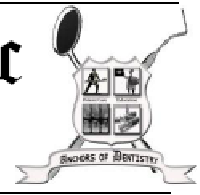


The Practicing Academic

The Department of Periodontics and Allied Dental Programs
(DPADP)



The Alumni Issue

January 2010



Chairman's Corner:

As we get set to begin 2010, I cannot help but wonder where 2009 has gone. Having said that, I will also say 2009 was a challenging year.

However, it was a year that we accomplished a lot. For me personally, 2009 marked my first full year as the Permanent Chairman of the Department. I began my year long leadership training at the ADEA meeting in Phoenix, AZ in March 2009. My training will be completed at the ADEA meeting in February in Washington DC. This has been an incredibly rich experience for me. It was also one that involved a lot of work and I am glad that I was given this opportunity. One of the outcomes of this program is a paper titled "Development, Recruitment and Retention of Dental faculty in a Rapidly Changing Environment" for which I am the primary author. We hope to have this paper accepted by the Journal of Dental Education for publication soon. Working with fellows from 6 different institutions on this paper has been an experience in time management and priority setting.

Within the Periodontics division, we spent the second half of the year being one full time faculty member short of full strength as Seok Jin Kim had taken a leave of absence for the year. This definitely made our tasks more challenging as we had to accomplish the

same objectives without Jin's help. Jin has subsequently decided to resign as he is putting all his time and treasure into developing his business venture in Korea (*more on this later in the newsletter*). Accordingly, we are working on advertising for all the available positions within the Periodontics Division which we hope to fill by July 2010.

On the clinical side we felt the effects of the economic recession with a reduction in the number of our patient visits. However for the past 2-3 months our patient numbers have increased significantly. This has necessitated having additional faculty scheduled on the graduate clinic side. This has meant fewer available faculty for pre-doctoral coverage. I expect that this situation will continue to challenge us in the coming year.

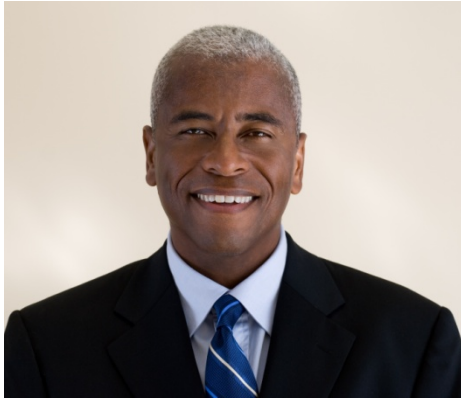
In the previous newsletter (Oct 2009), I made mention of establishing funds to allow residents to attend the AAP meetings. I followed this up with my annual letter. Please know that I am very appreciative of all of your support and that you are an integral part of our success as a Department by virtue of your generosity. Your donations go a long way in helping us achieve our goals.

This issue of our newsletter is titled the "The Alumni Issue". I am very glad that 3 of our alumni, Cecil White, Bruce Wiland and Robert De Poi have contributed excellent articles that you

will find very interesting. Merry Christmas, Happy New year and Happy Holidays to all of you.

My Career in Periodontics in the Navy

CAPT. Cecil White, Head, Dental Department, Naval Branch Health Clinic, Mayport, Florida



Having been asked by Dr. John to contribute an article to our beloved newsletter, I am pleased to comply. It is, however, more than just “complying” to a request. Having to sit, reflect, and write these words have actually been “cathartic”. It is one thing to document your “journey”, but in doing so, thoughts and feelings can surface that you never really knew that you had. You actually “grew” in the process of completing the task. So, with that in mind, my “story” probably began in 1976.

It was the fall of 1976 and I had received letters of acceptance to the dental schools of the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Florida. Between my savings from summer jobs, and what my parents had saved, we were ready to “finance” my dental education. However, one evening as I was driving home, I started thinking about other options for paying for dental school. After all, my parents worked hard all their lives, and I thought that they deserved to “enjoy” the fruits of their labor. So, after further investigation, it appeared that my options were: “the Military”, the Indian Health Service, or the Public Health Service. After about a week of “soul-searching”, I decided that

the United States Navy was really the only “logical” choice, since I kept seeing “water” in my past.

