothy Scanlan, DDS David Watson, DDS

University Texas, San Antonio University of Athens SUNY Buffalo Medical University South Carolina



Another exciting project is our close collaboration with the 7th District Dental Society to develop a joint demonstration project, which will expand the provision of oral health services to the underserved. This project ties in well with our activities in the New York State Academic Dental

Dentistry Convocation 2002

Speaker's background

Dr. Jay Alan Gershen is the executive vice chancellor and professor of applied dentistry at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center.

Dr. Gershen holds a B.A. in psychology from the State University of New York at Buffalo (1968) and a D.D.S. from the University of Maryland (1972). After a one-year general dentistry internship at Eastman Dental Center, he completed both a clinical specialty in pediatric dentistry and a Ph.D. in education at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) in 1976. Concurrently, he served as a postdoctoral scholar in child psychiatry at UCLA's Neuro-psychiatric Institute. Dr. Gershen joined the faculty of the School of Dentistry at UCLA in 1976. For six years (1976-1982) he directed the UCLA Mobile Dental Clinic serving children of migrant workers in rural California. He continued to serve in a number of academic leadership roles over the next three decades.

Dr. Gershen was awarded a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellowship (1982-1983), sponsored by the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. In this capacity he worked on health policy issues and legislation in the Full Committee on Energy and Commerce in the U.S. House of Representatives.



Dr. Ross H. Tallents was given the Bejan Iranpour Award for Excellence in Clinical Education, "in recognition of continued excellence in clinical education as a faculty member in the University of Rochester Eastman Department of Dentistry."

Dr. Tallents is the director of the Temporomandibular Joint Dysfunction Program, located at the Eastman Dental site. He holds appointments in the ortho-dontic, TMJD, and prosthodontic programs and

earned his certificate in general dentistry in 1973 and in prosthodontics in 1979 from Fastr

1973 and in prosthodontics in 1979 from Eastman Dental Center.
Mrs. Basil G. Bibby was an honored guest at Convocation
2002 and she helped Dr. Meyerowitz present The Basil G. Bibby
Fellowship Award for Academic and Clinical Research
to Dr. Julian Kahn and Dr. Ana Sotela. Dr. Sotela was not able
to accept her award in person because she was in
Guatemala to begin her clinical research project.

Dr. Ross H. Tallents

Dr. James Infantino was also honored at the event. He was unable to attend Convocation 2002 and will receive his award at an upcoming faculty meeting. He will receive the Eastman Department of Dentistry Part-Time Faculty Award "in recognition of dedication and selfless contribution to the residents, students, faculty, staff, and patients of the Prosthodontic Program and the Eastman Department of Dentistry."

Dr. Stanley Handelman and Dr. Hans Malmstrom presented the Handelman Advanced Education in General Dentistry Award to Dr. Jan Bublik.







Speaker Jay Gershen with Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Handelman

"I received my AEGD certificate from Eastman Dental Center twenty-nine years ago today." —Dr. Jay Gershen

The following is an excerpt of Dr. Gershen's Convocation 2002 address

In addition to receiving my genden certificate from Eastman, I was fortunate to spend my genden residency under the guidance of Stan Handelman. Because of Stan's mentoring and brilliance I went into academia.

I can say that Eastman Dental Center has a history and tradition of postgraduate education that results in the best-trained and highly educated

dentists. This is a challenging time to have a career in health science. Much has changed and there are great opportunities in today's academic and research fields.

Society is investing a great deal in your training and expects you to have a sense of commitment and accountability in return.

President Bush is supporting NIH bill 143-27B that will double the amount of federal money to National Institutes of Health. Biomedical research offers new opportunities in health science including genomics, informatics, proteomics, and human embryonic stem cell.

Graduates—you are the best and must achieve excellence and shun mediocrity. You must stay informed and politically active.

Consider ways to give back to the community by helping to educate the underserved in preventative care, volunteering time in clinics and SMILE-mobiles, and serving as faculty in doctoral and postdoctoral programs. The original purpose of the Eastman Dental Dispensary was to provide free oral health care to children. Graduates need to remember that they have a responsibility to uphold George Eastman's tradition of caring for the underserved.

I'll leave you with a closing story about Gertrude Belle Elion who graduated from Hunter College with a chemistry degree in 1929. Gertrude wanted to get a Ph.D. but was rejected from 21 different programs because she was a woman. She couldn't even get employment as a lab tech so she settled for a job as a secretary. When men were drafted in WWII, she found a job as a chemist in a pharmaceutical firm and Gertrude never lost sight of her goal. It was a good thing for humanity that she didn't. In 1988, she won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for developing the first antiviral drugs and she later developed AZT, the most widely used treatment for AIDS.

When asked how she kept going after being rejected so many times, Gertrude paraphrased Admiral David Farragut and said, "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead."













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GEORGE EASTMAN'S LEGACY CONTINUES

entistry receives an NIDCR planning grant to reduce or eliminate oral health disparities in under-represented minorities.

The partnership of Eastman Dental Center with the City of Rochester and Rochester City Schools to prevent or reduce disparities in oral health began in 1915 with a gift from George Eastman enabling the creation of the Rochester Dental Dispensary.

