U.S. Army Dental Corps showcases patient safety program

Despite an increasing emphasis on evidence-based dentistry in the United States, data on the true number of adverse outcomes can still be hard to come by as some studies only collate anecdotal events. To overcome this dilemma, the United States Army Dental Command (DENCOM) promotes the improvement of dental patient safety for patients in all Army dental treatment facilities through the sharing of information.

The backbone of information sharing relies on timely, accurate reporting to a Department of Defense Web-based patient safety reporting system, said Colonel Ann Sue von Gonten, an Army prosthodontist and ACP Fellow who is a consultant for the effort. A non-punitive or “no-blame” culture encourages all personnel to anonymously submit error reports on about 80 issues ranging from administrative and patient processing errors to actual treatment errors. This data is then tracked and analyzed to monitor any error trends or near misses within the entire command. This allows the Army to collate live, accurate data on events and, where appropriate, act upon these lessons learned.

Information is shared with all facilities to allow them to learn from those errors or near misses in order to prevent similar occurrences in other dental facilities. A “near miss” is an event or situation that could have resulted in an accident or patient injury, but did not. Lessons learned works to analyze actions within the system that need improvement rather than focusing on the individual so as to prevent recurrences of a similar nature in other locations. Collection and analysis of such patient safety data is a number one priority where during an average day, 8,100 patients are seated and 24,300 dental procedures are performed in 30 dental activities and other treatment facilities throughout the world.

While this Web-based reporting system is critical in information gathering, Colonel von Gonten is quick to point out that, “we are not selling a product; we’re selling a change of culture by adopting a culture of ‘no-blame’ for patient safety in Army dental treatment clinics worldwide.

“The vast majority of the dental procedures carried out on a daily basis in the United States typically occur without any adverse occurrence,” von Gonten said. “When an adverse occurrence happens, responsibility ultimately resides with the dental professional who provides the treatment. However, prevention is a shared responsibility of the entire dental team. The identification of ‘near-misses,’ where no patient harm actually occurs, highlights the valuable opportunity to learn from the barriers that prevented a ‘near-miss’ from becoming an adverse incident.”
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Reflections on a tremendous year

This year has been a busy year for our College, full of monumental and intense work on behalf of our members. We have witnessed numerous successes that have contributed to the individual and collective value of our organization.

The direction we have charted was well planned, initiated by a summit in 2006 that identified all of the important issues in our strategic plan, which resulted in an ACP Action Plan of incredible tenacity. Undoubtedly, much appreciation must be expressed to the many dedicated members, those serving on committees and task forces, our Board of Directors and our wonderfully committed staff located at the Central Office in Chicago. This year there were two noteworthy areas that had a profound impact on achieving the tasks in our action plan.

First, credit must be given to our members for their endorsement of our governance transformation, allowing fresh life and a more unified direction. With the House of Delegates’ decision to dissolve itself in 2007, the College has now truly committed to representing the membership through the new Regional structure. The two most apparent benefits are the involvement of rejuvenated Sections and the nimble responsiveness to new initiatives. The confidence that you have bestowed in your leadership is a “two-way street” and the College is eager to work closely with members at the grassroots level to maintain the open lines of communication.

Second, our American College of Prosthodontists Education Foundation has supported many of the College’s programs to fulfill the mission of education and advancing the specialty of prosthodontics. We have an active Vision 2012: Brilliant Futures campaign and with together with commitments from our corporate friends and contributions from our members, we will realize important projects that will shape the future of our College and the specialty. With a special thank you to our corporate sponsors, the College is deeply grateful for the companies that pledged generous donations to kick-off the campaign with such vigor. Looking ahead to the new year, we will ask for continued annual support from corporate and individual donors to maintain the Foundation’s support of so many critical programs.

So, what about the scorecard for 2008? Every accomplishment has been a form of advocacy for you, for the College and for prosthodontics. The list of achievements is far too many to detail in this brief Messenger column and the accomplishments span from private practice and education to research and technology, and growth. This scorecard is breathtaking to comprehend and is a tribute to our members, volunteers, leadership and staff who have made all of these goals a reality.

In the year ahead, with the new President Dr. Charles J. Goodacre’s leadership, our future remains exceedingly bright and we are well-positioned when considering our professional skills and integrity, coupled with the enormous demand for our specialty services. As an organization, we are frequently judged by what we do for people who have access to care challenges or patients with special needs. I personally believe we all contribute generously but routinely fail to account for these types of services. One very important project that the College has initiated is a Prosthodontics Pro Bono Services Survey. Please take the time to respond to this critical survey of our membership so we can share this valuable information with the dental profession and public.