My horoscope is Pisces, I worked as a Lifeguard in summer, grew up in a “bay city” (i.e. Tampa, Florida), etc. My final thought was that if the United States Navy was “good enough” for Presidents Kennedy and Carter, then it was certainly “good enough” for me. The rest is “history.....”

I decided to attend the University of Florida College of Dentistry in Gainesville, Florida. Having received an Armed Forces Health Scholarship, the Navy paid the cost of my tuition, instruments, and books. I also received a stipend, which I used toward housing. Upon graduation, my commitment was a total of 4 years (1 year of “payback” for each year of dental school). I left dental school free of debt.

Officer Indoctrination School is in Newport, Rhode Island. Most graduates attend the 6-week school before reporting to their first duty station. In my case, there was an apparent “glitch” with my transfer, and I was unable to attend the course. Therefore, following a 2-day indoctrination course at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

(in Portsmouth, Virginia), I reported to my first duty station at Little Creek Naval Amphibious Base, Norfolk, Virginia. The environment was especially great for a new graduate because we had specialists in numerous areas that were available for consultation and assistance. I received 3- to 6-month rotations in Periodontics, Endodontics, Prosthodontics, and Oral Surgery. It was the result of my rotation with CAPT Truett Lineberger (the clinic Periodontist), that I decided to pursue postgraduate training in the specialty of Periodontology. With the realization that I needed to have an “operational” tour to be competitive for training, I requested a ship as my next tour of duty. That wish was granted when I was assigned to the USS Trenton LPD-14 as the Dental Department Head. With only two months aboard, we deployed to the Mediterranean for a 6-month deployment. The two years aboard the ship were probably my

“best” years of Naval Service. The opportunity to manage a Dental Department was great. I was able to routinely perform non-surgical endodontics (however, I also remember doing an apicoectomy on New Years Day in 1984 as a result of having no other resources at sea), remove impacted 3rd molars while the ship was making 5 to 7 degree rolls, witness the invasion of Grenada, view the site of the Marine Barracks shortly after the 1983 bombing in Beirut, Lebanon, listen to the Secretary of Defense and the Commandant of the Marine Corps as they addressed our crew, and the list goes on...and on...and on. There is something “magical” about life aboard ship, with people that you initially don’t know, yet ultimately generate “life-long” relationships. Simple things like daily meals and “Mail Call” are no longer simply “evolutions”....they become “events” that you eagerly anticipate.

Following a one-year tour at Branch Dental Clinic Mayport, Florida, I was selected for a one-year Fellowship in Periodontics at Naval Dental Center Norfolk, Virginia. It was a great experience in that the program was a “mini-residency”, complete with literature reviews and case defense(s). We were even required to complete a research project as part of our program; my project dealt with the prevalence / incidence of mesial concavities in mandibular incisors, and I was able to present my material at an IADR meeting in Montreal later that year. The year of the program, and the following year as a Department of Periodontics staff member, was the perfect prelude to the start of my outservice residency at Indiana University. Dr. Everett B. Hancock (CAPT, USN-Retired) gave me a tremendous residency, and also showed that you could do so while maintaining a certain level of “humanity” in the process. We were the first class in which he had total supervision, and he worked to insure that we had a well-rounded training program: IV sedation certification, certification in 3 different implant systems, Gore-Tex certification, interactive sessions with the Department of Orthodontics, etc. He was also a shining example of what an officer, gentleman,

and periodontal scholar “looked like.” I left IU with confidence and ready to meet my next assignment.

Subsequently, I served as Periodontics Department Head at Portsmouth Naval Hospital (1990-94), Naval Dental Center Newport, Rhode Island (1994-98), and Branch Dental Clinic Mayport, Florida (2006-09). Those were positions that allowed me to practice, independently, while also utilizing many opportunities for continuing education; I have attended every annual AAP meeting since 1984, with one exception (the first year of my periodontology residency). Over the course of periodontal practice in the Navy, the cost of materials was generally never an “issue” when it came to patient care; I was never denied money for anything that I ordered as essential to the practice of periodontology.