Today, that partnership extends to the University of Rochester Medical Center, including the School of Medicine and Dentistry. However, despite this rich history of collaboration and an extensive network of community-based oral health facilities, fewer than 30% of children from the most impoverished neighborhoods in the city receive regular oral health care.

Further, little is known about disparities in oral diseases or dentofacial disorders among Rochester-dwelling Hispanic families from Puerto Rico and Central America.

On the basis of regularly scheduled oral health surveys of Rochester school children, a comprehensive database on the distribution of dental caries has been compiled. However, little data on caries prevalence or incidence by race or ethnic group are available.

While fewer than 30% of Medicaideligible Rochester children utilize oral health care services, there are no data on barriers to utilization of the abundant and conveniently located neighborhood and school-based oral health care facilities, nor have effective interventions been developed to improve utilization. Little attention has been given to cultural and behavioral characteristics of minorities that may profoundly influence utilization. The proposal described three specific aims to: 1) organize research teams; 2) link research and community partners; and 3) refine research questions and design studies that will address four lines of research. This includes: 1) assess the distribution of

oral disease/disorders, with emphasis on dental caries; investigate factors associated with any excess morbidity observed in Rochester-dwelling Hispanic children and contrast findings with matched cohorts of African-American and Caucasian children; 2) determine the impact of existing oral health care programs on disparities in oral disease morbidity; 3) identify barriers to effective utilization of the oral health care system; and, 4) develop intervention strategies that will prevent or reduce disparities in both the levels of oral diseases

NIDCR AWARD ADDS TO OUTREACH EFFORTS

utilization of, the oral health care system.

as well as in access to, and effective

riting grants is old hat to Dr.
Ronald Billings but he was
extremely pleased when he heard the oral

health disparities plan was funded.

"This is just another step to meeting Dentistry's goal of improving oral health care for the 70% of city children who don't receive regular dental



Dr. Ronald Billings

care," Dr. Billings said.

This award will be partnered with the recent \$526,000 HRSA grant secured by Dr. Robert Berkowitz.

"The focus of that grant is also to reduce health disparities," said Dr. Berkowitz, "and to encourage residents to adopt community service in their own practices. The grant allowed us to begin a 3-year program to expand the pediatric



Dr. Robert Berkowitz

residency program from six to twelve residents."

Educational linkages are now established with the general practice residency, the advanced education in general dentistry, and pediatric

postdoctoral residency programs. Through these linkages, residents are provided the opportunity to work with socially and economically disadvantaged child populations.

THE SWISS ITI/STRAUMMAN US FOUNDATION APPROVES IMPLANT STUDY

r. Dov Almog was recently notified that Dentistry was awarded \$66,760 in direct funding and another \$40,000 in supplies for a two-year implant study. He is the study's principal investigator and chose the topic because of the conflicting opinions surrounding imaging for generalists, who have different levels of expertise.

The quantitative relationship between successful dental implant treatment outcomes and cross-sectional imaging obtained with imaging guides is unknown, and awaits discovery through prospective clinical trials.

The objective of this study is to investigate the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology's hypothesis that cross-sectional imaging in conjunction with surgical guides is an imperative clinical indication and is superior to conventional dental radiographs including panoramic and or periapical radiographs

alone, with no use of cross-sectional imaging in conjunction with surgical guides, during the preoperative assessment phase of dental implant procedure.

The specific goal of this study is to quantify clinical outcomes in the test and control groups following the dental implant procedure and provide an assessment of the difference between the



Dr. Dov Almog

proportions of subjects with successful dental implant clinical outcomes in these groups.

During the preoperative phase, a test group of 30 subjects will be assessed preoperatively utilizing a conventional intraoral clinical exam, which will include a single view panoramic and or periapical radiograph(s). In this test group, additional diagnostic treatment planning modalities will include cross-sectional tomography obtained in conjunction with surgical guides.

The Craniofacial Diagnostic Imaging lab will provide cross-sectional imaging. All 30 subjects in the control group will be assessed preoperatively utilizing only conventional intra-oral clinical exam including single-view panoramic and/or periapical radiograph(s).

Dr. Almog said, "The study authors believe that because dental implants are becoming widespread, careful examination of this pre-operative assessment modality may provide more predictable and successful outcomes, yielding substantial public health benefits."

He added, "Benefits include preservation of adjacent teeth and bony ridges, lowered costs, and improved function to name a few."

CONTINUING DENTAL EDUCATION SCHEDULE FOR 2002 - 2003

Clinical Esthetic Dentistry Program—A Comprehensive Hands-on Course in Esthetic Dentistry

Clinical Director: Hans Malmström, DDS Bleaching, impressions to provisionals, post endo esthetics, porcelain materials, and cementation

January 24-25

George Freedman, DDS, FAACD, ABAD George Tysowsky, DDS, MPH

17 CDE credits. \$975

The cure for the common restoration: Hands-on technique for direct resin restorations

February 21-22

Corky Willhite, DDS, FACG, FAACD 17 CDE credits. \$975

Everything you need to know about porcelain veneers, crowns, and color

March 21-22

Nasser Barghi, DDS Steven Weinberg, DMD 21 CDE credits. \$975

How to place high quality posterior restorations in less time: Learn to fabricate fiber-reinforced bridges

