

Oral Health Partnerships



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Oral Cancer Research at the Department of Oral Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences

Oral cancer can be difficult to detect at early stages when cure rate is high. Researchers at University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) are studying new approaches to assist in early diagnosis. Dr. Gary Klasser, from the Department of Oral Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences (OMDS), is currently leading a clinical study using the investigational drug Oratest (toluidine blue mouth rinse) when examining a patient's mouth for oral lesions. Dr. Joel Epstein, Head of OMDS, is studying ViziLite Plus with TBlue, which is an oral lesion identification system that uses a device combined with toluidine blue to improve the detection and monitoring of recurrent or new second oral cancers for people who have had cancer therapy. Another, in collaboration with the UIC College of Medicine, researches the risks and outcomes associated with mucositis in patients treated for breast, colorectal, head and neck, non-small cell lung and ovarian cancers. Other studies include the histopathologic and molecular diagnosis of oral premalignant and malignant lesions on biopsy and exfoliated cytology as well as the prevention and treatment of oral cancers. Departmental resources for oral cancer now include Oral Pathologists Drs. Sara Gordon and Joel Schwartz. More on oral cancer research at the College can be found at <http://dentistry.uic.edu/research/u24/>. For more information on the Oral Medicine and Orofacial Pain Clinic please see <http://dentistry.uic.edu/depts/omds/omopc.htm>.

The department is providing CE courses around the state and on campus. Consider attending one to meet these new UIC faculty members and learn further from the realm of oral cancer at the UIC College of Dentistry.

“At the Forefront of Campus and Community Partnership...”

Meet Dr. Aljernon J. Bolden”

Dr. Aljernon J. Bolden joined UIC College of Dentistry in September 2001 as a tenured Associate Professor and also served as the Director of the Division of Oral Health for the Chicago Department of Public Health. In November 2003 he assumed the responsibilities as Director of Extramural Education for UIC College of Dentistry. Some of Dr. Aljernon Bolden's other duties include being the RWJF Dental Pipeline's Principal Investigator and the Co-Principal Investigator for the W.K. Kellogg/American Dental Education Association Minority Dental Faculty Development Program Grant.

Dr. Bolden recently retired as a Colonel in the US Army Reserves Dental Corps and has completed an active duty tour in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is the Immediate Past President of the National Dental Association. Dr. Bolden has extensive involvement in designing, implementing, and providing oral health services to vulnerable populations. He has been the dental director for the Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program in Boston, MA, for the Fulton County Health Department in Atlanta, GA, and for the Whittier Street Neighborhood Health Center in Roxbury, MA. Dr. Bolden received his dental degree from Tufts School of Dental Medicine in Boston, and completed his general dentistry residency program at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center in Newark, NJ. He received his Masters in Public Health from the Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Bolden received certificates as a fellow from Harvard in geriatric medicine and dentistry, and in dental public health, and was also a Robert Wood Johnson Dental Services Research Scholar at Harvard School of Dental Medicine.

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Recent Presentations

PHF Council on Linkage between Academia and Public Health Practice Linkage Award (San Antonio, 2006)
(www.phf.org/Link/linkage.htm#awards)

UIC College of Dentistry and the Oak Park/River Forest Infant Welfare Clinic Student-Community Partnership. Baskin, Lippitt, Hryhorczuk

ADEA/IADR (Orlando, 2006)
(www.iadr.confex.com/iadr/search.epl)

Predictors of Patient intent to comply with dental students recommendations. Koerber, Mermelstein, Kaste, Knight. #0007

UIC College of Dentistry's Development of Clinical Community-Based Student Training. Bolden, Hryhorczuk, Noorullah, Evans, Punwani, Pendleton, Knight. #0971

UIC College of Dentistry's Process for Selecting Community-Based Sites. Hryhorczuk, Bolden, Knight, Evans. #0972

A State Oral Health Surveillance System: Research Baseline. Wadhawan, Lampiris, Janssen, Kaste. #1508

NOHC (Little Rock, 2006) AAPHD
(www.nationalhealthconference.com/doc/AAPHDJournalSupplement06.pdf)

S39. Illinois Oral Health Surveillance System (IOHSS), Wadhawan, Lampiris, Janssen, Kaste. #10

S44. Creating and Using a Database of Oral Health Programs at Community Health Centers in the Management of an Extramural Education Program for the UIC College of Dentistry Mulvihill, Bolden, Hryhorczuk. #28