Dental Corps officers were also expected to develop militarily, and positions of “leadership” were of great importance in grooming “well-rounded” professionals. One process that supported this concept was the opportunity to manage various “collateral duties”, while simultaneously performing the tasks associated with the practice of dentistry. Categorically the greater the level of responsibility (e.g. Command level vs. Clinic level duties) the stronger the “weight” of the performance. Some of the collateral duties that I have held include: Command Consultant in Periodontics, Command Consultant in Implant Dentistry, Command Infection Control Officer, Command Managed Equal Opportunity Officer, Command Continuing Education Officer, Fleet Dental Officer, etc.

Professional development came not only by managing the collateral duty, but in the need to exercise certain skills in the process: team building, negotiation, critical thinking, fiscal management, mentorship, interaction with senior officials, etc.

From 1998 to 1999, I also served as Junior Assignment Officer for the Dental Corps, in Millington, Tennessee. In the position, I was responsible for managing assignment issues for

approximately 500 “junior” dental officers. I was able to practice periodontics one day/week at the base’s dental clinic, while still working to develop an assignment mechanism that was relatively “fair” and “equitable” to all members. While challenging, this assignment allowed me to truly embrace the words of the Rudyard Kipling poem, “If” (i.e. “If you can keep your head when all around you are losing theirs and blaming it on you.....”). It was a tremendous opportunity for personal and professional growth, and I was a “better person” for it.

There are those who discuss matters of the military and its members, without ever having experienced any form of “actual” military service. They appear to “speak” about, and for, those active duty individuals who actually do the “heavy lifting”, serve their country in uniform, and manage all the things that accompany that responsibility. With the perspective of a 28-year career in the United States Navy Dental Corps behind me, I would suggest that until you have “lived” military service, one should be very cautious of “knowing” what is involved in such a commitment. However, I can also say that I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to be a part of such a disciplined and selfless group of individuals, and that I have truly received more from my service than I can ever repay to the organization. It is also that since of appreciation that will keep me forever “indebted”, and working to assist, my “comrades in arms.....”

Do you have comments for Dr. White? You can contact him at Cecil.White.ctr@med.navy.mil

My Experience in Private Practice Periodontics

Dr. Bruce Wiland, DDS, MSD



My experience in my private practice of periodontics has been extremely positive. I am fortunate to have selected a profession that is perfect for me. Having graduated from Indiana University School of Dentistry’s Periodontics program, I had a solid foundation with excellent guidance from Dr. Hancock. I was able to obtain diplomate status five years after completing the program which I would encourage every new graduate to pursue. Beginning a private practice requires you to have a clear vision of how you want that office to operate. In other words, begin with the end in mind.

After practicing for 18 years, in the fall of 2008 we all witnessed one of the worst financial crises since the 1930’s. I decided I should hire a practice consultant to give advice during this turbulent time. Until now, I was neutral on the idea of a consultant. I would encourage most people to strongly consider having a consultant from the being of their practice. A consultant gives a different insight into what you are doing with your practice. It is business advice that is hard to get any other way on a regular basis. It does depend upon two things: the consultant’s suggestions and your willingness to change. Practicing by yourself has the advantage and disadvantage of not having to do some things, unless you want to. There is no one to push you outside of your comfort zone or to encourage you to set and obtain goals. Goals can be anything and not just financial goals. Staff

management skills can also be taught by a consultant.

The dental staff is one of your largest assets. Utilizing their full potential requires skills that need to be learned quickly. Clear expectations, listening and acting on their many excellent suggestions is essential to having a practice that serves patients well. Problems occur; it is part of life. Continuing to strive for the best resolution for a given situation is a continual process. The dental staff can usually give very helpful suggestions at resolving problems both inside and outside of the dental office. A staff manual early in a career is helpful in establishing and maintaining clean consistent communication about office policies and can help eliminate confusion and misunderstanding.

Dentists are generally lovers of technology and gadgets. I have found that it is best for me to only buy technology that will directly and substantially improves the results of patient care or substantially help the practice operate more efficiently and effectively. Although it is not always easy for me to do, I resist the temptation to buy every piece of technology that looks and sounds like the next breakthrough since this can exhaust resources quickly. The deciding factor must be how large of an impact the technology will make on the well-being of your patients and/or staff and how long-lasting the technology will be.