May 2-3

Paul Belvedere, DDS, FASDA, FACD, ABAD Peter Bastian, DDS, MAGD, FIADE, FADI 17 CDE credits. \$975 All four sessions 72 CDE. \$2,795

Contact: mona_fine@urmc.rochester.edu or call [888]-898-9750

6th Annual Conference on Vertical Compaction of Warm Gutta Percha: A Participation Course

Clinical Director: Hans Malmström, DDS Rationale for warm gutta percha: Hands-on access, cleaning, and shaping

March 7-8

William Nesbitt, DMD
Manuel Hoyo, DMD, MSD
14 CDE credits. \$575

Review of new instruments in endodontics: Hands-on rotary instruments and obturation

April 4-5

William Nesbitt, DMD Manuel Hoyo, DMD, MSD 14 CDE credits. \$575

Both sessions 28 CDE credits. \$975

Contact: mona_fine@urmc.rochester.edu or call [888]-898-9750

9th Annual Handelman Conference

Aesthetic materials and clinical treatments 2003

May 16

James Dunn, DDS 7 CDE credits. \$210

Pharmacothereapeutics and pain management in dentistry

May 17

Paul Desjardins, DMD, PhD 4 CDE credits. \$115

Both sessions

11 CDE credits. \$260

Contact: mona_fine@urmc.rochester.edu or call [888]-898-9750

25th Annual Allen A. Brewer Conference June 12

Dr. Hans-Peter Weber Contact: janet_dill@urmc.rochester.edu or call [585]-275-5043

Ninth Annual Handelman Conference

May 16 -17, 2003

Dr. James Dunn Dr. Paul Desjardins

Contact: mona_fine@urmc.rochester.edu or call [888]-898-9750

Dentistry's First All-Alumni Reunion Update – Fall of 2003

As many of you know, plans are progressing for our first All-Alumni Reunion to be held in November, 2003. Our tentative schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, Nov. 5: Registration and hospitality suite/possible division

sessions offered

Thursday, Nov. 6: General Session, "The Clinical Applications of the

Basic Sciences" 9 a.m.-12 p.m.; Welcome Dinner

Friday, Nov. 7: Divisional Sessions 9 a.m.-12 p.m.; Divisional

Dinners

Saturday, Nov. 8: Day 2 or 3 of Divisional Sessions 9 a.m.-12 p.m.;

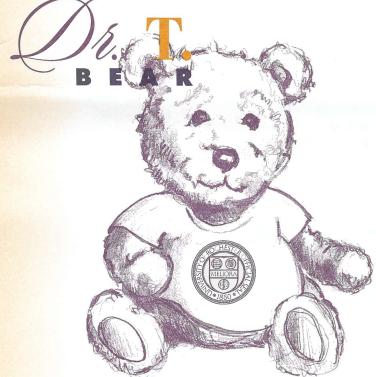
Farewell Dinner and Celebration on the Beach

You should have received a questionnaire asking for contact and practice information, honors and achievements and current positions held. Please complete the questionnaire and return it to us promptly as we are working to establish an all-alumni directory to be distributed during the Reunion and made available to alumni who are unable to attend.

All alumni, faculty, staff, family and friends are invited. We hope you have marked your calendars for November 5-9, 2003 and plan to join us in Naples, FL. To assist in the planning process or for questions, contact Dr. Stanley Handelman at 585-394-0015 or shandel@rochester.rr.com or Becky Herman at 585-273-3172 or becky_herman@urmc.rochester.edu. We look forward to seeing you!

DENTISTRY ALUMNI DIRECTORY QUESTIONNAIRE

Please take a few moments to answer the survey questions and be certain to sign the bottom of the form to be included in our Alumni Directory. (Available as a Word document by request. Email Alumni@2urmc.rochester.edu)



Please let us know if you're a

Dentistry alumnus and have a new bundle of joy in your life.

Dentistry's Office of Alumni Relations would like to send you our new "Dr. T. Bear." So, all of you new parents and grandparents, give us a call! Contact Becky Herman at 800-334-4428 or becky herman@urmc.rochester.edu.

WE VALUE YOUR FEEDBACK

We'll make it worth your while if you take the time to share your thoughts and/or dollars with us. This issue of Momentum includes a section for your comments on the newspaper and also one in case you'd like to make a donation.

Fill out either or both sections, return it to us postage free, and your name will go into a drawing for one of our new Dentistry keepsakes.

You could win a "helicopter" pen, a navy tee shirt or sweatshirt,

a robot calculator, or a new "light" pen. The drawing will be held on January 31, so please return the section as soon as possible.

We're proud of our alumni and would like to share news about your recent award, honor, career change, publication, promotion, or retirement. We'll forward your news items to the Medical Center so it can be included in Medical Center publications. Give us your news and we'll toot your horn!



