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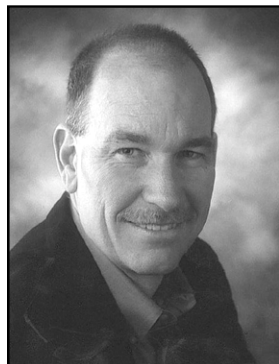
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## President's Message



**Robert Weyant, DMD, DrPH**

I am interested in focusing on in the present context is what AAPHD can do for *individual members*. In other words, how can we answer the question from a non-member when asked, "Why should I join AAPHD?"

The benefits of membership may not be obvious. Things that come to mind are a journal subscription and the annual meeting. However, these are not benefits but are features of membership. They become benefits when a particular journal article or a meeting symposium is relevant to the member's professional needs and thus allows the member to do his or her job better. In fact, I think that is the operational definition of the benefit of membership that I would like to adopt. How can membership in AAPHD help you do your job better? To that end, I have listed in the next two paragraphs below several ideas that I feel may fit this definition that I would like to see developed. In addition, I would welcome ideas from any member. To facilitate input on this (and other) issues, we may employ some internet-based surveys of the membership in the near future using a service like Zoomerang. I encourage you to complete the survey and help AAPHD be more responsive to your personal professional needs.

Pre-doctoral dental education is an area where AAPHD should be a leader. To help us accomplish this, our education committee is working on a model curriculum. This will be available for all dental schools. In addition, I would like to develop some educational resources that could be provided to our members in dental schools to support the teaching of dental public health. For example, PowerPoint presentations and other supporting resources to accompany a dental public health text such as Burt and Eklund could be developed and made available to our members.

Web-based continuing education is another area that we should consider initiating, especially for our members or potential members who may have difficulty attending the annual meeting. This may be particularly attractive to individuals who are not formally trained in dental public health, but find it part of their professional responsibilities. It would be good if AAPHD could be a leader developing and offering dental public health educational materials.

The Executive Council (EC) held its mid-year meeting in Philadelphia in October concurrent with the ADA meeting. We provided testimony on several ADA resolutions considered by the ADA House of Delegates. In addition, we finalized work on our resolution related to dental therapists. As of the writing of this message, the resolution is still being voted upon by the membership-at-large. It took the Policy Committee and the EC most of the summer to finalize this resolution. In part, that is because this resolution process truly engaged a significant portion of the membership. I want to thank the Policy Committee, the EC, and all of the members who provided input on this resolution for their thoughtful efforts. This was truly a democratic process. The development of this resolution was a great "test case" for our policy development process and I will ask the policy committee to evaluate this process and make recommendations on how we may improve it for the future.

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### Update from the National Office

#### Resolution Update

As this issue of the Communique goes to press, the Call for a Vote for the "Resolution on the Need for Formal Demonstration Programs to Improve Access to Preventive and Therapeutic Oral Health Services" has passed resoundingly. AAPHD will be sharing the resolution with other dental organizations and is drafting a letter of support to Congressional committees making recommendations to the Indian Health Act.

#### Final Dues Notice In Your Mail Box

The third and final dues notice for 2006 AAPHD Dues was mailed in late November. Because the AAPHD fiscal year runs from October 1 – September 30, the Bylaws state that "members who have not paid their dues by December 31 shall be removed from the membership rolls and immediately forfeit all rights and privileges of membership." Each member makes a difference in AAPHD's ability to have its voice heard on issues of importance to all members and the public. Re-join today!

#### AAPHD Foundation Plans Silent Auction at NOHC

The AAPHD Foundation Committee has decided to hold a silent auction during the NOHC to benefit the Foundation's general fund. The goal is to raise \$5,000. The auction will be set-up on the tradeshow floor so all attendees will be able to make their bids easily. The Foundation Committee is asking all AAPHD members to consider making a donation to the Auction. If members have hobbies that allow for a donation of an item such as photography, pottery, jewelry making, or have a vacation home they would donate for a long weekend or week – these would make perfect auction items. If items don't fit in a suitcase, donors will be asked to forward a picture and ship the item to the highest bidder after the auction. The Committee is talking about posting the auction item list on the AAPHD website as the items are donated so watch for more information in the near future.