S45. Credentialing of Dental School Adjunct/Preceptors for Extramural Community Clinical Rotations. Hryhorczuk, Bolden Mulvihill, Knight, Punwani, Evans. #29

S45. Considerations in Establishing Dental Student Community-Based Clinical Training Experiences. Bolden, Hryhorczuk, Noorallah, Evans, Punwani, Pendleton, Knight. #30

APHA (Boston, 2006)
(<http://apha.confex.com/apha/134am/techprogram>)

Teaching Dental Students about Oral Health Disparities through a Community-Based Dental Education Program. Hryhorczuk, Bolden, Mulvihill, Noorullah, Evans #137297

COD Extramural Education Events

4th Annual Extramural Education Conference & Workshop, May 24th at UIC Student Center West

Meet the Preceptors, June 6th. Incoming 4th year students will have the opportunity to meet the people with whom they will be working during the 2007-08 academic year community-based clinical rotations.

Articles of Interest

Dental Student Enrollment and Graduation: A Report by State, Census Division, and Region. Byck GR, Kaste LM, Cooksey, Chou CF. J Dent Edu. 2006; 70 (10): 1023-37

The Views of Dentists, Nurses and Nutritionists on the Association between Diabetes and Periodontal Disease: a Qualitative study in a Latino Community. Koerber A, Peters KE, Kaste LM, Lopez E, Noorullah K, Torres I, Crawford JM. JPHD 2006; 66(3):212-5.

Dental and Medical Students' Knowledge and Opinions of Infant Oral Health. Chung MH, Kaste LM, Koerber A. Fadavi S. Punwani I. J Dent Educ. 2006; 70(5):511-7

Mucosal Wound Healing: the Roles of Age and Sex. Engeland CG, Bosch JA, Cacioppo JT, Marucha PT. Arch Surg. 2006; 141(12):1193-7

Our Newest Community Partner: Hines VA

In January 2006, 4th year dental students began rotations at the dental clinic within the Edward Hines, Jr. Veteran's Affairs Hospital. In Maywood, located 12 miles west of UIC on a large 150 acre campus, the hospital system offers primary, extended and specialty care to more than 50,000 veterans. The dental clinic offers comprehensive dental services to qualifying veterans at no fee. The dental facility consists of two sections: Restorative & Oral Surgery. Students spend half their rotation in each section and may have the opportunity to observe or work in the operating room.

Upcoming Presentations

International Association for Dental Research (IADR) March 21-24 (abstracts available from <http://iadr.confex.com/iadr/searc.epl>)

Oral Health Experience of Transitory Horse Racetrack Adults and Children. Kaste, Opacich, Colovos, Dhake, Clancy, Goetsch

Premature Primary Incisor Loss and Speech Development of Bilingual Children. Lamberghini, Punwani, Smith, Koerber, Fadavi, Kaste

Parental Beliefs Concerning Necessity of Dental Visits for their Children. Slaughter, Koerber, Punwani, Fadavi

The Relationship between Caries and Dental Recall Frequency in Preschoolers. Willox, Fadavi, Koerber, Punwani

Dental Trauma: Parental Knowledge of Initial Management. Vergotine, Koerber

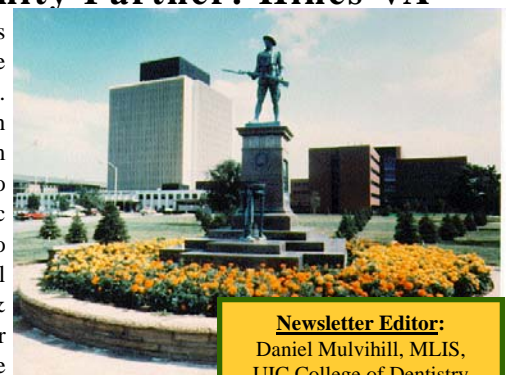
Illinois Public Health Association
Springfield, April 10-12, 2007 (www.ipha.com)

Health Status and Health Disparities of an Embedded Rural Work Force in Illinois. Opacich, Kaste, Goetsch, Lizer

An Example of the Illinois Oral Health Plan Policy Goal 1: A Pilot Oral Cancer Prevention and Early Detection Training Program for Non-dental Health Care Providers. LeHew, Epstein, Koerber, Kaste

Making Oral Health A Public Health Priority: Evaluation of the Illinois State Oral Health Plan. Peters, Kaste, Baldyga

What Indications are there that State Level Oral Health Policies are Reaching Children of an Embedded Rural Workforce in Illinois? Kaste, Opacich, Goetsch



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