The culture of our College has grown strong in service and richness, and our association is complemented by a highly skilled, talented professional staff that is extremely dedicated to our mission. Please join me in recognizing and appreciating the influence of the wonderful group of individuals who gives us their full support from our Central Office in Chicago, with a special tribute to our Executive Director Ms. Nancy “Deal” Candler. Serving as your President has been an honor and a privilege. Thank you for this extraordinary opportunity.
New brochures to promote your practice

The ACP has updated six classic brochures to better serve your needs, and all ACP members receive a discount of nearly 50 percent off full prices. Four brochures are in the patient education series, focusing on dentures, dental implants and esthetics. The fifth is an update of the career brochure, a perfect resource to introduce students to a future while the sixth is a referral brochure detailing why practitioners should work with and refer to prosthodontists. Here’s a closer look at these exciting new products that can help market your practice and boost your visibility.

Smile – Prosthodontic Intro for Patients – Engage patients and give them a reason to smile with the Prosthodontists Perfect Your Smile brochure. With compelling before and after pictures and a list of the top prosthodontic procedures, the brochure is an excellent introduction to the specialty.

Change Your Life: Dentures – The second in the ACP patient education brochure series focuses on a common treatment option for replacing missing teeth. The four-color brochure details the prosthodontist’s role in replacing missing teeth with the use of either complete or removable partial dentures. The brochure provides easy-to-understand descriptions for both options, the prosthodontist’s role in placing and fitting dentures, as well as offering helpful post-insertion care tips for maximizing the denture-wearing experience.

Boost Your Confidence: Dental Implants – The third in the ACP patient education brochure series is designed to further elaborate on the prosthodontist’s role in replacing missing teeth with the use and placement of dental implants. The brochure explains to the patient, in “layperson” terms, what dental implants are, the benefits of dental implants, what type of patients and conditions qualify for implant restorations vs. other treatment options, the placement procedure, and the prosthodontist’s role during the implant restoration procedure.

Perfect Your Smile: Esthetics – Today, when the desire for a more natural looking smile is greater than ever, your patients will turn to you with their questions and concerns regarding how they can improve their smile. There are several options available to restore, and even improve the natural beauty of a smile and/or teeth, yet you will need to be able to explain the treatments in simple, easy-to-understand terms. The ACP has developed a new patient education brochure on cosmetic dentistry. The brochure is designed to answer questions your patients might have regarding common cosmetic concerns and treatment procedures.

A Bright Future Career Brochure – Do you know a predoctoral dental student who has the right mix of attitude, motivation and intelligence to succeed as a prosthodontist? The ACP has created this brochure to explain the potential benefits and rewards for choosing prosthodontics as a career. The brief, four-color brochure not only describes the types of work prosthodontists are involved in, but it also sketches out the personal qualities and work ethics that would be best suited for the prosthodontic specialty. Also included are some positive patient testimonials and alluring income potential. Distribute this brochure to dental students who demonstrate exemplary dedication and work ethic during their predoctoral training, and help recruit new dentists to the specialty.

Top 5 Reasons to Refer Brochure – Grow your practice with increased referrals by marketing with the Top Five Reasons to Refer to a Prosthodontist brochure. Featuring the benefits of teaming up with a prosthodontist, this brochure details how prosthodontists can be a valuable asset in a patient’s dental treatment plan. Spread the word about prosthodontists and their vital role in a patient’s oral health.

Visit the Products page on the ACP Web site at www.prosthodontics.org to browse brochures (and download free sample copies), CDs, books, ACP logo items and other resources to improve your practice. Download our product order form and fax your order today to (312) 573-1257 or call the ACP Central Office to speak with one of our membership coordinators at (312) 573-1260.

Check your Inbox: ACP’s Wednesday Wake-up Call is your connection to the College

Be sure to check you inboxes for the new weekly e-newsletter the ACP Wednesday Wake-up Call. In order to streamline our communication with members, the ACP rolled out the new Wednesday Wake-up Call, a weekly e-mail chock full of all you need to know on what’s happening surrounding the College and Foundation. The Wednesday Wake-up Call features everything from Annual Session news and CPE course information to new product introductions and discounts to best practice tips and important deadlines and reminders. Start your Wednesday morning the right way, with the ACP!