SURVEY

Name:		
1. Are you considering attending the "All-Alum	ni Reunion?"	☐ No
2. Would you be willing to contact your fellow	classmates to encourage t	them to attend?
Please check one or more programs of which	you graduated from: Year Graduated	Other Degrees Held Degree School Year
Strong Memorial Hospital General Practice Residency Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Eastman Dental Center Advanced Education in General Dentistry Pediatric Dentistry Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics Prosthodontics Periodontics Research Center for Oral Biology Dental Research		
Rochester General General Practice Residency		
The Genesee Hospital General Practice Residency		
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For example: Helen, a consistent donor, plans to leave a \$100,000 bequest in her will to Dentistry at the University of Rochester Medical Center. Among her other assets is a \$100,000 IRA that designates her daughter as the sole surviving beneficiary. Because the IRA has not previously been taxed, the daughter will have to pay income taxes on her distribution from the IRA when she receives it. Her distribution may also be reduced by estate tax.

There is a better way for Helen to accomplish her generous philanthropic purpose, while avoiding a potential double taxation on her daughter's inheritance. This solution is simply to reverse the process, leaving the daughter her \$100,000 as a bequest from the general estate and designating Dentistry to receive its \$100,000 from the IRA. Because the University of Rochester is tax-exempt, it escapes the usual income and estate tax on the IRA distribution. And as estate bequests are generally not income-taxable, the daughter receives a far larger inheritance than she otherwise would. So, through this tax-wise approach, both gifting purposes are achieved and a significant amount of tax is avoided.

Prior to recent tax law changes, donors were often advised by counsel to segregate in a separate account that portion of IRA or other retirement plan assets earmarked for charity. This is no longer necessary. Also, the charity's portion can be designated either as a dollar amount or as a fraction of the total on the death beneficiary designation form available from the IRA custodian or retirement plan administrator. It is important to note that it is these beneficiary designation forms, and not your will, that control the distribution of retirement plan assets.

Gifts from retirement funds can be designated to support a variety of critical needs within Dentistry. We would be pleased to review these needs and discuss tax-wise methods of giving at your convenience. Before making any decisions on how to accomplish philanthropic goals, it is best to consult with personal legal and financial advisors.

For more information on tax-wise giving, please contact Jack Kreckel, Office of Trusts and Estates, at [585] 273-5930 or at [800] 635-4672, kreckel@alumni.rochester.edu or Becky Herman, Dentistry's Development and Alumni Relations Office, [585]-273-3172 or [800]-333-4428, becky_herman@urmc.rochester.edu.

A Call For Nominations

In addition to continuing dental education sessions and renewing old acquaintances, a number of awards will be presented to distinguished alumni at the All-Alumni Reunion to be held in Naples, Florida on November 5-9, 2003.

Past and present alumni, faculty, and friends of Dentistry are eligible to submit one or more nominations to the Awards Committee. Nominations should include a curriculum vitae and a 250-word summary of the nominee's accomplishments including the nominee's impact on the profession, institution, and the community. Letters of support from other alumni and individuals who are familiar with the nominee's career should also be included in the packet.

The nomination documents should be sent to: Dr. John Billen, Chair of the Awards Committee, c/o Marilyn Foy, University of Rochester Eastman Dental Center, 625 Elmwood Avenue. Rochester, NY 14620-2989. Nominations should be submitted

before May 31, 2003, to be eligible. Between 3-5 awards will be given

and the number of awards will be based on the quality and strength of the supporting information. The

Committee favors presenting more awards then less if there are any questions. The awards will be balanced among achievements in research, education, and clinical or clinical administrative accomplishments.

The nominee must meet the following criteria to be eligible for a Dentistry Alumni Award:

- Must be a graduate of one or more Dentistry programs
- Distinguished career in full- or part-time academia, research, government service, health clinic, or administration
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- Leadership in the community such as leadership or board member of social service agency, college, university, philharmonic orchestra, chamber music society, museum, etc.
- Contribution to the success of Dentistry at the University of Rochester Medical Center or the University of Rochester including examples such as taking a leadership role in an alumni group, institutional advisory group, or fund raising activity
- Any outstanding accomplishments that have not been specified but reflect well on the institution



Calling all Pediafric Dentistry Alumni!

Save-the-Date for the 56th Annual American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Meeting to be beld in New York City, May 22-26, 2003. An alumni gathering is being planned during the meeting. Additional information will be provided in the months ahead. For those interested in helping to plan the event, contact Becky Herman in Dentistry's Alumni Relations Office at 585-273-3172 or becky_berman@urmc.rocbester.edu.

Lost Alumni

Thanks to all of you who responded to our last call for help to find your classmates, colleagues, and friends. Over 30 alumni have been found. We are reaching out to you again to help us locate those noted below. If you know how to reach someone who appears on our list, please contact Becky Herman at [800]-333-4428 or becky_herman@urmc.rochester.edu. Thank you!

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Division of Community Dentistry and Oral Disease Prevention

The University of Rochester School of Medicine & Dentistry, Eastman Department of Dentistry invites applications for the position of chief of the Division of Community Dentistry and Oral Disease Prevention. We seek a leader who will enhance and strengthen the mission of the Medical Center in teaching, research excellence and service to the community. The Division is responsible for graduate education in public health, community dentistry, and epidemiology, research in community oral health and oral disease prevention, and administrative oversight for all Community Dentistry outreach programs, comprised of 3 mobile, 3 community-based and 4 school-based clinics, that together serve over 5,000 area children and adults. The Division has a close working relationship with the Department of Community and Preventive Medicine in the University of Rochester, School of Medicine and Dentistry, the Monroe County Health Department and the Dental Bureau of the New York State Department of Health.

