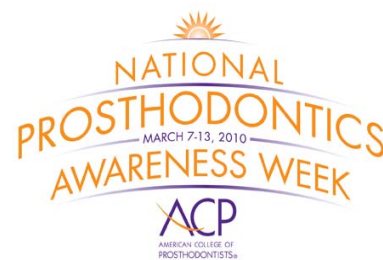


Graduate Program Activities

Purpose: Initiate activities in Graduate Prosthodontics Departments across the US in association with National Prosthodontics Awareness Week. See NPAW Student Implementation pamphlet and the Action Plan.



Draft Objectives:

1. Provide Pro Bono service during the week to foster a culture of compassion
2. Promote awareness of the prosthodontic specialty to the general public
3. Generate interest in the specialty as a career path for pre-doctoral students
4. Demonstrate the relevance of prosthodontic training in setting the standard for optimal restorative dental treatment
5. Enable appreciation for the services and leadership of prosthodontics
6. Endow the specialty with a renewed sense of solidarity and purpose

Possible Activities:

- Have residents submit names of patients they feel would benefit from having complete dentures made. Draw from these names one patient per resident who may receive complete denture service Pro Bono. Patients who are selected must agree to spend time observing a lab procedure in the construction of complete dentures. Patient's who are selected must attend open house and are encouraged to bring guests. Patients must be available to come in each day of the week for treatment.
- Organize an open house in the Graduate Prosthodontic department. Provide invitation and post notice to patients, students, residents, faculty, and staff. Provide notice within the community by inviting youth groups, social organizations, etc. Host a presentation, tour, and demonstration (may involve lab technicians). Demo waxing, casting, flasking/processing, porcelain stacking, salt and peppering. Tour includes showing lab (which needs cleaning), articulators, instruments, equipment. Create presentation showing cases prosthodontists treat and results achievable.
- Have pre-doctoral students who produce excellent preclinical work present it for display during the open house (have a competition perhaps with award & recognition). Invite pre-doctoral students to attend literature review/case presentation in department. Invite pre-doctoral students to attend/participate in open house.
- Include explanation of what is involved in prosthodontic training in presentation. Explain incidence and effects of edentulism and benefits of prosthodontic treatment. Explain how prosthodontics leads innovations in restorative dentistry.
- Present the role of the prosthodontist as premier architect of the treatment plan. Present the role of the prosthodontist as chief ambassador for the patient.
- Involve all prosthodontic residents and faculty. Residents will provide service and perform lab work together each day of the week. Host event for retired prosthodontists to meet with residents and practicing prosthodontists and discuss the legacy and future of the specialty.

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November 2009 Action Steps

- ACP section to host a prosthodontics evening for 3rd year (postdoctoral) students
- Meet with Prosthodontist and Residents to plan/brainstorm an event or activities.
- Send a press release to your city and university magazine for inclusion in the spring issue as a story or calendar item. (Health & Wellness Editor/Writer)
- Postdoctoral students and faculty showcase prosthodontics to predoctoral students in the dental school. (Use the ACP "Top 10 Reasons to become a Prosthodontist" posters)
- Follow the ACP on Twitter
- Become a fan of the ACP on Facebook.
- Check and update action plan

December 2009 Action Steps

- Attend San Diego AS09 Regional Meet and Greet on Saturday Morning.
- Send post meeting wrap-up email to student members at your university/college about NPAW. Encourage local participation and include link to online toolkit.
- Outreach to your local assisted living facility to schedule presentations on applying denture cream, dental care, xerostomia, etc.
- Send NPAW activity report to Sections Manager; tweet and send status updates. Let's celebrate the events you plan, media outreach and the patients you touch!
- Check and update action plan include participating and promoting NPAW at your local ASDA events.

January 2010 Action Steps

- Schedule and host an Esthetics lecture (speaker local ACP member?)
- Schedule and host an Implant lecture (speaker local ACP member?)
- Identify patients for restorations. Goal: 5-10 patients with Prosthodontist, Resident, Student teams.
- Faculty to schedule/conduct lecture on oral cancer and screening.
- Identify Lab Support (local? In house?)
- Send NPAW activity report to Sections Manager; tweet and send status updates. Let's celebrate the events you plan, media outreach and the patients you touch!
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February 2010 Action Steps

- Feb. 7 – 13: Place orders for ACP brochures listed in the NPAW toolkit to hand out at your event.
- Feb. 14 – 20: --Send customized news release to the newspaper's in your community calendar editor and targeted reporters (Health).
- Contact the IT department about placing the NPAW logo on your college/university Website.
- Feb. 21 – 27: --Forward PSAs to local radio stations
- Send NPAW activity report to the Sections Manager; tweet and send status updates. Let's celebrate the events you plan, media outreach and the patients you touch!
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March 2010 Action Steps

- Mar. 1 – 6: Send letter to the editor about NPAW and maintaining a healthy mouth
- Mar. 7 – 13:-- Faculty and students perform oral cancer screenings
- After: Send photos and "Thank You" notes to any media who attended your event(s). Upload photos to FB, TWP and tag participants.
- Send NPAW activity report to Sections Manager; tweet and send status updates. Let's celebrate the events you plan, media outreach and the patients you touch!
- For next year, contact the ACP Central Office to inquire about ACP Board members participating at your local ASDA functions.