Establishing a network of contacts within your profession is a good idea early in your practice. This is done through study clubs or organized dentistry. If your passion is dental politics, then I would strongly encourage you to pursue this since our profession needs people to fulfill this role. Being a member of a regional study club or having your own study club is an excellent way to maintain contacts and enrich relationships. Having good relationships with other periodontists is also much more important than what most people realize. Exchanging ideas, struggles and successes can help yourself and others while making your profession much more rewarding for all who are involved. Little things do matter and attention to detail in all aspects of your practice is of extreme importance. This is true whether it is showing

staff they are appreciated or attention to detail within your clinical work and will make a large impact upon your practice.

Dr. Wiland has been in private practice for 19 years. He has been married to his wife Susan for 20 years. They have two daughters Claire and Emily who are 13 and 16 years old. He enjoys golfing and traveling to warm places during the winter months.

Do you have comments for Dr. Wiland? You can contact him at BWiland@prodigy.net

Practicing Periodontics Down Under

Robert De Poi, DDS, MSD



Let me give you a glimpse of Periodontal Practice in Melbourne Australia. Melbourne has a population of 3.8 million spread about sixty miles across. We have less than forty registered periodontal specialists. Needless to say the Global Financial Crisis has not hit us quite as hard as some places.

Following graduation from the Periodontics program at IUPUI, I returned to start practice in an area not far from where I had established my general dental practice some fourteen years earlier. For the first three years I rented rooms from an endodontist. This was a mutually beneficial arrangement, although endodontists refers more to periodontists these days than the other way around. Getting patients wasn't the problem, getting finance was. The financial

world had changed during my time in Indiana and banks wanted business plans before giving finance. I was thankful for the work we had put in Dr Hock's classes in developing these. I didn't appreciate it at the time, but having a 5 year plan and able to give a presentation to the financiers about why my practice would succeed was invaluable in securing start up finance. First lesson learnt, periodontal practice is a business and you need the appropriate supports including financial backing. My practice quickly outgrew a single surgery and by the third year I was able to open my own practice in my own building. I now have two periodontists, a hygienist and a staff of eight working for me.

These days my practice is about sixty percent implant based and forty percent involved with manage of periodontal disease and aesthetic periodontal procedures. Managing peri-implantitis is a small but (alarmingly) growing part of my practice. These peri-implantitis cases are often referred to me, but I also have some of my own, as my early implant cases are now reaching seven years. Periodontics continues to change and the disciplines we learnt in reading and assessing the literature are important in staying current but also not falling for every latest trend.

Continuing education and attending meetings both local and internationally has become part of my practice life. While to Periodontal communities in Australia and New Zealand are vibrant, between us we have less than two hundred registered specialists in Periodontics. Visiting abroad therefore becomes essential. We are very fortunate that international speakers visit Australia regularly. Nicklaus Lang is now based in Hong Kong which is a short hop from Australia and so is now a regular on our speaking calendar. Similarly, Jan Lindhe has grand-children in Sydney Australia and we always seem to be able to get him to present to us when he comes visiting, which is often. The problem is always finding the time to read the journals and attend the meetings. Much is changing in Periodontics, but the fundamentals I learnt are just as valuable.

After the first two or three years back, I commenced clinical teaching part-time on an

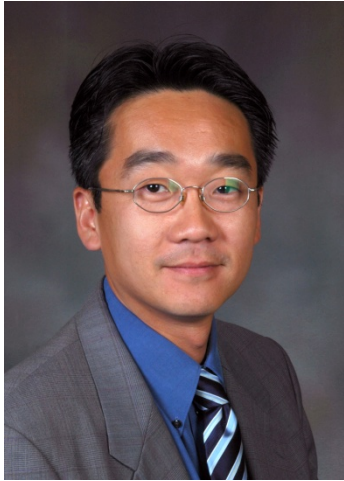
honorary basis in the Periodontics Graduate Program at the University of Melbourne. I think giving something back is important. The program has seven students over the three years. It was here that I was able to pass on much of the teaching I was given at Indiana. As there are other Indiana graduates teaching at the school, we are able to impart a certain Indiana flavour or doctrine in the clinic. This has been very much appreciated by the students and I came to realize the extent and breadth of the opportunities I was given at Indiana and the dedication of the teaching staff we had. I must say I rather enjoy asking the difficult questions in the clinic than having to write reports on those questions I don't know the answer to. Thank-you Dr John.