Applicants should have a PhD or equivalent degree in a health related field with advanced training in epidemiology, public health and biostatistics. A DDS/ MSD and board certified or board eligible in Dental Public Health is desirable. Candidates with a dental degree must have a dental license or be eligible for a license to practice dentistry in New York State. The successful candidate will have a demonstrated commitment to graduate dental education, community health and research. Preference will be given to candidates with grant funding and/or the demonstrated ability to build a strong research program. The University offers a significant compensation package commensurate with qualifications of the appointee. Funds are also available for the recruitment of junior faculty including a biostatistician who would be shared with the Center for Oral Biology in the Aab Institute of Biomedical Sciences, School of Medicine and Dentistry.

Applications that demonstrate scholarly distinction appropriate for appointment at the Associate or Full-Professor level should include the names and addresses of three references, academic and research interests, and be forwarded to the Chair of the Search Committee: Dr. Ronald J. Billings, Eastman Department of Dentistry, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, 625 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, NY 14620-2989, or E-mail: ron_billings@urmc.rochester.edu

Division of Pediatric Dentistry

The Division of Pediatric Dentistry of the Eastman Department of Dentistry at the University of Rochester is seeking applicants for the position of residency program director.

The qualified applicant must possess or be eligible for a NY State dental license; meet CODA credentialing requirements to be appointed as a program director for advanced educational programs in pediatric dentistry; and have scholarly credentials to be appointed to the academic rank of associate or full professor at the University of Rochester.

Interested candidates should send a curriculum vitae and names of three (3) references to Dr. Robert Berkowitz, Professor and Chief, Division of Pediatric Dentistry, Eastman Department of Dentistry, University of Rochester, 625 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, NY 14620 or email:

robert_berkowitz@urmc.rochester.edu.

Translational Research

The Eastman Department of Dentistry is seeking applications for tenure-track assistant/associate professor positions from individuals interested in pursuing a translational research career in an academic health center environment. Successful applicants must have significant research training (typically to a Ph.D. level) and demonstrate the potential to develop and maintain a high quality, externally funded, translational research program in some aspect of craniofacial, dental or oral biology. Strong preference will be given to those individuals who possess a D.D.S./D.M.D. or equivalent and who are eligible to practice dentistry in New York State. Applicants at the more senior level would be expected to demonstrate a strong history of research accomplishment and extramural funding.

The successful candidates will spend approximately 20% of their time in clinically related activities. The remainder of their time will be spent in conducting a vigorous translational research program. Unique facilities within the Eastman Department of Dentistry (Website: http://www.urmc.rochester.edu/Dentistry/ edd/index.html) include: the Salivary Dysfunction Clinic and a Clinical Genetics Clinic. The University of Rochester Medical Center is well known for its highly interactive nature. In addition to the appointment in the Eastman Department of Dentistry candidates may receive secondary appointments in a traditional basic science department and/or

the Center for Oral Biology in the newly formed Rochester Institute of Biomedical Sciences (Website:

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To apply, please send a letter of interest containing a brief summary of research goals, curriculum vitae, and the names of three references to: Dr. Cyril Meyerowitz, Professor and Chair, Eastman Department of Dentistry, 625 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, New York, 14620-2989, or e-mail: cyril_meyerowitz@urmc.rochester.edu.

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This grant is designed especially for dentists with a D.D.S. or D.M.D. degree who have completed residency training in postdoctoral general dentistry or a clinical specialty, or junior and mid-career dental faculty who wish to retrain as clinical researchers. The grant is designed to provide dentists with theoretical, methodological, and practical training in clinical research to prepare them for careers in academic dentistry.

The program emphasizes the fundamental aspects of oral and dental biology, oral microbiology, salivary research, and craniofacial development. A strong feature of the program is the inter-disciplinary collaborative nature of the training environment designed to encourage interaction among the dental trainees and the strong cadre of biomedical and social scientists.

For information, please contact Marilyn Foy, Residency Coordinator, Eastman Dental Center, 625 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, NY 14620-2989, call 585/275-8315, or e-mail marilyn_foy@urmc.rochester.edu.

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Dr. Somerman named UW School of **Dentistry Dean**

Martha J. Somerman, D.DS., Ph.D., an expert in cell behavior and in molecular approaches to restoring tissue, was named dean of the University of Washington School of Dentistry, following a national search that spanned more than a year.

"I am honored and privileged to be associated with such a prestigious and prominent dental chool," said Dr. Somerman after her appoints was announced. "I hope to contribute to its continuing growth and success."

Dr. Somerman is the past president of the American Association for Dental Research, serves on the advisory council for the National Institute of Craniofacial and Dental Research, the National Institutes of Health, and is a diplomat of the American Academy of Periodontology. She was named a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 2001 for her "distinguished contributions to the fundamental biology of the hard oral tissues, particularly for enhancing the understanding of the regeneration of periodontal hard tissues."

Dr. Somerman received her D.D.S. degree from New York University in 1975, and her Ph.D. from the University of Rochester in 1980. She received a periodontics certificate that same year from Eastman Dental Center.

