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Group practice system at LLUSD enters fifth year

In 1997, a pilot program in the School tested several models of clinical instruction, using a random sample of students.

Dr. Fitzpatrick, who was the primary faculty of the pilot program, worked with pilot groups with varying numbers of students, to discover what would be most effective for instruction and learning. In this small group teaching environment he found it easy to quickly and effectively assess students' skills.

Next, he focused on students who needed extra help by isolating their unique challenges and developed methods by which they received information and resources quickly. According to Dean Charles Goodacre, these students achieved clinical success and graduated with their class.

The process evolved into the School's current group system of clinical instruction which was implemented four years ago in June, 2001.

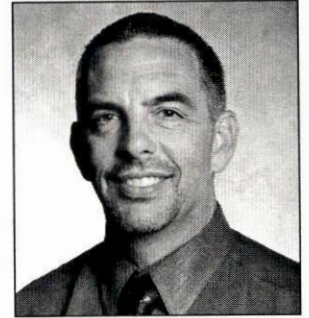
Dr. Bruce Walter served as the first director, followed by Dr. Matty Abbate. At the beginning of fall quarter, 2005, Dr. Fitzpatrick will take the reins of the program as director.

Dr. Fitzpatrick's objective is to have the 12 groups function as a single unit with separate components. Special emphasis will be placed on the D2 students.

In addition, there will be time blocked off to train the primaries, fostering communication. Faculty will also work together with the goal of fine-

tuning skills taught in the classroom that are implemented on the clinic floor. This will be developed into a manual.

"Everything we do as primary faculty," he says of the program he envisions, "will be to assist students in developing their strengths, and make changes that will correct their weaknesses."



DR. MICHAEL FITZPATRICK

Community-Based Dental Partnership program grant renewed

For three years the School of Dentistry has operated an HIV in Dentistry training program (Community-Based Dental Partnership Program) at the Social Action Community Health System (SACHS) clinic.

This is one of 12 grants made available throughout the country for the period 2002-2005. On August 29, Dr. Tom Rogers was notified that the grant from the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), which funds the program, has been renewed for three more years at \$300,000 per year.

The Community-Based Dental Partnership Program funds eligible dental educational programs in their efforts to increase access to oral health care for unserved and underserved rural and urban HIV positive individuals and to train dental and dental hygiene students in the issues associated with treating this population.

The training program takes place at SACHS dental clinic in San Bernardino. It is one of 12 grants that were made available in 2002 providing funding to help train and educate students and residents enrolled in dental education programs who provide care for people with HIV under the direction of dentists in the community.

KEEPING CONNECTED STAFF MEETING

will be held Friday,
September 9; 1:00
to 2:00 p.m. with
Dr. Louise
Schneider, a nutri-
tionist with LLU,
as guest speaker.

*Plan to attend and
watch cooking
demonstrations and
enjoy food samples.*

Office of admissions releases acceptance list for dental class of 2009; dental hygiene class of 2007

DENTAL CLASS OF 2009: Carl Appleton, David Bainer, Kimberly Bensonhaver, Kimberly Bentjen, Alberto Blackwood, Jessica Bong, Mark Brown, Joshua Cartter, Julie Catalano, Jonathan Channer, Joshua Chenowith, Jimmy Cheung, Kyung Duk Choi, Yoonhyeok Choi, Yujin Choi, Ho Young (Roy) Chun, Vanessa Chun, Eric Cornelius, Beatrice Criveanu, Preethi Dara, Rachel Deininger, Vincent Drouin, Andrew Dyer, Lincoln Edwards, Kimberly Eek, Benjamin Emery, David Ericksen, Graig Erickson, Brian Evans, Ryan Falke, Treavor Fisher, Joseph Flechas, Shaun Flynn, Colin Forde, Sharon Foster, Jonathan Gantz, Devin Gerrard, Shiva Ghahremani, Eric Grove, Benjamin Hadfield, Tristan Hamilton, Randal Henneberg, Dennis Iverson, Lindsey Johnston, Sun Kim, Young Kim, Nolan Korando, Scott Krause, Catharine Kwon, Angela Lee, David Lee, Diana Lee, Sang Jin Lee, Michael Lopez Jr., Jesse McClung, Dane McClurg, Kai Morgan,

Department news

Center for Dental Research



• **Dr. Jay S. Kim** attended the United States–Korea Conference (UKC-2005) August 11 to 13, 2005, on the campus of the University of California at Irvine.