Our students have a good grounding in surgery especially implant surgery where most of the students will place thirty to fifty implants, mainly in the last eighteen months of the three year program. However, we fall short in soft tissue grafting. The students struggle to find enough patients for three to five root coverage procedures. This has become a topic of interest to me and I am delivering a paper to our next Australian Society of Periodontics Biannual Conference in February next year. I hope to make the point that rationale for root coverage still exists and as it is a technique sensitive procedure a certain number of cases are required to reach a reasonable standard. I was fortunate in Indiana that the close liaison between the Periodontics and Orthodontic departments gave me and my fellow students the opportunity to manage recession surgically. As current President of my state's Society of Periodontology, I have chaired a meeting on Periodontic-Orthodontic relationships to try and foster this type of close relationship in our dental school. I'll be presenting a paper highlighting these issues at the AAP meeting in Hawaii. I hope to see some of you there. I look forward to catching up.

Finally, if I can pass on one other piece of advice to current or prospective Graduate students, that would be don't take the opportunity you have been giving to be part of a

great program for granted. Make the most of it.
It will be over before you know.
See you in Hawaii!
Do you have comments for Dr. De Poi?
You can contact him at rtdepoi@yahoo.com

Seok Jin Kim Resigns



Seok Jin Kim came to the IU School of Dentistry in 1994 to begin the Advanced Standing Program (DDS) following the completion of his dental training in Korea. He completed his dental program at IU in 1996 and then joined the graduate program in Periodontics. Upon completion of his graduate program in 1999, Jin joined the faculty in the Department of Periodontics and Allied Dental Programs.

Jin has been a solid contributor to all the aspects of the mission of our department. He was integral in the development of the implant seminar, the implant treatment planning sessions, the recent advances seminars as well as the extensive clinical coverage that he always was happy to be involved with. Being the scientific thinker that he is, Jin was fascinated with the role of probiotics in the management of periodontal disease. He developed relationships with his homeland of Korea and started going over to Korea to participate with research projects. In June 2009, Jin decided to take a leave of absence for a year as he is developing a business venture along the lines of his research interest in probiotics.

I was extremely saddened when Jin informed me that he would be resigning from his full time

teaching position to focus on making his business venture successful. However I am also very pleased for Jin as he has found his passion which means he has no choice but to be successful.

Jin, you have been an integral part of the Department for a long time now. Keep us in your thoughts and we will do the same for you as we wish you the best of luck and much success with your business venture.

If you would like to contact Jin to wish him well, you can contact him at skim1@iupui.edu
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Feature Section

We are featuring *Professor Pamela Rettig* in our Faculty Profile.

We are also featuring *Tammy Bradley* in our Staff Member Profile.

Faculty Member Profile

Pamela Rettig



Brief education background

Dental Hygiene Forsyth School for Dental Hygienists, Boston, Massachusetts 1989
BS Dental Hygiene/Biology Northeastern University, Boston Massachusetts 1992
MS Dental Hygiene Education University Missouri Kansas City 1993

Position in the department

Associate Clinic Professor teaching
Oral Anatomy course director for first year dental hygiene students and dental assisting students

Community Dental Health for second year dental hygiene students
SADHA advisor, Service Learning coordinator

Family

Husband Raymond an engineer Ingersol Rand
Children Austin 9, Ashley 5

Things you did in school/college that you wish you never did.

Colored my hair too many colors when I really did not know what I was doing

Things you did not do in school/college that you wish you did.

Should have studied abroad

Your hobbies

Sports: football soccer and running

Hidden talents

Photography and home improvement projects

What would you have become

(professionally/personally) had you not gone into dentistry/ dental hygiene/dental assisting
Chemical Engineering

Pet Peeves

People who are late

Like/Dislikes

I really take great pleasure in people in life who have tried to be successful and can self evaluate how to change what they have done to be a better person. I dislike those who criticize others and do not have constructive feedback or solutions to be better.

I went into a health care profession thinking and wanting to change the world. I still am waiting for that moment to acknowledge that I have done this.

Staff Member Profile- Tammie Bradley



I was born in Seymour IN. While I was growing up, I lived in Seminole Florida and Lubbock Texas. I graduated from Seymour High School in 1982. I have 3 children, Joseph 26 years old, Samantha 16 years old and Charlie 11 years old (you can guess what I did for 15 years). I have been working in the dental field since 2002 (3 years at Univ of Kentucky and 4 years at IUSD).