Dr. Somerman has been the William K. and Mary Anne Najjar professor in the Department of Periodontics, Prevention and Geriatrics at the Michigan dental school since 1991. She chaired the department from 1991 to 2001. She has also been a professor in the University of Michigan medical school's Department of Pharmacology since 1995. Previously, she was on the faculty of the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery at the University of Maryland.



Dr. Martha J. Somerman

She also serves on editorial boards for several journals including the Journal of Dental Research and the Journal of Periodontology.

Since 1981, she has maintained a private practice in the specialty of periodontics. Her laboratory focuses on understanding the factors, genes and mechanisms regulating formation, maintenance and regeneration of soft and hard connective tissues. Her research support is from both NIH and the private sector. She has over 100 publications in peer-reviewed journals and has served on several editorial boards.

Dr. Levy is named Frederick Memorial Hospital's Good Samaritan

Dr. Harvey Levy, GenDen '75, a practicing general dentist in Frederick, Maryland, is this year's recipient of the Frederick Memorial Hospital's "Good Samaritan Award," the highest award given to an individual each year.

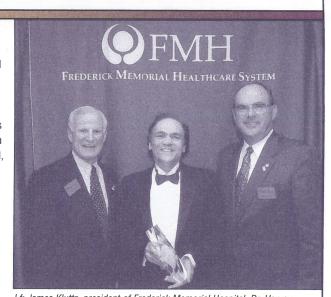
The award honors some of the hospital's most generous benefactors and Dr. Levy was the 16th recipient of the award, which recognizes contributions not only to the hospital but to the quality of life in the Frederick community.

"When someone's passion for their life's work blends completely with a commitment to one's fellow man, that person posses a sense of wholeness, of

completeness that is rare indeed," said Gail T. Guyton, chairman of the FMH Special Gifts Committee, in announcing Dr. Levy's award.

"Our Good Samaritan of the Year's life's work is dentistry and his passion is a commitment to quality care for all, even those most challenging to treat and least able to pay," said Mr. Guyton. "Dr. Levy has integrated his skill as a dentist with his compassion for an often-forgotten part of the community; those with physical and mental handicaps."

Dr. Levy is the executive director of the Maryland AGD, and is the first dentist ever to receive this award.



Lf: James Kluttz, president of Frederick Memorial Hospital, Dr. Harvey Levy, and Gail Guyton, chairman of the FMH board.

Dr. Geoffrey Sperber Is Honored

Edmonton dentist Geoffrey Sperber, DDS, PhD, MS '62 DNS, was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Dental Medicine Degree (Dr.Med.Dent.h.c.) from the

University of Witten/ Herdecke, Germany at a special Convocation in May for his "contributions to dental science." He also received the Award of Merit of the Canadian Dental Association (CDA) in recognition of outstanding contributions to Canadian dentistry.



Dr. Geoffrey Sperber

Dr. Sperber has had an international career in the field of craniofacial development. He is a professor emeritus at the University of Alberta and has served as a visiting professor at universities in Singapore, South Africa, New Zealand, and the United States.

He has received numerous research fellowships, lectured extensively, and is widely published.

In addition to being an AAA member since 1976, Dr. Sperber is a fellow of the International College of Dentists and a life member of the International Association of Dental Research. He received his specialty from the University of Rochester and his dental degree and PhD from the University of Witwatersrand (South Africa).

Congratulations Dr. Sperber on your achievements throughout your career.

Congratulations Dr. Alberts

Dr. Marco Alberts, GenDen'80, sent an e-mail sharing the news that he assumed a new position as director of the Dental/Oral Surgery Clinic at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, Washington. Dr. Alberts has also been appointed to the faculty of restorative dentistry at the University of Washington where he will teach undergraduate courses.



Over 250 alumni, faculty, and friends attended the Dentistry reception during last spring's IADR/AADR conference held in San Diego.

The reception was an opportunity to renew friendships, share news, and reminisce about "the good old days." Everyone agreed that the Dentistry reception was a huge success and people are looking forward to the event scheduled for the AADR San Antonio meeting in March.







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RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Drs. Irwin Mandel, William Bowen and Lawrence Tabak

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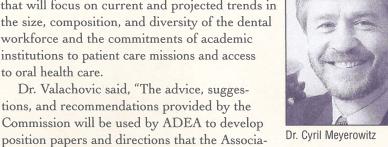
U of R Alumni, Dr. William Bowen – MS Micro 1959, Dr. Robert Burne – PhD Microb 1987, Dr. Kurt Schilling – PhD Micro 1989





ASSOCIATION APPOINTED CYRIL MEYEROWITZ TO ITS NEW COMMISSION ON THE ROLE OF ACADEMIC DENTAL INSTITUTIONS

r. Richard W. Valachovic, executive director of the ADEA, invited Dr. Cyril Meyerowitz to join a new national commission that will focus on current and projected trends in the size, composition, and diversity of the dental workforce and the commitments of academic institutions to patient care missions and access to oral health care.



tion should take as it considers its leadership role in addressing emerging dental workforce issues and improving oral health status and access to care for all communities and populations."

