IMPLANT, ESTHETIC AND RECONSTRUCTIVE DENTISTRY

Task Force Proposes New ABP Election Process

After months of preparation, discussion and recommendations on the ABP election process submitted their report to the ACP Board of Directors at its June meeting, Dr. Jonathan Ferencz, Chair of Task Force, made a formal presentation to the Board describing each aspect of the proposal and explaining the implications. In his opening remarks, Dr. Ferencz acknowledged to the Board that “the process used for selecting Board Examiners has served us well in the past decades, but specialty issues and circumstances not previously experienced by the prosthodontic community have called for a change.” He went on to thank the members of his Task Force—Nancy Arbree, Dick Jones, Ed Cronin, Malament, Kenneth Malament and Ki-Ho Kang—Culpepper, David Felton, and Tom Taylor. He also mentioned his appreciation to those who offered their perspectives on how the ABP election process has worked in the past and what could be done to enhance the process. "We were all pleased with the thoroughness of the proposal," commented Dr. Nimmo. "The Task Force had clearly spent considerable time studying the issues and coming up with a plan that addressed the concerns raised by the Board."

Of all the recommendations made by the Task Force, none was more important or more central to the new process than the mechanism by which Board Examiners would be chosen for an election. To broaden the base of influence and to maximize the utility of the Board, it has been proposed that a Council (the Council of the American Board of Prosthodontics) be assembled that would be responsible for selecting candidates for whom Diplomates would vote.

The Council, composed of eight Diplomates, would have representation from private practice, academics and government service. To maximize the selection of the most suitable candidates, two members of the Council will be past board examiners. In addition, the Council will have one recently certified Diplomate to offer a perspective from "the other side of the board certification process.”

The ACP Nominating Committee would submit a slate of candidates for the Council to the ACP Board of Directors for their review and approval. This slate would then be forwarded to the House of Delegates for review and confirmation. Sitting ABP Examiners and ACP Directors would not be eligible to serve as members of the Council.

ACP Co-Sponsors 1st Interdisciplinary Care Conference

Plans for the 1st Interdisciplinary Care Conference, February 9-10, 2001 at the Adams Mark Hotel in Dallas, Texas, are underway. As one of the five sponsoring dental organizations of the conference, the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP), along with the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO), the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD), the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) and the Academy of Periodontology (AAP) will present an innovative conference that puts emphasis on teamwork among all dental colleagues.

The ultimate goal of any professional in the dental field, regardless of specialty, is to provide the best possible treatment for the patient, and an ideal way to provide this optimal level of treatment is to collaborate with professionals from other disciplines.

The first day of the conference opens with a general session followed by a short preview of each of the breakout sessions offered the following day to allow attendees to make an informed decision as to which ones to attend. Interdisciplinary teams of two to three individuals will present the breakout sessions to explain how dental professionals should collaborate with one another to provide the best possible treatment to the patient.

During this second day of the conference, representatives from each of the sponsoring organizations will cover the latest developments in their area of expertise. Attendees are exposed to real ideas for forming and maintaining an interdisciplinary team.

Roger Levin, a renowned practice management consultant will present the closing session. He will explain how dentists can work together despite separate offices and different disciplines and patients. He will also discuss ways for forming an interdisciplinary team, and how to keep it together.

Registration packets were mailed out in mid-October. Attendance is limited, so if you plan to attend this event, you are encouraged to submit your registration early. The registration fee is $475, which grants access into all the general sessions, the breakout sessions, and web site and professional assistance for the marketing of prosthodontics.

In my last column as President, I wanted to look back and review some of our accomplishments from the past year and recognize the hard work of some of our volunteer members. A year ago we were without an Executive Director and were fortunate enough to recruit Dr. Cronin. In the following months there has been a complete turnover of our staff and Ed has been in position to recruit a talented group of professionals and we are now fully staffed. This is an important step since the efforts of our members would not be anywhere nearly as effective without the help of the Central Office staff. Teamwork is essential.

Some of the projects that were completed this past year and key personnel:

- Promotion of the Classification System for Complete Edentulism—Dr. Jonathan Ferencz
- Defense of the specialty document for the ADA—Drs. Thomas Taylor and Steven Aquilino
- Enhanced ACP relations with corporate partners—Dr. Kenneth Hilsen
- Colgate—Dr. Thomas Taylor
- ESPE—Dr. Patrick Lloyd
- Ivoclar—Drs. Kenneth Malament and Jonathan Ferencz
- Nobel Biocare—Drs. Thomas McCurry and Arthur Nimmo
- Procter & Gamble—Drs. Hilsen, Nimmo and McCurry
- Straumann—Dr. Thomas Taylor
- Enhanced ACP relations with the dental specialties—ACP Officers
- Survey of private practitioners in prosthodontics—Drs. David Pfeifer and Nancy Arbree

President’s Message

Some projects that were started and will be completed in the next two years:

- Review of the process for electing new board examiners—Dr. Jonathan Ferencz
- Analysis of graduate student recruitment—Dr. David Felton
- A new definition for the specialty of prosthodontics (pending ACP review)
- Promotion of the Classification System for Partial Edentulism—Dr. Thomas McCurry
- Strategic planning for prosthodontics—Dr. Jonathan Ferencz

Most of the individuals listed here were assisted by four to twenty ACP members working as a team with the Central Office staff. And there are many additional individuals who have given of their time for the specialty of prosthodontics. I urge each of you to get involved. Your next two presidents, Drs. Tom McCurry and Dave Felton, would be pleased to speak with you about upcoming activities. They can help match your skills and interests to projects that are important for the specialty.