#### Oral Health Action Partnership Organizing

AAPHD has joined with eleven other organizations in forming the Oral Health Action Partnership. The "Partnership" is a coalition of concerned organizations and individuals seeking to improve the oral health of all Americans by facilitating communications and networking in answering *A National Call to Action to Promote Oral Health*. The other eleven organizations are:

- ♦ Academy of General Dentistry
- ♦ American Dental Association
- ♦ American Dental Education Association
- ♦ American Dental Hygienists' Association
- ♦ Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors
- ♦ Children's Dental Health Project
- ♦ Delta Dental of Massachusetts
- ♦ Dental Health Foundation
- ♦ National Association of Dental Plans Foundation
- ♦ Oral Health America
- ♦ Special Care Dentistry

In addition several individuals and organizations have paid dues to join in support of the Partnership formation. A recent organizational meeting was held to develop a request for proposals for administrative services for the Partnership to help it formalize and begin solicitation of additional members. Dean Perkins, Executive Director of ASTDD and Pam Tolson, AAPHD Executive Director are serving as interim facilitator and administrator.

### Executive Council Update

The EC met in Philadelphia during the ADA Annual Meeting. Several items discussed may be of interest to members.

- ♦ Input was provided to **Kathy Lituri** who represents AAPHD on the American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) Advisory Committee for Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioner.
- ♦ The role of Dental Public Health Residency Directors was discussed in relation to the Strategic Goal Committee on Workforce. The EC will consider a recommendation that this group become a sub-group of the Workforce Committee.
- ♦ The EC met with officers and staff of ADA, American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, and ADHA.
- ♦ **Terri Dolan** and **Rebecca King** met with the EC to request staff support for the ABDPH and co-sponsorship of a 2006 workshop on pipeline and competency issues.
- ♦ The EC and ABDPH agreed to write a letter to the Commission on Dental Accreditation regarding the restructuring of Review Committees. Neither organization supports restructuring as proposed.
- ♦ An extended discussion was held on issues regarding the *Journal of Public Health Dentistry*, including:
  - **Helen Gift** was appointed Interim Editor of *JPHD* until a permanent Editor is found. **Alex White** resigned from the position this past summer. President **Bob Weyant** will recruit a Chair for a Search Committee that will begin meeting in early 2006.
  - The Ad Hoc Publications Committee, co-chaired by **Mary Foley** and **Barbara Gooch**, will draft a new mission statement for the *JPHD* along with an expansion of aims and scope of the manuscript policy.
  - Gift is recruiting additional Editorial Board members.
  - Additional staffing requirements were discussed, as well as a more defined job description for the Editor and Production Manager.
  - Beginning January 1, 2006, all manuscript submissions in excess of seven printed pages including references, will incur a charge to the author of \$150 per additional page for publication.
  - Also under consideration is a move to an electronic manuscript submission process and electronic publishing. The Ad Hoc Publications Committee will do further research.
- ♦ Election of the Secretary-Treasurer, a three-year term, will be held every two years so that a one-year overlap between officer holders will occur. **Jane Weintraub**, Nominating Committee Chair, will recommend a nominee and process change.
- ♦ EC members prepared and delivered testimony on several proposed resolutions to the ADA Reference Committees including support for the "Dental Home" definition supported by ADA, CAPIR and AAPD.

Submitted by **Pam Tolson**, Executive Director

### Members in the News

**H. Whitney Payne, Jr.** has been appointed Assistant Professor of Public Health Sciences at the Baylor College of Dentistry Texas A&M University System Health Science Center in Dallas. He will be responsible for didactic and clinical instruction in preventive and community dentistry, research, and supervision of direct care in extramural clinics. He retired from the US Public Health Service following 24 years of active duty in the Commissioned Corps. Payne is a diplomate of the American Board of Dental Public Health.

**Lynn Bethel** has assumed the role of Interim Acting Director for the Massachusetts Office of Oral Health. She has been associated with the OOH since 2004 as the Coordinator of the School Oral Health Programs. Bethel can be reached via email at [lynn.bethel@dph.state.ma.us](mailto:lynn.bethel@dph.state.ma.us) or at 617-624-5940.