My position in Periodontics is Customer Service Representative. I enjoy being the first contact for many people coming into our department. My day consists of scheduling patient appointments and interacting with residents, faculty, staff and visitors to the school. I look forward to coming into work so I can help the residents with their patients.

Most of my family lives in southern Indiana and Kentucky. My youngest children keep me very busy going to football games and baseball games. I have 2 brothers and 1 sister. We all have a great time when we all get together and sit around the campfire, play games indoors (WII and Euchre) and attend Nascar races. I enjoy the outdoors—cooking out, playing corn hole games, tent camping, fishing and just being with family.

Looking back, I wish now that I would have continued my education to pursue my dream of being an architect. I have always been interested in design and using my creativity. In high school, I thought I met the man of my dreams and 3 months after graduating we married. We were really excited about starting our new life as a couple and postponed my dreams. My dream now is for my children to graduate from college.

I enjoy watching the COLTS beat the Patriots and any other NFL Team that get in their way to winning the Super Bowl. My goal is to be in Lucas Stadium in 2012 when the Colts win the Super Bowl.
I enjoy my job. Tammie

Resident Case of the Month

Immediate Molar Implant Placement



Pragtipal Saini (3rd Year)

A 62 year old patient presented for a consultation following a referral from the pre-doctoral clinic. A fixed partial denture extending from #29 to #31 was noted. The clinical exam revealed an open margin on the disto-buccal aspect of #31. In conjunction with graduate prosthodontics it was determined that the bridge would need to be sectioned and the prognosis of #31 evaluated. Accordingly, the bridge was sectioned and it was determined that #31 was 'unrestorable'. The patient was given treatment options that included implant supported restorations for #30 and #31. The patient decided to follow through with this recommendation. Tooth #31 was extracted followed by the placement of an immediate implant in the site along with a second implant being placed in the #30 region. Biohorizon Laser-Lok (4.0x10.5mm) implants were placed. Guided bone regeneration was performed along with implant placement in the #31 region. The patient has since had the implants restored and is now functioning comfortably and is very pleased with the outcome of treatment.

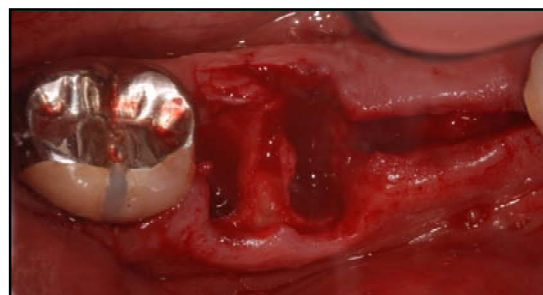
Pre-Op PA Radiograph



Following the Sectioning of the Bridge from #29-31



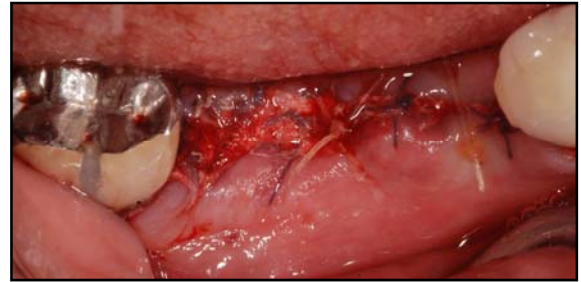
Following the Extraction of Tooth #31



Site Preparation-Checking for the Angulation



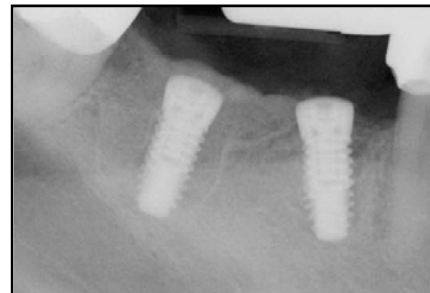
Flap Closure Following Guided Bone Regeneration