ACP ambassadors: Don’t forget to wear your pins

BY DR. KAREN BRUGGERS, ACP EDUCATION FOUNDATION BOARD SECRETARY

A funny thing happened as I was meeting and greeting with ACP Public and Professional Relations Division Director Dr. Betsy Brackett at a dinner at the International Porcelain Symposium… we met our esteemed ACP President Dr. David Pfeifer’s lab technician. Now the really interesting part of this story is that we started talking to him because he was wearing his ACP Dental Technician Alliance pin! We had a great conversation that included some ideas about ways the ACP can continue to help our dental technician colleagues.

I know I am often guilty of forgetting to wear my ACP pin when I am at meetings other than the ACP Annual Sessions. This chance meeting with Dr. Pfeifer’s technician showed me how just wearing my pin could allow networking, which can lead to connections that can help all of us personally and professionally.

We are our own best ambassadors for prosthodontics and our ability to meet and network with people in the dental profession as well as with people outside of dentistry allows us to educate people on the wonderful work we do.

I have made it a point now to have my pin with me at both local and national meetings whether they are directly involved with prosthodontics or not so that I can be an initiate of conversations about our profession and I can possibly enlighten someone about who we are and where we fit in the medical community.

Remember to think about how far prosthodontists have come in that past 10 years or so. We are the leaders in our chosen area of dentistry. Proudly wear the pin that shows that you care about and support your profession, your colleagues and the future of our specialty.

Joint CPE course success

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2008 Survey of Prosthodontists preliminary results released

By Kent D. Nash, Ph.D.

With more than 30 percent participation, the American College of Prosthodontists has started analyzing data collected from the 2008 Survey of Prosthodontists. The survey issued to more than 2,400 prosthodontists by mail and online asked 30 questions about the characteristics of prosthodontists in private practice.

The questions, developed by Nash & Associates, Inc. consulting firm together with the College, focused on a variety of prosthodontic practice topics including demographics, education and board status, occupation and years in practice, practice ownership, prosthodontic procedures rendered, patient visits, financial characteristics, staffing and referral sources. The survey was first mailed in the spring of 2008, with two more mailings to those who had not responded in April and May of 2008. The online survey phase continued into September 2008 and included a scaled-down version of the initial question set. The combined responses to the mail and online survey totaled 788 for an adjusted response rate of 32 percent for the two surveys.

Some preliminary results about who responded to the survey in terms of gender, age, occupation, employment status, organization of practice and region of the country have been reviewed. About 18 percent of the respondents in 2007 were female compared to 12% in 2001. This likely reflects the increasing number of female dentists in general, and the prosthodontic specialty.

Prosthodontists who received the survey were involved in various dental positions but most – about 55 percent – were involved in private practice as a primary occupation. Another 24 percent were working in the university/academic setting and 11 percent were in the military.

The ages of respondents to the survey varied from the very young practitioners to their senior colleagues. The ACP has conducted a survey of prosthodontists previously in 2002 and 2005, and the pattern of age among the respondents has generally been the same for all three survey years. While the number of prosthodontists in the youngest age groups has remained about the same, the percentage of prosthodontists from 35 to 54 years old has been declining and the number of prosthodontists 55 and older has been increasing.

The ACP Center for Prosthodontic Education and the University of Washington School of Dentistry jointly sponsored the 2008 Esthetics Continuum at the Westin Seattle, Washington in August.

More than 10 participants had the opportunity to hear lectures such as "An Update on Zirconia-Based Restorations," from course director Dr. Ariel Ragaini with the University of Washington; "Update on Porcelain Laminates Veneers," from Dr. Gerard Chiche of Louisiana State University; and Dr. Robert Kelly from the University of Connecticut covered "Current Concepts of Ceramics Science and Fracture."

During the breaks participants also had a chance to visit with representatives from sponsoring companies 3M ESPE, Proctor & Gamble, Nobel Biocare and CUSP Dental Laboratories. The program was very well received one participant raved, “Absolutely fantastic. Could not have put together a better program – truly the state-of-the-art.” Another participant agreed, “This course offered a great blend of topics, along with the right speakers to present them.”

Maxillofacial Foundation offers patient treatment grants

The Maxillofacial Foundation is pleased to announce a Treatment Assistance Program (TAP) to assist those patients who lack funding for maxillofacial prosthetic and related services. Any maxillofacial prosthodontist treating a patient with a limited income and without public, private insurance or government reimbursement benefits is eligible to apply for treatment funding assistance support. The maximum treatment grant is $1,000 per patient. The number of yearly grants will be limited by the available resources as determined by the Maxillofacial Foundation Board of Trustees.