### Financial Report

AAPHD has closed the books on the 2004-2005 fiscal year with good news and bad news. Overall, AAPHD brought in more income than was budgeted (good news), but it also spent more than was budgeted (bad news), resulting in a \$4,243.16 deficit.

Here are the details. The budgeted amount for total income in 2004-2005 was \$238,100. AAPHD actually raised \$251,472.43; an excess of \$13,372.43 (5.6%). The budgeted amount for total expenses in 2004-2005 was \$236,100, which would have provided a \$2,000 profit. Instead, AAPHD actually spent \$255,715.59; representing a loss of \$19,615.59 (8.3%).

On the income side, the big money makers were the NOHC (21.9% more than was budgeted), interest income (14.3% more), membership dues (8.8% more), and the Journal (2.9% more). On the expense side, the big outlays were NOHC-associated expenses (97.1% more than was budgeted; \$5,911.98 versus \$3,000.00), EC-related expenses (25.0% more; \$6,248.56 versus \$5,000), *JPHD* (11.0% more; \$99,889.03 versus \$90,000.00), and administration (6.0% more; \$102,387.86 versus \$96,600.00). In addition, the journal also required a \$10,000 transfer from the Reserve Account to cover unanticipated publishing costs.

As of the end of September, assets totaled \$349,846.54. This total included the following sub-category amounts:

Checking=\$3,083.84; Operating Fund=\$177.50;  
Reserve Fund=\$235,117.21; and Foundation Fund=\$111,467.99.

The EC plans to implement tighter controls over unbudgeted expenses during the 2005-06 fiscal year so that deficits do not become the norm.

*Submitted by Mark D. Macek, Secretary-Treasurer*

### Fund Development Goals Committee Report

When the AAPHD Strategic Plan was implemented in 2004, the Fund Development Goals Committee was charged with raising revenues by 10% during each of the following five years. Now that the first year has ended, the FDGC is happy to report that it met its objective by growing revenues in several areas, including: 1) membership (\$12,500); 2) *JPHD* subscriptions (\$7,100); and 3) *JPHD* advertising (\$3,500). The FDGC hopes that the Association will be able to sustain this growth during the next year.

The FDGC's work will not stop there. The Committee is currently discussing proposals for one or two dental public health campaigns during the upcoming year. These campaigns are meant to benefit the public and/or members, while enticing corporate sponsorship and partnership. Members who have ideas that they would like the committee to consider should send them to **Mark Macek** mmacek@umaryland.edu or **Mark Greer** mhkgreer@doh.hawaii.gov.

Thank you all for your support and encouragement. OOHFA!

*Submitted by Mark D. Macek, Secretary-Treasurer*

### A Word from the Executive Director

I have received several comments about the statement on the recent dues notice requesting a signature indicating "acceptance to receive faxes and e-mails from the association that may contain a message of a commercial nature." The reason behind the inclusion of this statement is due to federal legislation passed within the past two years regulating what can and cannot be sent by fax or e-mails to individuals without their permission. The American Society of Association Executives, known as the "association of associations," has recommended to their members to include this statement and obtain permission from members to send faxes and e-mails until court cases questioning the legality of the regulations are settled. While it is ASAE's position that fax or e-mail communications between an association and its members is permissible under the rules and regulations, they recommend associations get the permission for the time being. By the end of 2006, the association community hopes that this step will no longer be necessary. AAPHD appreciates your understanding and participation in this process. Any member may request that they be taken off of the broadcast e-mail list by contacting me directly. Thank you.

*From Pamela J. Tolson, CAE, Executive Director*

### President's Message Continued

As many of you know, **Alex White** stepped down as editor of *JPHD* in June. **Helen Gift** has kindly agreed to act as interim editor at least through next fall, while we search for a new permanent editor. In addition, we are working with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee to help us decide on important Journal-related issues such as electronic publication. The time line for instituting these changes is still in development and I will keep you informed of any decisions.

The maintenance of the dental public health workforce is an area of growing importance to the association. AAPHD in collaboration with the ABDPH and possibly the DPH residency program directors will be looking at ways to take action on many of the recommendations developed over the last few years to sustain or improve the workforce. Currently, we are working on an agenda for a meeting at the NOHC where we can devise an action plan.

Best wishes to all for a Happy New Year!