After attending the first planning session, Dr. Meyerowitz said, "It is clear that academic dental institutions have an important part to play in improving access to oral health care. The Commission has taken significant steps in identifying critical issues that need to be addressed to develop a comprehensive national policy on improving oral health access.

Dr. Meyerowitz has been an active member of the council of deans of the ADEA for the past ten years. He has also served as chair of the New York State Academic Dental Centers from 2000 through 2001. He is currently the commissioner for Postdoctoral General Dentistry Education on the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation.

DR. WATSON APPOINTED AN ADA **CONSULTANT AND ALSO RECEIVES** A NIEHS GRANT

r. Gene E. Watson, associate professor of Dentistry and associate professor of Pharmacology and Physiology in the School of Medicine and Dentistry, has been appointed as a consultant to the American Dental Association's Council on Scientific Affairs. The Council appoints consultants to provide professional expertise and assistance in addressing various scientific issues. Dr. Watson will advise the Council on scientific issues as they affect the practice of dentistry, review materials for Sealprogram product evaluations, draft or review



reports to the profession, participate in Council-sponsored conferences related to his area of expertise, and assist in the development of product evaluation guidelines.

Dr. Watson received \$25,000 from the Department of Environmental Medicine's NIEHS Center Grant Pilot Project to fund his project entitled "Influence of Maternal TCDD (2,3,7, 8 tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin) Exposure Caries, Aleveolar Bone, and Saliva in Rats."

GPR DIRECTOR EARNS MPH

ongratulations to Dr. Todd Thierer who recently completed his master's degree in public health at the University of Rochester. Dr. Thierer is the co-chief of the Division of General Dentistry, program director of the General Practice Residency Program located at the SMH site; and director of Ambulatory Dental Services at SMH and the SMH Faculty Practice Group site.



Dr. Todd Thierer

JACK G. CATON ELECTED TO AAP FOUNDATION BOARD

he American Academy of Periodontology Foundation elected Jack G. Caton, D.D.S. M.S., its board of directors at its annual meeting in New Orleans on September 23. Dr. Caton is a professor at the Eastman Department of Dentistry and a private periodontal practitioner.

Dr. Caton currently chairs the Gerald M. Bowers Endowment Fund for the American Board of Periodontology, a five-year, \$1.5 million campaign launched in 2001 by the AAPF.

Dr. Caton also has served as president of the American Academy of Periodontology, director and chairman of the American Board of Periodontology, and director for the Monroe County Dental Society and the Seventh District Dental Society of New York.

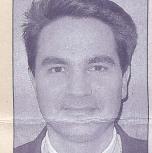
He received his dental degree from the University of California in San Francisco, his certificate in advanced general dentistry from the U.S. Army, and his postdoctoral training certification from Eastman Dental Center.

The American Academy of Periodontology Foundation is dedicated to improving the periodontal health of the public by increasing public and professional awareness of periodontal diseases; stimulating and supporting clinical research and the generation of new knowledge; and enhancing educational programs and opportunities in periodontology. Periodontics is one of nine dental specialties recognized by the American Dental Association.



tephanos Kyrkanides, D.D.S., M.S ('97). Ph.D. ('99), Ortho ('94), TMJD ('95), Genden '99, assistant professor in the Departments of Dentistry and Neurobiology & Anatomy, assumed a new position in addition to his role as coordinator of the Craniofacial Research Core of the Eastman Department of Dentistry.

Dr. Kyrkanides has merged his clinical background with his training in research to develop a new educational trend in orthodontics that combines evidence-based teaching, clinical training, and translational research. He will bring that concept into his new role of assistant chair. In this capacity, Dr. Kyrkanides will take on a lead-



ership role in resident training, sponsored research and clinical practice, and as a veteran of the Eastman orthodontic program will continue to foster a solid academic

Dr. Kyrkanides said, "Our Orthodontic Program is very strong because our residents are exposed to rigorous clinical training that encompasses the full spectrum of orthodontics, including the treatment of craniofacial anomalies. In fact, this is one of the few places worldwide where students have the opportunity to directly treat cleft palate patients."

Dr. Subtelny will remain in his position as clinical chief and will still maintain an active involvement with the Orthodontic Program. When asked about retirement, he commented, "A great deal of my life is connected to this program and it gives me such joy to see the young orthodontists go through the courses and grow to be self-confident professionals who go on to be academic leaders, researchers, and care providers. Dr. Kyrkanides is an excellent example of how our graduates go on to assume leadership roles in dentistry."

RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM IN HONOR OF WILLIAM BOWEN A SUCCESS

he Impact of Research on the Future of Dentistry Symposium in honor of Dr. William H. Bowen was a grand success. Over 125 alumni, faculty, staff, corporate sponsors, and family participated in the twoday event hosted by the Center for Oral Biology and the Eastman Department of Dentistry.

The event paid tribute to Dr. Bowen and highlighted his 40+ years in dental research. It also celebrated 75 years of postdoctoral dental fellowships at the University of Rochester Medical Center.