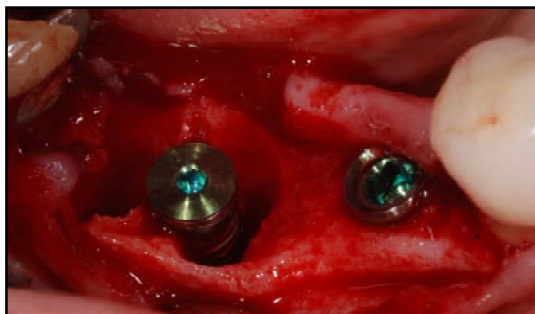
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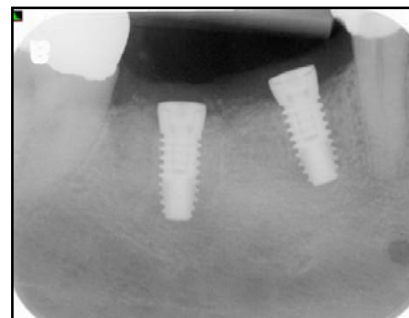
Immediate Post-Op Radiograph



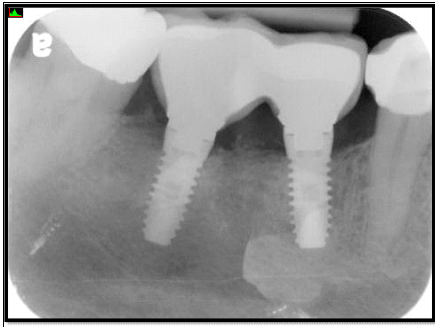
Implants in Place- GBR Performed



3 month Post-Op Radiograph



3 months Post-Restoration



education program that has been successfully integrated into IUSD's dental hygiene curriculum.



Faculty and Staff Member(s) in the News



Outstanding Teacher

Dental Hygiene Professor **Lorinda Coan** received the **Indiana Dental Association's OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD** in recognition of her service during the **2008-2009 academic year**. In addition to managing numerous teaching assignments and other duties in the Dental Hygiene Division of Periodontics and Allied Dental Programs, Coan has worked tirelessly with others on the faculty and staff this past year to build upon the school's new Tobacco Cessation and Biobehavioral Center (TCBC), one of IUPUI's inaugural Signature Centers. In 2008 she undertook studies at the Mayo Clinic, which enabled her to become certified as a Tobacco Treatment Specialist. Working in recent years with members of the Oral Biology faculty, Coan developed a tobacco

DONALD W. JOHNSON COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS were bestowed on full-time periodontics professor Dr. **Steven Blanchard**, part-time dental hygiene Prof. **Jane Blanchard**.

The Blanchards were honored principally for their outstanding work together as longtime volunteers at the Trinity Clinic, which provides free care to impoverished families in Hamilton County. Both Steven and Jane have also been committed to and deeply involved in the annual Give Kids a Smile program. They were cited for developing an American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry "Healthy Smiles" program at Trinity, which involves quarterly fluoride varnish applications for needy children, and for being models of service in general to both students and fellow faculty. In her role as a dedicated volunteer, Jane Blanchard has also created and managed a bi-weekly clinical outreach experience for the dental hygiene students at Trinity.

'The World is their Oyster' **Dental Assisting Program Goes Global**

On Friday morning (10/23) the dental assisting program held their first Skype meeting with the dental assisting program from Central University of Technology, Free State in Bloemfontein, South Africa.

Sheri Alderson worked to arrange the online meeting for several months. With help from Nadine Florek and Jim Owens they were able to see and speak with the students and faculty in

South Africa. They also met Professor Joyce Mac Kinnon from IUPUI as she was at their campus in the fall for consultation.

Sheri Alderson worked with the assisting students to develop questions that they liked to ask the students in South Africa. She then met with the officers of the class to discuss how they wanted to proceed with the Skype session. The students learned among other things, that the residents of South Africa speak 11 languages and their assisting classes are all taught in English because they all have this in common. There are some differences between the programs but mostly similarities as they are using some of the same textbooks most notably, Dr. Chris Miller and Dr. Charles Palenik's Microbiology text. We will be joining their Dental Assisting Facebook site for chat rooms to learn more and we are looking forward to our next Skype session.