*Submitted by Robert Weyant, President*

### Dental Volunteers to Honduras

Dentists and hygienists are needed to supervise a four chair dental sealant team for a week in Honduras. Villages to be served in February-April 2006 have no access to dental care. Volunteers diagnose and supervise the placement of self-cure sealant by Honduran technicians using a four-handed technique and infection barriers. Portable dental equipment includes suction, 12v halogen lights and air/water/spray. Train for one week in 2006 and return for another in 2007. An interpreter is provided for those who don't speak Spanish. Volunteers must be in good health, possess a valid passport, and pay their air fare to San Pedro Sula plus a modest amount for meals, lodging, and transportation in country. Your expenses are federal tax-deductible. Over 169 dentists, hygienists, dental students, and support personnel have served on previous teams. Many have described their time in Honduras as a "once in a lifetime experience." Stay over and visit Mayan ruins, enjoy ocean beaches, or the offshore islands noted for scuba diving. Contact:

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### Board Recruits New Executive Secretary

I am very pleased to announce that **E. Joseph Alderman** has agreed to assume the duties of the office of the Executive Secretary next May at the close of the Annual Diplomates' Dinner and Business Meeting. Alderman will replace **Bob Dumbaugh**, who is stepping down to spend more time with his family.

Alderman received his DDS from the Creighton University School of Dentistry, MPH from the University of Michigan, and Residency Certificate from the Jefferson County Health Department, Birmingham, AL. He was in private practice in Denver. He is a diplomate of the ABDPH and a Past-Director, Oral Health Section, Georgia Division of Public Health. Leadership positions include: President of: Georgia Public Health Association (GPHA 1981), Southern Health Association, ASTDD, AAPHD, Georgia Partnership for School Health, and ABDPH. He has served as Chair, APHA Oral Health Section, and is a Colonel, US Army Reserve retired, a Fellow of the Georgia Dental Association (GDA), and a Fellow of the American College of Dentists. He is AAPHD Historian, a faculty member of the Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry, Secretary of the Georgia Partnership for School Health, and a Life member of GDA and ADA. He is the Region IV Head Start Oral Health Consultant, and lives in Atlanta.

Alderman has graciously agreed to monitor the business sessions of the Board for the remainder of this program year in order to complete his orientation to the position.

### ABDPH Symposium Scheduled for NOHC

**Robert (Skip) Collins** invites us to watch for the announcement for the 2006 NOHC. This year, ABDPH Symposium will focus on the recent Institute of Medicine (IOM) report: "Advancing the Nation's Health Needs: NIH Research Training Programs" (2005) and how it relates to other IOM reports regarding public health, such as "The Future of Public Health in the 21st Century" and "Who will Keep the Public Healthy? Educating Public Health Professionals for the 21st Century". **Robert Genco**, Chair of the special IOM Panel on Oral Health, will describe the oral health section of the IOM report and its implications for dental public health training. **Larry Tabak**, Director, NIDCR, will outline what his Institute is doing to support current and future training to help assure that there will be adequate specialists to meet future needs. **Teresa Dolan**, President, ABDPH, and Dean, School of Dentistry, University of Florida, will serve as reactor while also exploring the initiatives that her school has undertaken to ensure that appropriate expertise will continue to be available to local public health programs in Florida. Participation in the Symposium should result in a better understanding of the potential impact of the IOM reports cited above, especially in relationship to dental public health and to recognize steps being taken nationally to address changes in research training and how these are inclusive of training for dental public health. The Symposium is scheduled for 9:00 AM, Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### ABDPH and AAPHD to Meet with DPH Residency Directors

Hold the Date - Sunday afternoon, April 30, 2006! The ABDPH and the AAPHD are jointly planning a half-day workshop in conjunction with dental public health residency directors to consider issues of strategic importance to enhancing the dental public health workforce, and specifically, encouraging the growth in the number of board certified public health dentists in the U.S. We are currently seeking funding for this effort and will be working on the agenda and meeting specifics during the next two months.

You are invited to learn more about the ABDPH by clicking on the link to the Board's web page through [www.aaphd.org](http://www.aaphd.org).

Submitted by **Teresa A. Dolan**, President

### Amoxicillin Use during Infancy May Be Linked to Fluorosis

Use of the antibiotic amoxicillin during infancy appears to be linked to tooth enamel defects in permanent teeth, according to a study in the October issue of *Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine*.

