

Supply of Dentists in US Likely to Grow until 2033

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There is intense debate both at the federal level as well as in many states concerning the adequacy of the dentist workforce to meet current and future population needs. The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), for example, estimates that there is a current shortage of 7,300 dentists in the United States. Several dental schools that have opened in recent years (five since 2009) cite insufficient numbers of dentists as a key factor supporting the need for more dental school graduates. The aging of the dentist population is another reason commonly put forth as driving a looming shortage of dentists in the United States, with retirements and reduced hours worked commonly cited as factors driving down the labor supply of dentists.

Read this recently released report from the ADA Health Policy Institute (HPI) to see the analysis behind the growth projected until 2033 – almost 20 years into the future!

Access ADA - HPI article below:

http://www.ada.org/~media/ADA/Science%20and%20Research/HPI/Files/HPIBrief_1014_1.ashx



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Looking in the rearview mirror, the IUSD October Teaching Conference held two opportunities to think about the future of IUSD going forward. First, a unique part of the conference consisted of an [IUPUI Intergroup Dialogue and Civil Community](#) exchange between facilitators of both the staff and faculty conferences held in separate locations. They focused on similar themes of improving communication, fostering mutual understanding and diversity as essential components of a civil community. If you have been reading First Friday for a while, you will note civility and professionalism are two strongly held values of mine. The second presentations on the topic of IUSD 2.0 featured several junior faculty members who advanced the ideas of changing faculty roles, implementation of a Fellowship program and new technologies for the future. These stimulating events provide opportunities to advance the Vision and Mission of IUSD to make *Indiana University School of Dentistry one of the best dental schools of the 21st century.*

IU President McRobbie charts bicentennial course to 2020

Mid-October, Indiana University President Michael A. McRobbie outlined an ambitious set of initiatives which are designed to carry IU into its third century—beyond the year 2020-- as one of the premier public universities in the United States. He discussed each of the “bicentennial priorities” included in the [strategic plan, which is online in draft form](#) on the university’s website. The site includes an opportunity for public comment on the plan before it is presented to the IU Board of Trustees for approval at its December meeting. The seven bicentennial priorities, all of which are consistent with IU’s [Principles of Excellence](#), first articulated by McRobbie in 2010, are:

- **Commitment to student success:** continue to align academic offerings with the needs of the 21st century workplace and build on existing efforts to keep costs to students as low as possible.
- **Catalyzing research:** IU will promote multi-disciplinary research that addresses the grand challenges facing our state, nation and world.
- **Re-imagining education:** The strategic plan calls for a comprehensive review of the latest trends in teacher education and education research
- **Becoming a global university:** IU will continue to expand its international engagement, especially in the 32 countries of emphasis in the university’s international strategic plan. Central to that work will be the creation of IU “gateway offices” in several key regions of the world,
- **Health sciences research and education to improve the state and nation’s health:** IU’s health sciences research and clinical activities will develop new interprofessional degrees and specialized qualifications in the health sciences to better prepare health care professionals for future team-based health care delivery models.
- **Building a prosperous and innovative Indiana:**

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- **Toward a culture of building and making:** to contribute to the state and national need for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) graduates. The [full text of McRobbie's address is available online](#).

- **Dental Facilities.....General Costing Estimates under Consideration**

Smith Group JJR, the architectural planning group working on the Interprofessional Education (IPE) project, has now completed its work to do master planning for the other IU health programs including dentistry. These preliminary plans confirm that our earlier space requirements to expand clinical and research facilities are reasonable, and we next work on the costing model to determine hard costs (floors and walls etc.) versus soft costs (dental chairs, furniture and fixtures etc.) for the respective models. This planning group is meeting with dentistry soon. We are moving ahead to re-establish the old Regenstrief dental clinic temporarily (fall 2014) to take the pressure off IUSD which lost clinic and office space when Wishard closed the building in December 2013. In addition to pre-doctoral oral surgery, a new clinical pilot program is in the planning stage (see below).

- **DDS Fourth Year Pilot Clinical Program**

As an academic initiative based on the former IUSD "team clinic" concept which some of you may recall, the IU-Regenstrief clinic is large enough (nine chairs) to begin a small pilot program for fourth year DDS students to enhance their clinical skills. Dr. Dan Bennett (full time faculty and general dentist) will be directing this new initiative. Our goal is to have fourth year dental students treating multiple patients concurrently, much like a private practice. We will be providing more information about this program in the near future.

- **Evansville Campus – Dental Advisory Committee**

As I wrote in May 2014, the Indiana University Board of Trustees approved a downtown site to build a multidisciplinary academic medical education and research center and dramatically increase medicine- and health-related educational opportunities for students in southwestern Indiana and northwestern Kentucky. IU dentistry is planning for a dental clinic to support local education based on insights from a newly formed Evansville Dental Advisory Committee.

- **IUSD Personnel Announcements.....Congratulations to:**

- Dr. Jeff Platt – now serving as interim department chair of Oral Biology
- Dr. Richard Gregory- selected and recently appointed as Associate Dean for Graduate Education (replacing Dr. Michael Kowolik) and interim Dean of Research
- Dr. Kim Diefenderfer - joined the IUSD faculty this month as the Acting Director of the Division of Restorative Dentistry in the Department of Cariology and Operative Dentistry

- **Upcoming IUSD Events**

- November 12th - IUSD Annual Scholarship Luncheon & Presentations (Tower Ballroom)
- November 20th - IUSD Dean's Town Hall Meeting *Special Celebration* (noon DS 114)
- November 27th & 28th Thanksgiving Holiday Break

- **IUSD First Friday Social – Staff Conference and IUSD Teaching Conference**

IUSD Staff Council will again be hosting the First Friday Social (November 7th) starting at 7:30 a.m. in the basement student lounge with complimentary coffee and donuts until 9 a.m..

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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