Prosthodontists desiring additional information regarding the TAP program and guidelines may contact the Director of Patient Care Dr. Tom Vergo at thomasvergo01@earthlink.net or the Treasurer Dr. Clifford W. Van Blarcom at cliffvanblarcom@msn.com.

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Prosthodontics growing in PASS

Prosthodontics is among the fastest growing specialties in the Postdoctoral Application Support Service (PASS) program. An increased number of students have applied to prosthodontic programs through PASS in the past several years and an increased number of prosthodontic programs are now utilizing the PASS service.

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In recent years, the PASS Program of the American Dental Education Association has seen not only an increase of student applicants applying to prosthodontic programs, but also the number of prosthodontic programs participating in the service. In fact, Prosthodontics is among the fastest growing specialties in the service. More Prosthodontics programs have joined PASS recently, enabling more PASS applicants to designate these programs to receive their applications. “If the remaining Prosthodontic programs decide to join PASS, then ACP can expect increased attention and interest in the profession among dental students and recent school graduates,” said Peter Storandt, director of marketing and program development for the PASS program.

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ACP member Dr. Todd Pickle from Colorado Springs participated in one of the programs and thoroughly enjoyed the training. “This was the second time I have been to a course at IFE and they were top-notch both times. The facilities are first class and augment the teaching very well,” Pickle said. “The wide variety of audio-visual capabilities partnered with a very knowledgeable faculty make the course content easy ‘learnable,’ I also like the small group size of the class so that the pace of material presented matches the audience needs, with plenty of time for discussion and questions.”

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It’s hard to believe how much the World Wide Web has changed our lives and the way we do business! The speed at which the Web changes, adapts and evolves is dizzying, but the robust nature of Web innovations presents many opportunities for the College and our Foundation to build bridges to you through technology in your offices, your schools, your homes, your cars, and elsewhere.

These new technologies also present many challenges to professional organizations like ours because we now must address and blend the needs of members across four generations. For example, we have about 550 student members – many of whom are “the millennials” – the latest cohort of twenty-somethings – but different from any who have come before. Their wired ways, abbreviated communication styles, and their need for constant interaction with their social peers is mind-numbing to the baby boomer and the World War II generations.

Search engines, blogs, internet-video and podcasts, RSS (Really Simple Syndication) feeds, wikis and online social networks like Facebook, MySpace and Twitter are all part of the new Web vocabulary that many of us are learning to use and in some cases could not do without. The ACP is learning to use these tools too. Here’s a sampling of what we brought to you in 2008.

**Wednesday Wake Up Call** – A weekly e-newsletter that goes to all subscribing ACP members and gives you the latest information on what’s happening at the ACP – Board of Directors actions and elections, our Foundation, the Annual Meeting and education courses, and new and updated products and services.

**Survey Monkey** – An online survey tool that helps us to take your pulse on issues of importance to you, the ACP, and the specialty. We also use Survey Monkey for our Clinical Evaluators Network where members test and review new technologies and products.

**Prosthopedia™** – Modeled after “Wikipedia,” our new online digital resource library that is a growing collection of digital images, videos and prosthodontic curriculum. Our aim is to build a prosthetic knowledge and resource repository of peer reviewed information for our members, educators, students and other dental professionals.

**Listervs for Students, Private Practitioners, Educators, Program Directors and Dental Technicians** — Five listservs help to facilitate e-mail discussion groups that can communicate on shared interests by commenting on related topics and receiving comments and responses from other list subscribers.

**ACP Section Web Sites** – New Section Web sites are coming soon with robust functionality potential are poised to launch and will offer an array of communication tools and resources to inform and support our prosthodontic communities on the local level.

No matter what generation you are, we hope you have noticed and find value in these new ACP technology communication tools. Do let us know what you think!

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MEMBER NEWS

The University of California, San Francisco School of Dentistry residents and its prosthodontic program director gathered for dinner with ACP President Dr. David L. Pfeifer. Pictured from left to right: Sam Chiu, D.D.S. (1st year resident); Ann Wei, D.D.S. (2nd resident); ACP President Dr. David L. Pfeifer; Dr. Fritz Finzen, director of the UCSF graduate prosthodontic program; Alexandra Urdaneta, D.D.S. (1st year resident); and Sukhmani Singh, D.D.S. (2nd resident).

In Memorial: Dr. Frank Celenza

Dr. Frank Celenza, D.D.S., M.S.D. died quietly on May 17, 2008 in his home in Manhasset, New York after several years of declining health. Board-certified prosthodontist, author, international lecturer and mentor to hundreds of dentists around the globe, he shaped the careers of many of the world’s leading authorities in specialty dentistry today and will be most remembered for his scientific contributions, research and teachings regarding the physiology of occlusion.