Presenters included Drs. Michael Barnett, retired



Dr. William Bowen

from Pfizer Consumer Healthcare Research and Development; John Clarkson from Dublin Dental School and Hospital; Diane Cummins of Colgate-Palmolive; Nigel Pitts, professor at the University of Dundee; Diarmuid Shanley, professor at Dublin Dental School and Hospital, Trinity College; George Stookey, a distinguished professor emeritus at Indiana University; Dr. John Stamm, professor and dean of the School of Dentistry University of North Carolina; and Lawrence Tabak, director of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research at the National Institutes of Health.

THE NEW YORK STATE ACADEMIC CENTERS' (NYSADC)

Dental And Oral Diseases: The Silent Epidemic

espite dramatic improvements and advances in prevention and treatment, too many New York children and adults suffer from oral infection and disease. Tooth decay is the most common chronic disease of childhood—with a disproportionate amount found in minorities and low-income families. In fact, the burden of oral health disease is borne mostly by those without the ability to pay for dental sevices - the low-income, uninsured, and special needs populations, such as the elderly, the developmentally and physically disabled, HIV/ AIDS patients, and the homeless. Common estimates for medically uninsured people in the United States number 40 million adults and 10 million children, while estimates of dentally uninsured are as high as 150 million. More than 50% of New Yorkers, approximately 9 million people, are without adequate dental insurance.

The U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO) cites a continuing decline in the percentage of children with private health insurance – concentrated among children in poor families. Simultaneously, Medicaid is becoming a more important source of health insurance for these children. However, the percentage of qualifying New York children receiving preventive dental care under Medicaid is less than 20%. This is lower than the national average and other northeastern states. One reason for this deficit is that not all eligible dentists participate in the Medicaid

program. NYSADC's efforts, coupled with a renewed commitment of the New York State Dental Association to encourage more dentists to participate in Medicaid, will assist in alleviating this problem.

Lack of access to oral health services is having a detrimental effect on the general health of children and adults throughout the state and the nation. A recent U.S. Surgeon General's report, *Oral Health in America*, identifies the growing problem of dental and oral diseases as a "silent epidemic." The report also depicts a significant link between oral health and general health, as oral infections and disease are often clear indicators of more serious health problems. It is often the dental professional who is the first to make these discoveries.

The report calls for a national movement to improve the oral health of all Americans. In New York the problem has reached crisis proportions. Oral health care is quickly becoming the forgotten health concern: children grow up without ever having seen a dentist, older adults lose teeth after years of decay, and employees miss work due to oral pain and disease. The New York State Academic Dental Centers are at the forefront of addressing these critical issues.



Representatives from the five New York State Acadmic Dental Centers participated in 2002 Oral Health Awareness Day in Albany. From left to right: Drs. Joseph Bernat, Chairman, Department of Pediatric Dentistry and Associate Dean for External Affairs, University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine; Cyril Meyerowitz, Director of the Eastman Denter Center, and Professor and Chair of the Eastman Department of Dentistry; Debra Cinotti, Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs, Stony Brook University School of Dental Medicine; Steven Donofrio, Executive Associate Dean for Administration of New York University College of Dentistry; and Ira Lamster, Dean, Columbia University School of Dental and Oral Surgery.

The Problem of Uncompensated Care

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New York State Academic Dental Centers are non-profit organizations. They typically operate at a loss and are subsidized mainly by clinic work, research and development, and in the case of the private institutions, student tuition.

In 2001, they absorbed over \$51 million in uncompensated costs. This year, the State Legislature allocated \$124,000 to the Centers to help offset the cost of uncompensated care. A federal match brings this total to \$224,000. This amounts to less than one half of one percent of the cost of delivering care – through the Centers' on-site clinics, community dental vans and off-site visits to rural areas of the state. Without these services, many patients would have no access to dental services.

In order to continue its tradition of providing quality health care to New York's low-income families, and to expand its ability to reduce disparities in access to oral health care, NYSADC seeks increased compensation from the state for uncompensated care and to be allowed to continue its partnership with the state for direct reimbursement for Medicaid services.

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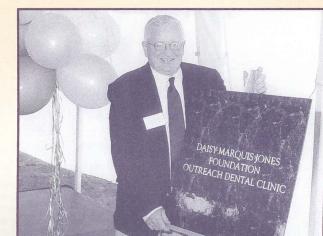
On a breezy September afternoon, Shai Allen a second grader, accompanied by Patricia Jones, #17 school's new principal, and Dr. Cyril Meyerowitz, snipped a ribbon connecting two towers of balloons. The balloons parted to officially open of the Daisy Marquis Jones Foundation Outreach Dental Clinic at School #17 on Orchard Street.

Designed to serve the entire community, the Daisy Marquis Jones Foundation Outreach Dental Center will be open during and after school hours, offering five dental chairs, an X-ray machine, a full lab, and an operating room. At almost 4,000 square feet, it is similar in size to the medical center - the Orchard Street Community Health Center that opened on school grounds in 1999. It will serve as many as 5,000 people annually.

Although the site has been in operation over the past several weeks, the dental clinic donors and the #17 school community had the opportunity to tour the site and meet the care providers.

The area surrounding School No. 17 is located within Rochester's poverty crescent, and has one of the highest poverty rates in the Rochester City School

District. In addition, the census tract surrounding the school has the highest rate of unemployment, public assistance, teen-age births, crime, and infant mortality in the city. This project is happening at a crucial time because the neighborhood desperately needs it.



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