Dental fluorosis is one of the most common developmental enamel defects. Amoxicillin is commonly used among pediatric patients, mainly for treatment of otitis media. There has been some evidence that amoxicillin use could be associated with dental enamel defects, and, the authors suggest, even a small effect on dental enamel could have a significant effect on the public's dental health because of the widespread use of amoxicillin.

**Liang Hong**, DDS, MS, PhD and colleagues at the University of Iowa assessed the association between dental fluorosis and amoxicillin use during early childhood. Hong is now with the Department of Dental Public Health and Behavioral Science, University of Missouri-Kansas City. The researchers analyzed data from the Iowa Fluoride Study, a prospective study investigating fluoride exposures, biological and behavioral factors, and children's dental health. They followed 579 participants from birth to 32 months, using questionnaires every three to four months to gather information on fluoride intake and amoxicillin use.

"The results show that amoxicillin use during early infancy seems to be linked to dental fluorosis on both permanent first molars and maxillary central incisors," the authors report. "Duration of amoxicillin use was related to the number of early-erupting permanent teeth with fluorosis."

By the age of one, three-quarters of the subjects had used amoxicillin. By 32 months, 91% of participants had used amoxicillin. "Overall, 24% had fluorosis on both maxillary central incisors," the authors write.

Amoxicillin use from 3 to 6 months doubled the risk of dental fluorosis. "The significantly elevated risk for dental fluorosis associated with amoxicillin use during early infancy was found at all levels of statistical analyses, even after controlling for other potential risk factors, such as fluoride intake, otitis media infections, and breastfeeding," the authors report.

### Editorial: Too Soon to Cap the Medicine Bottle?

In an editorial accompanying the article, Paul S. Casamassimo, DDS, MS, of the Ohio State University College of Dentistry and Columbus Children's Hospital, writes that pediatricians have already reduced their use of amoxicillin to treat ear infections.

"Looking back through decades on the repeated dental cautions about tetracycline, it took years and alternative drug choices to reshape clinical practice to reduce what was a far more obvious, generalized, and more difficult-to-treat cosmetic problem. If the choice is hearing loss and its sequelae or the possible risk of minor cosmetic disappointment, there is little doubt of what will happen. Frankly, at this point, the association between amoxicillin use and fluorosis needs further study, as Hong et al have suggested. ... Until that time, the best course of action may be what both the medical and dental communities have advocated for a long time—careful, thoughtful, and appropriate use of both fluoride and antibiotics."

Source: *American Medical Association*

### Dental Visits Among Diabetic Adults

CDC has released a report, "Dental Visits Among Dentate Adults with Diabetes—United States, 1999 and 2004," which features new estimates from the Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS). Authored by **Paul Eke** and **Gina Thornton-Evans**, CDC Division of Oral Health, and **Gloria Beckles**, CDC Division of Diabetes Translation, the report is in the November 25 *MMWR Weekly Report*. It provides state-by-state estimates from the 2004 BRFSS on the percentage of dentate adults with diabetes who reported having a dental visit during the previous year.

This reports shows that seven states may have reached the *Healthy People 2010* objective of 71% of people with diabetes having a dental visit in the previous year. Four states showed significant gains since 1999.

The report reveals disparities remaining for some racial and ethnic groups, smokers, and those of low income, without dental insurance, and who have not had a class in diabetes management. Thus, it shows a need to increase efforts by the public health community to reach these subgroups, and to encourage people with diabetes to have an annual dental visit.

“States should continue to strive to increase the level of dental visits among adults with diabetes by working to integrate and improve oral health awareness in state and national diabetes programs,” stated Eke.

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### ADA 2005 Community Preventive Dentistry Award

ADA gave its highest Community Preventive Dentistry Award to Project Bridge, a collaboration between Harvard School of Dental Medicine and Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Inc. (BOTW). Project Bridge, with a mission to assist disadvantaged youths in the greater Boston area, is based in downtown Boston. Free preventive, operative, and basic periodontal dental care is provided to runaway and homeless teenagers and young adults. Approximately 400 teens are served annually. "Life for Life" Educational Workshops are conducted annually in order to teach the patients and students in the BOTW GED program about general physical health, with an emphasis on oral health, nutrition, and careers in the health and dental fields. No other health education offered to the students.