Dr. Celenza was born on Oct. 3, 1925 in New York City. He graduated from New York Military Academy in 1943 and was a decorated Veteran who fought in the infancy in World War II. He received his D.D.S. in 1953 from Georgetown and a Masters and Specialty Certificate in Prosthodontics from New York University. Among his numerous achievements, Dr. Celenza was president of the Northeastern Gnathological Society – an organization he co-founded in 1966. He was president (1984) and recipient of the Distinguished Lecturer Award (1995) of the Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics. He also founded the Italian Academy of Prosthetic dentistry in 1979 starting with a handful of interested clinicians and growing to more than 1,000 members today. In 2005 Dr. Celenza was given the Charles L. Pincus Award by the American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry, an award only presented seven times in its 33-year history. Dr. Celenza was an active Fellow in the American College of Prosthodontists and achieved Diplomat status in 1980.

Dr. Celenza's amazing and diverse life outside of dentistry included a passion for opera, music, cooking and a deep appreciation for fine wines. He was able to nurture all these affections through his many years of active involvement in the Columbus Citizens Foundation hosting more than 70 opera nights.

Perhaps his greatest gift to us all however was Dr. Celenza's ability to connect to any and all people on the most humble yet passionate demeanor. An imposing man, confident, and filled with intellect, wit, and knowledge he elevated all those surrounding him. Whether it was a discussion of centric relation, Puccini's Madame Butterfly or that night's menu at the Columbus Club, Dr. Celenza made you feel welcome and inspired. This is why he not only was recognized as a mentor, but as a mentor of great mentors.

Dr. Celenza was a loving husband and father and would have celebrated 56 years of marriage in 2008; two sons, one daughter; six grandchildren and his dog Dudley.

In Memorial: Dr. Robert Staffanou

Robert S. Staffanou D.D.S., M.S., born January 22, 1932 in Iowa, died February 28, 2008 in Santa Rosa, CA. As a charter member of the American College of Prosthodontists, Dr. Staffanou worked at the very foundation of the ACP, maintaining close ties with Dr. Robert C. Sproull – a founding member of the College – and was very active in recruiting members into the organization. He achieved several distinguished accolades throughout his life.

Dr. Staffanou, a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics, served as an ABP Examiner for eight years, and was a true role model, having an innate ability to put board examinees at ease. In 1996 Dr. Staffanou was elected President of the American Board of Prosthodontics. Dr. Staffanou also served as Secretary for the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics for 21 years, deciding to step down from the position in 2007.

In addition to his membership in the ACP and American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics, he was a member of Pacific Coast Society for Prosthodontists, Southwest Academy of Restorative Dentistry, Southwest Academy of Prosthodontics, International Academy of Gnathology, amongst others.

Dr. Staffanou attended the University of Iowa in receiving his D.D.S. and M.S. degrees in 1956. He continued on attaining his specialty degree in Fixed Prosthodontics from the U.S. Army Dental Corps in 1961. Furthermore, he became Board Certified in Prosthodontics in 1966. Dr. Staffanou received the George H. Moulton Achievement Award in 2002 from the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics for making a significant impact and contribution to the art and science of fixed prosthodontics and demonstrating lifetime service to the field.

During 20 years of service, Dr. Staffanou held the positions of Program Director of the Fixed Prosthodontic Residency Program at Letterman Army Medical Center and Commanding Officer of Dental Activities, and retired as a Colonel from the Army in 1976. Continuing his dedication to education, Dr. Staffanou attained the meritorious position of Professor Emeritus, in the Department of Restorative Sciences at the Baylor College of Dentistry, Texas A&M Health Science Center after having taught at the institution from 1982-1992. Dr. Staffanou was also Section Editor in Fixed Prosthodontics for the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry.

Dr. Staffanou is survived by Ruth Staffanou, his wife of more than 54 years; two sons, one daughter; six grandchildren and his dog Dudley.

Ruth Staffanou has established the Robert S. Staffanou Memorial Scholarship in Prosthodontics at Baylor College of Dentistry. Its purpose is to perpetuate his spirit, influence, and teachings to future generations of students and faculty.

In Memorial

The College and the Board of Directors remember the following colleagues who are deceased:

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In Memorial Dr. Dennis Anderson

Dr. Dennis Anderson, a Fellow of the ACP, died on Sept. 5, 2007 at the age of 60. Dr. Anderson worked at his own practice, Anderson Dental Associates located in Hopkinton, MA.