This conference attracted engineers, physical and biological scientists, and entrepreneurs in biotechnology and information technology from both countries.

Highlights of the conference were plenary talks given by Professor Rowland, a Nobel laureate, and by Professor Hwang who has recently captured worldwide attention with his phenomenal results in stem cell research, and who is considered a strong candidate for a Nobel prize in the near future. A large media group followed Professor Hwang's presentation at the conference.

Dr. Kim served on the conference program committee, and organized and chaired the session on mathematics/statistics. He was an invited speaker at the UKC, and presented a paper on "Piecewise Exponential Survival Function Estimator: An Alternative to Kaplan-Meier Estimator."

• **Clinical research** formerly located in Room 2236 next to dental school operator in Prince Hall has moved to the Center for Dental Research, 24876 Taylor Street, Loma Linda, CA 92350 (across from Human Resources). The clinical research phone number remains the same: (909) 558-4623.

Restorative dentistry

• Tune in Sunday, October 2, to hear **Holly Riter**, assistant professor discuss general oral health care on the medical talk radio show, "Ask Your Doctor."

The segment will air on KTIE 590 AM at 4:30 p.m., and KFRG 95.1 FM at 11:30 p.m.



Shelly Withers passes DMV safety course

Shelly Withers, a member of the dental hygiene department faculty, recently passed the basic motorcycle safety course given by the Department of Motor Vehicles. And she passed it with flying colors, earning 95 percent on the test.

LEFT: Shelly Withers pauses from one of her pastimes, riding motorcycles, to pose for a photo.

Welcome, new employees

Please give a warm School of Dentistry welcome to new employees:

• **Joshua Bell**, infectious waste handler, central sterilization; **Lilia Jimenez**, record analyst, implant dentistry; **Christina Villasenor, RN**, Surgery Center for Dentistry; **Kelli Lawson**, lab assistant, Center for Dental Research; **Dane Anderson**, lab assistant, Center for Dental Research; **Dan Johns**, cashier, dental supply; **Jamie Hynum, RN**, Surgery Center for Dentistry; **Larissa Price**,

record analyst, endodontics; **Brianna Halliday** and **Sherin Johnson**, both laboratory helpers, central sterilization. In other news **Miriam Yanez** has returned full-time to work as an administrative assistant in Mary Hartwell's office, replacing **Shelley Console**, who moved to Dr. Goodacre's office.

Faculty Dental Offices

• Well done **Leticia Sanchez** and **Norma Lesko, FDO**, who have earned their CDA certification.

Congratulations

• **Heidi** and **Jim Cooley** are proud new parents to baby **Abigail Catherine Cooley**. Baby Abigail was born August 15, at 3:53 a.m. and weighed 7lbs. 4 oz. She was 18 1/4" long Mommy and baby are doing well, as is daddy.

• **Olivia Tobiska, RN**, passed California state boards to earn her registered nursing license. She and her husband, **Joey**, are moving to Orange County where she has accepted a job in the emergency department at St. Joseph Hospital. She began assisting with publications as a student worker in 2002, and has prepared *Dentalgram* and *LLU DENTISTRY* for the web. She also has worked with faculty web pages.

'Toothtales,' table clinic project featured in CDA UPDATE

In the July, 2005, issue of *CDA UPDATE*, author Emily Ireland interviews Drs. Christina Do and Melinda [Pealater] Oquist, both SD'03, about their table clinic project, "Toothtales, Bobby's First Visit."

In 2002 they, along with Gary Hsieh, won first place in the Educational Category and captured the Students and Faculty Choice Award for "Toothtales, Bobby's First Visit."

The story was created to educate children about the importance of oral health care, and to show what happens during their first dental office visit.

"If a child knows exactly what to expect at the dentist, we believe it will make the visit less frightening," they said, revealing that they have visited many elementary schools to share the story, which has been received with enthusiasm. "The video took about six months and more than 400 hours to make," they informed *CDA UPDATE*.

They are planning to create more stories in the "Toothtales" series. "Bobby's First Visit" is available by accessing <www.toothtales.com>.