Meritorious Awards were presented to the following programs:

The Dental Sealant Clinic of Pace Inc. and the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational High School in New Bedford, Massachusetts, which provides services to approximately 500 students per year.

Children's Dental Services (CDS), the only Minnesota agency dedicated exclusively to providing oral health outreach, education, preventive, and restorative treatment to low-income children and pregnant women in the diverse Minneapolis/St. Paul community. CDS provides clinical services at thirteen locations, most of which are located in public schools and Head Start centers.

Tri-County Community Dental Clinic, an Appleton, Wisconsin clinic started by a small group of local dentists to address the lack of easy access to oral health care to residents of Calumet, Outagamie, and Winnebago counties whose access to oral health care is limited due to inadequate income or reduced access to Medicaid care. Volunteer professionals, dental students from Marquette University School of Dentistry, and dental hygiene and assisting students from Fox Valley Technical College provide services.

### ADA Foundation 2005 Geriatric Oral Health Care Award

"The CARES Program," Counseling, Advocacy, Referrals, Education and Service (CARES) program of The State University of New York at Buffalo (SUNY-Buffalo), received the ADA Foundation Highest Geriatric Oral Health Care Award. This partnership between the Schools of Dental Medicine (SDM) and Social Work addresses barriers preventing older adults from receiving oral health care such as finances, transportation, physical or mental health limitations, and other disparities. Masters of Social Work (MSW) students work together with dental students to manage psychosocial issues related to the provision of dental care. Through this interdisciplinary effort, access to oral health for a significant number of individuals has been made possible.

To SUNY-Buffalo's knowledge, they are the only dental school in the U.S. with a full-time social work department to assist older adults with access to care needs and a social worker providing behavioral education to dental students with a focus on assisting older adults. The school is unique in that MSW students are placed in the dental school for field education and to collaborate with community dentistry to conduct outreach efforts specifically for older adults.

A Meritorious Award was given to the "Community Dental Outreach Program" sponsored by First Call For Help, a program of United Way of Etowah County, Alabama. Volunteer dentists, dental assistants, and dental hygienists, treat patients in their offices, providing free, comprehensive dental care for elderly, disabled, and medically compromised adults who have no other way of paying for dental services. In 2005, the Community Dental Outreach Program assisted 70 patients in receiving over \$15,000 in free dental services.

### Institutions to Help Students Enter Medical or Dental School

Twelve institutions nationwide have been selected to participate in the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Summer Medical and Dental Education Program (SMDEP), an enrichment program for college students interested in pursuing careers in medicine and dentistry. The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) and American Dental Education Association (ADEA) have joined to administer the SMDEP, which seeks to create a more diverse medical and dental workforce.

This innovative program allows institutions to develop and implement six-week academic enrichment programs for qualified undergraduate college students who represent diverse population groups underrepresented in medicine and dentistry. Applicants may come from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, racial and ethnic groups that historically have been underrepresented, or parts of the country (such as rural areas) where residents historically have been underrepresented.

"Programs like SMDEP are crucial in the struggle to strengthen the educational pipeline and reach the long-term goal of a health care profession that looks more like America," said AAMC President **Jordan J. Cohen, MD**.

"Congratulations to all the schools chosen to participate in this important effort." **Richard W. Valachovic, DMD**, Executive Director of ADEA, said, "Meeting the needs of a diverse workforce is one of ADEA's strategic directions."

The dental schools selected to participate include:

- ◆ Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine
- ◆ Columbia University School of Dental & Oral Surgery
- ◆ UCLA School of Dentistry
- ◆ Howard University College of Dentistry
- ◆ The University of Texas at Houston Dental Branch
- ◆ University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey
- ◆ University of Louisville School of Dentistry
- ◆ University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Dentistry
- ◆ University of Washington School of Dentistry

Each site can accept 80 potential medical and dental students per summer. The programs introduce the academic and professional requirements and are structured around a set of core operational and programmatic principles including: academic enrichment in the basic sciences and key electives; learning skills seminars; exposure to medical and dental clinics; exploration of the medical and dental professions; financial planning workshops; and individualized educational plans to help students achieve their goals.