Dr. Anderson received his undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia, Athens in 1969 and then went on to complete his dentistry degree at the University of Tennessee, Memphis College of Dentistry in 1972. Upon his graduation from dental school, Dr. Anderson was commissioned in the U.S. Navy where he went on to serve two tours of duty. After serving Dr. Anderson entered a three-year residency at the Naval post-graduate Dental School at Bethesda Naval Hospital, which he completed in 1980. In 1995 Commander Anderson retired from active duty after serving in California, the Philippines, Washington D.C. and Florida aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Forrestal during the Libyan crisis, the Naval Hospital Portsmouth Virginia, Pearl Harbor Naval Station, Barbers Point Naval Air Station, and aboard the Naval Hospital Ship U.S.N.S. Mercy; the Great Lakes Naval Hospital, and in Groton, CT. Dr. Anderson opened his private practice Anderson Dental Associates in 1993 and continued to practice General Dentistry and Prosthodontics until April 2007.

Dr. Anderson is survived by his wife of 19 years, Anngray Anderson Doig; his daughter Adagray “Ada” D. Anderson of Hopkinton; and his two sons, Jeffrey D. Anderson and his wife Kelly of Hawaii; and Timothy L. Anderson of Georgia; and his grandson William Pang Anderson of Hawaii.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in CDR Anderson’s memory to the: Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund, Attn: Contributions, One Intrepid Square, West 49th Street and 12th Avenue, New York New York 10036, www.fallenheroesfund.org, or to the charity of your choice.

In Memorial Dr. Bernard D. Levin

Dr. Bernard D. Levin, a Charter Member and Life Fellow of the ACP, died on May 28, 2008. Dr. Levin taught in the Department of Restorative Dentistry at the University of South California from 1966-2007. During this time, he also held the position of Chair of the Department from 1971-1989.

Dr. Levin earned his D.D.S. from the University of Illinois School Of Dentistry in 1947. He later received his prosthodontic specialty degree at the University of Southern California in 1965. Dr. Levin also practiced in Chicago and Albuquerque, NM.

Dr. Levin is survived by his wife Kinuyo Levin; brother Dr. Louis M. Lenell; sister Evelyn L. Lee; children, Judy and Scott; and grandchildren, Lauren and Alex. Donations may be given in his memory to USC/Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center, Wzralow Tower, 1441 Eastlake Avenue, Rm. 8302, Los Angeles, CA 90089.

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Research and progress: a direct link

By Charles J. Goodacre, D.D.S., M.S., M.S.D., Editor-in-Chief

During my career in education and practice, prosthodontics has changed significantly. New materials have been developed, new techniques have emerged, and patients have dental care choices never before available. These changes have produced treatments not previously available, creating substantial paradigm shifts in our diagnosis and treatment planning.

We can now achieve esthetic results for our patients with more conservative treatment procedures and longer lasting, more durable materials. Dental implants have altered our thought process as to how teeth can be predictably replaced with the highest level of esthetics, comfort and function. As a result of these and other changes, our diagnosis and treatment planning has been altered significantly.

Prosthodontists are “master diagnosticians,” frequently called upon to identify the best treatment for very complex patient situations that require the interaction of multiple specialists.

These paradigm shifts would not have been possible without research. It is for this reason that we must assume an even greater role in research and scholarly activities. Prosthodontists are “master diagnosticians,” frequently called upon to identify the best treatment for very complex patient situations that require the interaction of multiple specialists. If we are to sustain our position as master diagnosticians, we must continually test new technologies and help to improve those that have not been sufficiently refined for prime time use. Additionally, we must develop new clinical treatment modalities and materials, we must understand and apply the basic sciences, and be leaders in innovation. We must regularly challenge the principles, concepts and clinical procedures that are considered to be foundational to our specialty and discipline.

I applaud and salute the prosthodontists who have challenged the existing paradigms, performed the studies, produced the data, translated the results into clinical benefits, and enhanced the care we can provide for our patients. However, in today’s rapidly changing world, we need to do more and we must accelerate our involvement in research by increasing the number of prosthodontic researchers and clinicians whose energies and expertise are focused upon research.

Dentistry and prosthodontics continue to change at an accelerating pace. As in all historic periods of rapid change, some individuals thrive, some survive, and some become susceptible to demise. Prosthodontists can be effectors of change or choose to be affected. I support the former.
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