

## ACA Expanded Dependent Coverage

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ACA's expanded dependent coverage provision increased access to dental care for young adults. The ACA's dependent coverage policy allows dependent children to stay on their parents' or guardians' health insurance until age 26. The HPI team examined the impact of the policy on three outcomes: dental benefits coverage, dental care utilization, and financial barriers to dental care. They find that the policy increased private dental benefits coverage among adults aged 19 to 25 by 6.9 percentage points. Given that the dental benefits coverage rate pre-reform was 38% for this age group, this is a significant effect. The policy also led to a 3.3 percentage point increase in dental care utilization and a 2.0 percentage point decrease in the likelihood of experiencing financial barriers to dental care for adults aged 19 to 25. Because dental care for adults is not an essential health benefit under the ACA, little direct impact was expected. The findings, however, suggest an indirect "spillover" effect that led to increased access to dental care for a key demographic group – young adults.

To Access the ADA Health  
Resource Institute article:

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## First Friday.....August 1, 2014

### (Back to School Time!)

August is *Back to School* time at IUSD! We are kicking off 2014-15 this fall with implementation of a new academic calendar which provides for common course start/stop times and some additional breaks throughout the year for faculty, staff and students. First year DDS students began orientation July 12<sup>th</sup> with team building exercises and a great all day outing at Bradford Woods (Ask a D1 about his/her raft building skills!) Since orientation, the D1's have spent the first weeks engaged in study while the remaining three DDS classes have staggered class and clinic schedules over the summer. Advanced education students began July 1, 2014 and allied students will start in August. The second cohort of international students (n=13) began their formal course of study July 1. Total fall enrollment for all programs tops out at almost 655. I hope you have had an opportunity to take some vacation and "recreate" in preparation for the fall term. This fall provides continued opportunities to advance the Vision and Mission of IUSD to make *Indiana University School of Dentistry one of the best dental schools of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.*

### • Facilities Update

Since May, we have been busy doing some additional scenario modeling and planning and we aren't finished yet! The wheels of IU move slowly and the impact of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) has again touched IU with the recent announcement that downtown [IU Hospital and Methodist Hospital will merge](#). That said, I do want to update everyone on what is happening with the facilities/building project so far.

Since my arrival as dean in June 2010, facilities enhancements to keep IU dental competitive for faculty and students has been one of my top priorities. While we have made some progress over the past four years (external building appearance, new simulation labs, reception/lobby areas, and two lecture room upgrades), we keep falling behind in comparison to other dental schools in surrounding states—notably Big10 universities with dental schools—that have better clinical and research facilities. I remain strongly committed, however, to improving the entire dental school campus facility at IUPUI over the next 5 years by tying into the major IU Bicentennial Campaign which the President is leading and building on our current success in raising funds for the building facilities. The time is right to make a big push for IU-IUPUI dentistry. Here is what we are working with currently:

- Smith Group JJR, the architectural planning group working on the Interprofessional Education (IPE) project, has expanded its scope of work to do master planning for IU medicine and the other health schools on the old Wishard campus. Based on their early indication, it doesn't appear feasible to relocate the entire dental school facility to the former Wishard property.

## First Friday....IUSD Dean's Update August 1, 2014

- Beginning fall 2014, the old Regenstrief clinical building temporarily will house additional dental clinical and office space to take the pressure off IUSD which lost clinic and office space when Wishard closed the building in December 2013.
- As a future replacement for the old Regenstrief facility which looks like the probable site for renovation into the IPE Center (dependent on funding), we hope to acquire assignment of the entire first floor of the Wishard-PCC building to renovate it into a satellite contemporary state of the art dental clinical facility to replace the lost space plus add some operatories in the old Regenstrief (emergency clinic, oral surgery clinic, general dentistry clinic etc.) and add a few new services yet to be programmed.
- We have returned attention back to the existing Michigan street site by exploring construction of a smaller footprint clinical/research addition and then seeking renovation funds to complete the remaining portions of the existing facility. I deeply appreciate your patience as we go through extensive University planning activities.

- **IU Dental Alumni Association Challenge**

Our IUSD Alumni Association is in the midst of a membership campaign. Your membership funds alumni programming for the School of Dentistry. Additionally, for every IUSD graduate that joins by August 15, 2014, the IU Alumni Association will make a monetary gift to our International Service Learning program. If you are not a member, please join by visiting [join.iu.edu](http://join.iu.edu). In return a gift will be made to the dental International Service Learning program, use the code **IUDENT14**.

- **New Faculty and Administrative Positions**

IUSD is pleased to announce several new faculty and administrative positions:

- Michael Kowolik – Executive Associate Dean and Associate Dean for Faculty and Global Engagement (August 1)
  - Tawana Ware – predoctoral pediatric dentistry (August 1)
  - Ned Warner – endodontics (June 2014)
  - Juan Yepes – pediatric dentistry (July 1)
  - Achint Utreja – orthodontics (July 1)
  - Lisa Maxwell – dental hygiene program director (August 2014)
  - Kelton Stewart – orthodontics program director (July 2014)
  - Carrie Klene – oral maxillofacial surgery program director (July 2014)
  - Mike Frazier/ Tanya Hall – shared position craniofacial orthodontics (July/August 2014)
- **Upcoming IUSD Events**
    - Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> – Faculty Appreciation and Calibration Day (Towers Ballroom-IUPUI)
    - Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> – White Coat Ceremony for D1 students (Campus Center 4<sup>th</sup> Fl)

- **IUSD First Friday Social**

From Staff Council President Terry Wilson: IUSD Staff Council will again be hosting the First Friday Social starting at 7:30 a.m. in the basement student lounge with complimentary coffee and donuts until 9 a.m. Unfortunately, I will miss the FF Social as I am in Chicago attending the summer CODA meeting.

Thanks to each of you for your dedication to and support of the Vision and Mission of IUSD. I'll be back next month with another edition of *First Friday...Dean's Update*.



–John

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