SMDEP builds on the RWJ Foundation's earlier *Summer Medical Education Program* and complements its ongoing *Pipeline, Profession, and Practice: Community-Based Dental Education* program. These initiatives seek to attract, develop, and retain a high-quality health care workforce, with an emphasis on diversity and leadership development.

### MEPS Dental Visit Data File Available

The public use data file, MEPS HC-077B: 2003 Dental Visits, is one in a series of event-level public use data files drawn from the 2003 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS) Household Component (HC). Released as an ASCII file with SAS and SPSS programming statements and in SAS transport format, the Dental Visits File provides detailed information on dental events for a nationally representative sample of the civilian, non-institutionalized population of the U.S. during the 2003 calendar year. The file includes the date of the dental event, type of provider seen, if the visit was due to an accident, reason for the dental event, and whether or not medicines were prescribed. This file is available at <http://www.meps.ahrq.gov/Puf/PufDetail.asp?ID=185>.

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### Practice-Based Network Research Fellowship at Case Western Reserve University

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Fellowship positions are available for research-oriented clinicians interested in developing a career as an independent and highly collaborative investigator conducting practice-based network research (PBRN). Kurt C. Stange, MD, PhD, Program Director. This 2-3 year fellowship is supported by R25 training grant from National Cancer Institute. Candidates in primary care (family medicine, pediatrics, general internal medicine), dentistry, and doctorally-prepared advance practice nurses are invited to apply. Positions begin Jan. 2006 or Sept. 2006. Requirement: US citizenship or permanent residency.

80% mentored research time working with several highly productive practice-based research networks. 50% time spent conducting your own research project and career development in the broad areas of cancer prevention and control. 30% time spent working with network practices on practice-initiated research projects. Remaining 20% time spent in clinical work in community-based practices.

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Please send your CV and letter of interest to Jim Werner via email to: [james.werner@case.edu](mailto:james.werner@case.edu). Details on PBRN & Training Faculty can be found at: <http://cancer.case.edu>.

### Tufts University School of Dental Medicine Chair, Department of Public Health

Posted 12/21/2005

Tufts University School of Dental Medicine seeks candidates for the position of Chair, Department of Public Health, at the Associate or Full Professor level. This endowed, contract or tenure track faculty position is available immediately. Applicants must have a DMD/DDS degree from an accredited dental school, and an M.P.H. or educationally equivalent degree. Applicants must also hold a valid dental license and be eligible for licensure in Massachusetts. The ideal candidate possesses distinguished teaching and research experience, and previous experience in the development and management of extramural programs. The successful candidate will be responsible for the development and general oversight of the School's community-based education and service programs, including clinical sites, outreach activities, and the externship program; revision and implementation of the predoctoral and postgraduate didactic curricula, and mentoring students interested in public health. S/he will also be responsible for providing instruction and mentoring in biostatistics and epidemiology, and development of a combined DMD/MPH program at the School. Opportunities for research

and intramural practice are available. Academic rank and salary are commensurate with training and experience. Interested individuals should submit curriculum vitae and names (including telephone numbers and mailing addresses) of three references to Lonnie H. Norris, D.M.D., M.P.H., Dean, Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, One Kneeland Street, Boston, MA 02111. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Tufts University School of Dental Medicine is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity Employer.

### Dental Director

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Multnomah County is Oregon's largest community health center, with over 1000 employees providing services through numerous community outlets. This executive-level position is responsible for providing dental care direction and consultation to all County dental providers; overseeing and directing the Department's school and community-based dental programs, and providing leadership around larger community oral health issues.

Candidate Profile:

- Senior level management, budget and program responsibilities in a multi-faceted organization.
- Successful collaboration with key officials, executives, stakeholders customers and staff.
- Experience with public policy and governmental relationships.
- Previous clinical dental expertise so the Dental Director may provide care (on occasion) and evaluate care of other dental providers.
- Experience with creating and delivering successful dental public health programs and services.
- Minimum five years responsible professional public dental experience.
- Minimum two years supervisory experience in the delivery of public dental health services.
- Doctor of Dental Medicine or Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from an ADA accredited college or university.
- Ability to obtain a license to practice dentistry issued by the State of Oregon.

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