• September birthdays •

Cheryl Bellerose	Endo
Sara Bierce	Ortho
Timoteo Cocjin	Housekpg/Maint
Mel Coleman	Endo
Veronique Daniels	Orthodo
Joshua Gorman	Endo
Cathy Graves	Perio
Mindy Harvey	CSD
Max Hernandez	Dent Lab Svcs
Ruben Hernandez	Comp Svcs
Priscilla Ko	Surg Ctr Dent
Norma Lesko	Fac Dent Ofcs
Jason Li	Ctr Dent Rsch
Stefani Linares	Pros
Marisela Mendez	Steril
Steve Morrow	Endo
Christine Parkinson	DentLabSvcs
Desiree Quijano	Comp Svcs
Shirley Reyes	Surg Ctr
Sam Sadanala	Ed Suppt Svcs
Joyce Sanders	FDO
Shantela Stanfeld	SCD
Daniel Valdez	Surg Ctr
Cecilia Vargas	Perio
Brent Walker	Dent Maint

Employees earn CERT status



Forty employees completed training as Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). The School's disaster preparedness program is using CERT as their basic training program. The above photo shows Melinda Gurley modeling the vest and helmet she earned. This program was developed by the National Fire Academy, Emergency Management Institute, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency and is recognized by Homeland Security. There are plans to have future training sessions to help prepare staff for campus and community needs in disaster situations.

Staff and alumni help tsunami victims

A team of dental students and members of the dental class of 2005, led by Dr. Leroy Leggitt, provided volunteer emergency dental assistance for tsunami affected communities in Ampara district, eastern Sri Lanka.

The team worked with the Sri Lankan clinicians of the ADRA Sri Lanka dental team from June 15 to 29 to achieve a mutual cross-exchange of clinical approaches, skills, and techniques, resulting in enhanced professional skills for all parties.

The team worked in and around Pot-tuvil town in camps for those who lost their homes in the tsunami disaster of December, 2004. They assisted Sri Lankan clinicians in providing basic emergency dental care, including extractions, treating dental abscesses, and screening patients for future

restorative care by the project clinicians.

"The team did an awesome job," comments Sandi Golles, ADRA project director, "working with our Sri Lankan clinicians so that clinicians from both the United States and Sri Lanka could learn from each other and enhance the quality of care offered to tsunami victims. Their work in Sri Lanka has alleviated physical suffering for many tsunami victims."

The ADRA Sri Lanka dental project operates within the framework of an agreement between ADRA Sri Lanka and the Ministry of Health Care, Nutrition and Development of the government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and is made possible through the financial support of ADRA Australia and World Vision.



Dr. Leroy Leggitt (sixth from left), led a mission trip to provide dental care to tsunami victims in Sri Lanka.

Advanced education program in prosthodontics welcomes new residents



Advanced education in prosthodontics residents, class of 2008 (clockwise, from left): Drs. John Won; Bashar Ayyoub; Rishi Patel, and Setrag Dermendjian.

Four new residents joined the advanced education program in prosthodontics in July, 2005. This particular group of residents is scheduled to complete the three-year program and graduate in 2008.

A warm welcome to the new residents—

Dr. Bashar Ayyoub comes from Jordan where he received his BDS degree from Jordan University of Science and Technology in 2002. Dr. Ayyoub was in private practice in Amman, Jordan, for two years prior to enrolling in the advanced education in prosthodontics program here.

Dr. Setrag Dermendjian received his BS degree (1986), and DDS degree (1993), from Yerevan State University, Armenia. He completed a one-year internship, a three-year postgraduate prosthodontic course, and a three-year masters degree program at Yerevan State University where he also taught.

Dr. Rishi Patel received his BDS degree from Bristol Dental School in 2002. After graduation he completed one year of general practice in London; a two-year oral and maxillofacial surgical residency at St. George's Hospital, London, and a six-month restorative dentistry residency at the University of Birmingham, England.

Dr. John Won earned his BS degree (2001) from Pacific Union College in Northern California. Dr. Won earned his DDS degree from Loma Linda University School of Dentistry in 2005, and is currently the one resident selected to pilot the prosthodontic-implant surgery track.

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Acceptance list...