Michael Kowolik is Recognized



Body's Immune System Response to Dental Plaque Varies by Gender and Race

On Oct 6, 2009 Dr. Michael Kowolik was interviewed from radio by telephone by Santita Jackson for the "Santita Jackson Show" on WVON AM radio, Chicago, regarding his research. If you will recall, Kowolik found that of the 128 study participants (black and white men and women) who temporarily neglected their oral hygiene in the experiment, the white blood cell activity increased only for black men, suggesting there may be gender and racial differences in the inflammatory response to dental plaque.

Dr. Kowolik was also interviewed on another radio talk show based in another major metro market: Washington, D.C. This was on Oct. 15 by Joe Madison of the "Madison the Black Eagle" talk show. The show is broadcast on WOL-AM Washington, D.C., and also coast-to-coast on Sirius/XM Satellite Radio channel 169:

Ovarian Cancer Walk

The IU School of Dentistry's Periodontal Department (faculty, staff, students and former students) accompanied by friends and relatives, joined together on September 26, 2009 in downtown Indianapolis to participate in the Ovarian Cancer Run & Walk. **"The Queen's Team" in support of Professor Elizabeth Hughes, our colleague and friend, with 80 participants, was the largest team registered for the event.** This year's event was the 11th Annual Race to Fight Ovarian Cancer. For more information on Ovar coming together go to www.ovariancancerIN.org

The Queen's Team



Lots of credit for the organization and coordination of the effort that went into making this happen rests with Kay Rossok and Sheri Alderson. Thank you to all of you that participated and made a contribution to a very worthy cause.



A framed collage of the various pictures taken was presented to Elizabeth



IUSD FACULTY AMONG GUESTS OF HONOR AT COLTS-PATRIOTS GAME-

MARKETING PLAN-IUPUI MAKING AN IMPACT



Photo courtesy IUPUI



Photo Courtesy of Karen Yoder

The Indianapolis Colts weren't the only stars on the field at Lucas Oil Stadium on the 15th of November. IUPUI invited the School of Dentistry to be recognized at the Colts/New England Patriots game as part of the campus's "Where Impact Is Made" program, a marketing campaign that spotlights one IUPUI unit for its achievements at each of the Colts' home games. This translated into a few moments of fame on the 2 'Jumbotron' hovering over the packed stadium at what turned out to be one of the nation's most exciting and high-profile football games of the year. Dean **Larry Goldblatt** hustled down to the stadium with Clinical Affairs Associate Dean **George Willis**, Community Dentistry Director **Karen Yoder**,

and Research Associate Dean **Domenick Zero** to serve as IUPUI's "Impact People of the Week." Clad in IUPUI shirts, the group was treated to front-row seats near the 40 yard line, which put them in the thick of Brady territory, right behind the Patriots' bench and with a close-up view of sportscaster **Bob Costas** as he reported on the sidelines for NBC. About an hour before the game, the dental professors tossed a football around and high-fived one another for a mini-video that was projected onto the 'Jumbotron' around the end of the first quarter, when they were also introduced to the crowd. The enthusiastic IUSD cheering squad, who called the game an amazing experience, no doubt helped propel the Colts to their surprise 35-34 victory.

Where Are They Now

Ramz Khleif (MSD 1999) joined us in 1997 for his graduate training following a general dental practice for 2 years. Prior to this he completed his dental training at the University of Pennsylvania in 1994 and then completed a one year GPR program at Graduate Hospital in Philadelphia, PA. He returned to Philadelphia

where he taught at the University of Pennsylvania and practiced for one year. I then He moved to Maryland to work in multi specialty practice in Annapolis where he has been practicing for the past 9 years. He works with five general dentists and four hygienists. Dr. Khleif is board certified and a member of the American Academy of Periodontology. He is married and has two kids and two more on the way!

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News About Alumni

Dr. Ranjitha Krishna (**MSD 2008**) and her husband Raj had a baby boy on Nov 19th. Anshul Ram Garrepally was 7 lbs 12 ounces and 19 inches in height. They are all doing well.

Upcoming Dates and Events

January 21st and 28th - Clinical Mock Board Exams

January 22nd - Faculty Enrichment Time- 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon

January 26th 8:15- Department Emergency Drill conducted by the second year residents

February 23rd - Indianapolis District Dental Society Study Club

February 25th-28th - ADEA Meeting in Washington DC

February 26th-28th - Mid West Mid Winter Meeting, Chicago, IL

March 10th - Faculty Enrichment Time- 2:00-5:00 PM



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