



INDIANA
UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF
DENTISTRY

First Friday

Dean's Update to the IUSD Community

National Private Practice Dentist Ownership Trends Downward

In the forthcoming September commentary from the Health Policy Institute, ADA VP Marko Vujicic presents data about the trends in private practice dental office ownership over the past few years. Overall, 80% of dentists in private practice are owners. This is considerably higher than the rate among physicians. However, practice ownership rates in dentistry are declining slowly and steadily. Here are the figures for the trends over time. The numbers show a decline in almost every age group. Male dentists are seeing declining ownership rates, although for female dentists there has been no change. These data clearly indicate that the decline in practice ownership rates in dentistry is not being driven solely by the “de-aging”⁵ and “feminization”⁶ of the dentist workforce. Older male dentists are also less likely to own a practice. Among physicians, the decline in practice ownership is much more pronounced.

Read the entire commentary [here](#).

Vol. 6, No. 6

September 1, 2017

The fall semester is moving ahead and faculty and staff are preparing for our respective annual fall Teaching Conference (Conner Prairie) and the IUSD Staff Retreat at the (Indianapolis Zoo) in early October. The faculty will have a unique opportunity to engage with a national thought leader in dental education – Dean Emeritus Allan J. Formicola of Columbia University College of Dental Medicine – who will provide our Thursday afternoon plenary and workshop to challenge the IUSD community as we think about ways to [Advance Dental Education in the 21st Century](#). The August edition of the [ADEA Journal of Dental Education](#) published a series of provocative articles that will make every dental educator stop and think about the next 20 years and the impact of a variety of forces in play regarding education and oral health care delivery. Multifactorial is the descriptor given for many factors having a bearing on a condition or diagnosis, and multifactorial societal, economic, oral disease patterns and technology trends are important to consider as we educate our new students with the knowledge and skills to enable graduates of Indiana to be alumni.....of *one of the best dental schools of the 21st century*.

Fritts Clinical Care Center: September 2017

The Messer Construction team has made great progress over the summer months. Examples of their efforts include: elevator installation almost complete; drywall complete on first and second floor; painting has commenced on first floor; terrazzo and tile flooring are being installed on the first floor; the ceiling grid is being installed on which ceiling tiles will lay; work is wrapping up on the north and south connectors; and the east dock (currently within the courtyard) will be removed as part of the courtyard renovation.



IUSD Interactive Technology

Interactive technology took off at the last Town Hall meeting when I invited the attendees to submit suggestions anonymously using the Top Hat app on their smartphones or tablets. Participants responded to my request for topics to discuss at the next Town Hall meeting in September. The top items of interest include: building cleanliness, parking, the number of radiology units in the new Fritts building, food services on site at IUSD, and building amenities. I thank those who participated. I will be responding at future Town Halls and will employ this interactive technology again.

FULFILLING *the* PROMISE

Compliance & Cybersecurity for the IUSD Community from Karen Rogers, IUSD Compliance Officer

So far in 2017, there have been 791 data breaches at IU reported as of July 18, 2017. Computer hacking is the main cause for these data breaches. You can avoid these breaches by using best practices when using electronic devices. We must keep our patients' information and dental data secure. Avoid becoming a victim of [PHISHING & EMAIL SCAMS](#) by not responding to emails that ask for your user name and passphrase from unknown persons or unfamiliar domain names. Keep your personal computers up to date on their software upgrades. Encrypt your personal devices. Do not forward your IU email to personal email accounts. These are just some of the best practices you should implement in keeping our data safe. For more information or assistance with protecting your data, visit <https://protect.iu.edu/online-safety/index.html> or contact the IU help desk available 24/7 at <http://ithelplive.iu.edu/>. All IUSD personnel must comply with Duo login and digitally signed emails later this semester as the University works to reduce ever-growing cyber threats.

Teaching Tip for Fall...from Chronical Vitae Columnist David Gooblar

From the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, David Gooblar suggests that during the hectic first few weeks of the semester, as you try to arrange the many moving pieces of your course into a well-oiled machine, focus above all else on generating student engagement. If all you do in your course's opening weeks is entice students to see your course as their own, you will have succeeded. Other teaching tips may be found at Gooblar's website: PedagogyUnbound.com.

IU Staff & Student Support...[Free Service for Wills and Advanced Directives](#)

The Indiana University Office of the Vice President and General Counsel, in collaboration with the [IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law at IUPUI](#), is offering will and advanced directive document preparation services at no charge to university employees, students and their parents with an annual income of \$50,000 or less. The documents, a simple will and health care power of attorney, will be drafted by a trained second- or third-year McKinney student and reviewed by one of the staff attorneys in the university's legal office. Check it out!

United Way Kick-off Luncheon –September 15th

Come join the fun again this year as your charming IUSD-IUPUI celebrity server wait staff cater to your dining needs and vie once again for the awards for most tips earned for United Way, best dressed wait staff and best decorated table. A few seats are still available so please contact Carol Dill, cdill@iu.edu, (317) 274-5403, for reservations and details.

Coffee & Donuts

Join us this Friday, September 1, from 7:30 to 9 am for the monthly First Friday school gathering. Complimentary coffee, donuts and fruit will be served in the student lounge.

Upcoming IUSD Events

- September 4 – Labor Day Holiday
- September 6 – All School Picnic Garfield Park
- September 15 – United Way Celebrity Server Luncheon (Campus Center 4th floor)
- September 16 – IUSD Give Kids A Smile Day
- September 23 – IUPUI Regatta on the Canal
- October 5 – IUSD Staff Conference (Zoo)
- October 5-6 – IUSD Faculty Teaching Conference (Conner Prairie)



Thanks to each of you for your dedication to and support of the Vision and Mission of IUSD. I will be back next month with another edition of First Friday.

- John

Check out all the current IU Dentistry news on our website:

www.dentistry.iu.edu

or on our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/IUDentistry