

Accountable Care Organizations Present Key Opportunities for the Dental Profession

Author: Marko Vujicic, Ph.D.; Kamyar Nasseh, Ph.D.

- Dental care is not generally included as a core component within today's Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs). Where dental services are incorporated, it is mainly only at the level of facilitated referral or co-location.
- One key reason is that existing ACOs focus on Medicare populations and Medicare does not include dental benefits. There is also a perception that most dental providers and plans are accustomed to providing care according to frequency limits defined by dental insurance policies rather than a patient's dental risk profile.
- ACOs could help bridge the gap between oral and general health care, improve coordination of care, and help reduce overall health care costs. They also provide an opportunity to re-examine the role of oral care providers within the health care team. Since dental care for children is an essential health benefit under the Affordable Care Act, the most immediate opportunities are with the pediatric population.

To Access the ADA Health Resource Institute article:

http://www.ada.org/~media/ADA/Science%20and%20Research/HPI/Files/HPIBrief_0413_2.ashx



First Friday.....June 6, 2014

We begin June with an engaged summer clinical session and implementation of the early changes in the new uniform academic calendar. Having recently completed, multiple IU campus commencements, the Indiana Dental Association annual meeting and the IUSD Dental Alumni Reunion, we are focused on IUSD's summer session as we prepare to launch year 2 of the IUSD—International Dental program (IDP) on July 1 and welcome the new DDS, advanced and allied students. The DDS and advanced students will be here early July, and allied students arrive in August.

I thank you, each of our faculty and staff, for a very productive 2013-14 academic year. In addition, I thank those many faithful faculty and staff who honored our graduates by attending one or both commencement programs. Our journey continues 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.*

• The Only Constant is Change.....

Organizations must adapt and change to better address the ever changing environment around them and change is moving into high gear at IUSD this summer. First, I thank the many faculty and staff who have been so integral to the life and work of IUSD for many years who have or will be retiring this year. They are listed below:

Faculty and Staff Retirees

		<u>Yrs of Service</u>	
•	Dr. William Babler	Oral Biology	14 years
•	Dr. James Baldwin	Orthodontics	56 years
•	Dr. Michael Baumgartner	Pediatric Dentistry	41 years
•	Dr. William Browning	Restorative	6 years
•	Jan Cox	Library	17 years
•	Sue Crum	Publications	40 years
•	Irma Crumpton	Oral Surgery	17 years
•	Annetta Hall	Oral Health Research	21 years
•	Elizabeth Hatcher	Faculty Affairs	37 years
•	Susan Hayden	Oral Health Research	25 years
•	Dr. Joseph Legan	Endodontics	24 years
•	Dr. Irina Leyvand	Orthodontics	24 years
•	Octavia McIlwain	Oral Pathology, Medicine & Radiology	30 years
•	Marilyn Richards	Oral Health Research	28 years
•	Sheryl Roberts	Oral Health Research	18 years
•	Laverne Smith	Central Services and Sterilization	41 years
•	Dr. Lech Switalski	Oral Biology	20 years
•	Dr. Margot VanDiss	Oral Pathology, Medicine & Radiology	24 years
•	Dr. James Weddell	Pediatric Dentistry	35 years
•	Charlene Ellis*	Oral Health Research	20 years

*deceased

First Friday....IUSD Dean's Update June 6, 2014

Second, we continue the building feasibility study for the former Wishard property with plans to enhance the educational, clinical and research aspects of IUSD for the next 40 years. Smith Group master planning architects are working on plans for Interprofessional Education Programs (IPE) and the potential incorporation of IUSD into the expanding IU health center concept. If you missed the article, see the recent [Alumni Bulletin](#) on a potential new future. Third, calendar changes better align curriculum, provide for synchronized breaks and allow student research and community based educational experiences as well as provide a break for students from the rigors of dental school. Fourth, clinic changes in schedule and facilities have been of concern for D3 and D2 DDS students given expansion in class size enrollments. Clinical Affairs regularly monitors patient flow and student outcomes and productivity. Comp Care and Restorative "points" now closely approximate the previous 2 year DDS classes (see details below).

Class: as of May 27, 2014	Comp Care Points	Restorative Points
DDS-2015 (D3)	Average: 199 S.D.=49	Average: 87 S.D.=32
DDS-2014	Average: 216 S.D.=47	Average: 90 S.D.=32
DDS-2013	Average: 189 S.D.=49	Average: 90 S.D.=33

Fifth, extramural clinical site changes: Grassy Creek (6 ops) closing June 30, 2014; Cottage Corner (8 ops) closing December 19, 2014; opening of Regenstrief (ops 12) July 2014 (planned); Marion Community based site (12 ops) in discussion.

Sixth, up to fourteen IDP students will be accepted into the second year of the IUSD IDP program beginning July 1, 2014. Therefore.....

The only constant is change, continuing change, inevitable change that is the dominant factor in society today. No sensible decision can be made any longer without taking into account not only the world as it is, but the world as it will be. — Isaac Asimov

- **Welcome..Terri A. Ryckaert**

Terri will serve as IUSD's new Director of Staff Human Resources. Terri joined us very recently and has assumed the staff HR responsibilities of Elizabeth Hatcher, who retired May 30. Terri comes to IUSD with almost twenty years of human resources management experiences, having spent the past ten years as Assistant Director of HR Services for the IU School of Medicine, and four years as HR Coordinator for the Purdue School of Engineering and Technology on the IUPUI campus. Terri began her professional career in the field of public accounting after graduating with a BS in Accounting from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. She then transitioned into HR by becoming a corporate recruiter. Terri also has an MS in Adult Education from IU, on the IUPUI campus. Welcome, Terri!

- **Welcome New Faculty**

- Dr. Ned Warner: Endodontics (June)
- Dr. Juan Yepes: Pediatric Dentistry (July)
- Dr. Tasha Hall: Craniofacial Orthodontics (August)

- **IUSD First Friday Social**

From Staff Council President Terry Wilson: "Just a reminder that this Friday is June 6th, and the IUSD Staff Council will again be co-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." Come enjoy the event.

Thanks to each of you for your dedication to and support of the Vision and Mission of IUSD. I'll be back in August (*July is a holiday month*) with another edition of *First Friday...Dean's Update*.



—John

Check out all the current IUSD News on our [website](#) or at: <http://www.dentistry.iu.edu/>