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Mervin Moya, Luiza Nersisyan, Diemtrinh Nguyen, Daniel Ninan, David Norwood, Christopher Ohsie, Rhett Olsen, Sue Jean Park, Youngchul Park, Parisa Pejman-zadeh, Tung Pham, Allison Phang, Sonny Porter, Abtin Rahimian, Jennifer Rearrick, Ivan Rees, Robert Renck II, Julie Riggs, Leslie Seaman, William Shearer, Eun-hye Sheen, Dennis Simental, Bhavdeep Singh, Jessica Smith, Scott Smith, Margaret Soh, Si-yeun Sung, Samer Tabel, Bilyana Tesic, Todd Wesslen, Jeffrey Wight, Christopher Wood, Jasper Yai, Roland Yap, Carol Yeung, Keu Sung Yun, Diaa Zora

DENTAL HYGIENE CLASS OF 2007: Renee Baker, Gianna Balugo, Larysa Baydala, Jennifer Beach, Emily Beltz, Adriana Brister, Dominique Bryant, Emily Coufal, Andrea Dickey, Graciela Duran, Valerie Eagan, Stephanie Eckl, Candice Elloway, Deanna Harriss, Amy Hewitt, Laura Hoyle, Natalie Issa, Hanna Kalamakis, Dustin Kasischke, Ah-Rom Kim, Ruth Martinez-Estanol, Nancy Matias, Jose Ortiz, Jeanette Park, Jantsen Perey, Nicole Pidgeon, Gregg Price, Dana Rascon, Karly Ruffi, Heidi Sohn, Heidi Spiva, Monledy Suprono, Jasmine Swenson, Kimberly Tangunan, Christine Truong, Anya Van Order, Liza Wahjudi, Michelle Wehling, Aimee Wills, Leisa Wong, Kristen Yankee, Catherine Zendner

In memoriam

A graduate of International Dentist Program (IDP) and a part-time faculty member in IDP since 1988, Dr. Howard J. Ho died on June 19, 2005, following a long battle with cancer.

Born in Tai Chung, Taiwan, Dr. Ho attended Taipei Medical College and graduated in 1982. During his undergraduate training at Taipei Medical College he volunteered to serve the needy in remote locations.

Dr. Ho and his bride, Vicki Liu, immigrated to the United States in 1985. He entered IDP at Loma Linda University in 1987. His exceptional performance in the program was noted and appreciated by his mentors. He was invited to join the faculty of IDP following graduation in 1988, and he served his University as part-time faculty until 2004.

Dr. Ho taught dental anatomy, operative dentistry, and clinical dentistry. As a teacher, he was well respected and popular among the students. His teaching skills were excellent.

He was one of the early graduates completing the program from Taiwan who were invited to join the faculty. Three became part-time faculty and one served as full-time faculty until 2004. Dr. Ho was one of these four talented teachers.

As a follower of Jesus Christ, Dr. Ho sought to serve his God and his fellow men with sincerity, reverence, and humility. As a devoted husband and father, he invested time in nurturing his children, family fellowship, and missionary projects for the Church.

His heart was filled with compassion for people, was indeed a precious gift and a lasting memory. —Dr. Lloyd Baum, professor emeritus



Dr. Howard Ho, IDP'88 (fourth from left, back row); passed away June 19, 2005. He is posing with students from his class.



Gerald Sims, wife of Dr. Richard Simms (MS'63), passed away August 20. In the above photo taken in 2003, she is pictured with Dr. Simms who had just received the Pierre Fauchard Academy Honor Award.

**You are cordially invited
to have dinner with the Dean
during the ADA Session
in Philadelphia, PA
Saturday evening, October 8, 2005
RSVP to Mary at 558-4754**



Blackboard Tip of the Month for September

Sending email to Blackboard users

Blackboard can be used as a “messenger” to send email to students and instructors. To send email from within Blackboard, visit the course menu or control panel and click Send email. Select any of the available links such as “All Students,” “All Instructors,” or “Select Students.” Enter a subject and message and click the “Submit” button. You can also add attachments to the email. The message is delivered to the recipients’ LLU email address. Blackboard is used to simply send the messages, not receive them.

If you have a question about Blackboard or are interested in learning more about Blackboard, contact Leigh Ann Evans in educational support services at ext. 88628.