The improved relationship that we have with our corporate partners cannot be overemphasized. We are grateful for the support of each of the companies listed above. Their collective generosity has resulted in scholarships for our residents, distribution of a detailed manual on the Classification System for Complete Edentulism, an enhanced annual session and web site and professional assistance for the marketing of prosthodontics.

We will be closing out the year at the Hilton Waikoloa Village Resort on the big island of Hawaii with an exciting annual session. Dr. Ana Diaz-Arnold and her program committee have arranged for some outstanding presentations. The half-day format will provide ample opportunity for some exceptional recreation. I hope that you can join us. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president.
Mr. Edward J. Cronin

The 1999 House of Delegates passed several resolutions concerning the relationship of The American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) and its various Sections. Many of these involved the financial/legal relationship and included such issues as collection of dues, financial reporting and independent audits. After review of these issues, it is apparent that the ACP Central Office needs to be more proactive in providing these services to our Sections. However, each of the Sections has considerable responsibility to make the relationship work.

Because our Sections exist under the ACP Bylaws and certification, the relationship fits an integrated model for a national/section association. Under this model, the Sections are not independent entities but are part of the national organization and use the national not-for-profit tax status. The Sections’ actions and contracts are done in the name of the national organization, which is responsible for the debts, obligations and actions of the Sections.

This integrated relationship has several benefits:
• No separate Articles of Incorporation are required.
• No separate tax exemption filings.
• No separate federal or state tax filing requirements.
• Consolidated accounting is efficient.

The alternative to the integrated model is an affiliated relationship between the national organization and its Sections. Under this model, each Section would be a separate legal entity and would be responsible for their own Articles of Incorporation, Tax Exempt Status, tax filings and financial reporting. The national organization would have no liability for the Sections’ debts or obligations. The relationship would be a contractual one detailed in an Affiliate Agreement. Overall, an affiliated relationship would be simpler for the Central Office but would impose significant burdens and expenses on the Sections.

Since we are an integrated association, it is the Central Office’s responsibility to prepare financial reports for the Sections, submit tax filings and arrange for appropriate audits of the records. We are also now in a position to bill and collect dues for Sections that would like that service. Our goal is to work as a unified organization and to increase our overall efficiency.

To make this work, we will need the cooperation and assistance from all the Sections. To begin, we need to have Membership rosters for each Section to update our new database. This will allow Sections to use our database for various purposes including mailings to their members. In addition, we need to receive reports of all financial transactions on a regular and timely basis. We are developing a reporting format so that all transactions can be easily recorded and forwarded to the Central Office. This information is necessary so we can prepare consolidated financial statements and IRS filings. We will also be able to provide statements for each Section.

It will not be a complicated process but will require a little effort from each Section and a lot of coordination from the central staff. We are ready to make it happen and look forward to assisting all our Sections in this important effort.

IMPLANTS ARE A PROSTHESIS

Dental implants are not pre-prosthetic treatment. This concept creates an image of a non-prosthetic procedure when in fact implants are in and of themselves prostheses. Consider, for decades that our colleagues in orthopedics have referred to artifical hip or knee replacements as prosthetic hip or knee implants. Let’s take a closer look at prosthetics that restore function in the human body.

In subsequent follow-up and review of medical histories, artificial heart valves, knees and hips are all referred to as prosthetic devices. Since the dental implant is the artificial replacement for the tooth’s anchorage unit, it must truly be viewed as a prosthesis. When one considers even the simplest single tooth replacement, the implant takes the place of the tooth root in the alveolus. Here the implanted prosthetic root provides artificial functional support for the remaining prosthesis. As the prosthetic replacement, the coronal portion.

In more complex and extensive oral-facial rehabilitations, both hard and soft tissue replacement is required. Again, the osseointegrated anchor unit is an integral part of the complete prosthetic reconstruction. The predictability of osseointegration makes this form of prosthetic treatment a biologically conservative one and the treatment of choice when caring for patients with complete or partial edentulism.

It is most interesting to note that prosthodontic training focuses heavily on the preservation of the living hard tissues. Now consider the level of skill and dexterity required to prepare a multi-surfaced inlay or onlay or a complex post and core. Then consider preparation of multiple teeth for the construction of a complete arch tooth supported prosthetist. All of these prosthetodontic surgical procedures are executed by a specialist who inherently is thinking in three dimensions.

The prosthodontist’s ability to conceptualize the end result of treatment and to envision the final prosthetic in the space of the oral cavity is indeed a major clinical asset in planning and placing the prosthetic anchors in the bone. The mind of the experienced prosthodontist is a virtual database: computing special orientation, leveraging factors, loading forces, the biomechanics and physiology of the masticatory system and its relationship to occlusal harmony.

That same database contains numerous files filled with esthetic variations applicable to many different clinical conditions. Flexibility in design and decision making, based on prosthodontic experience, make this specialist uniquely qualified to determine the optimal position of the implant prostheses in its surrounding skeletal architecture. The prosthetist’s acute and delicate tactile abilities are fine-tuned to calculate the density of bone at various levels of preparation of the osteotomy site, providing him/her with additional important data in determining the appropriate loading in time and dimension. Who better than the prosthodontist to determine if placement of the prosthetic is suitable for immediate and functional loading?

A comprehensive prosthodontic rehabilitation remains in some instances a multisciplinary specialty effort. I will be the first to acknowledge the superb skill and dedicated professionalism of my colleagues in orthodontic, endodontic, periodontic and pediatric dentistry and oral and craniofacial surgery. Often their pre-prosthetic treatments are prerequisite to the ideal outcome of the restorative efforts of the prosthodontist. The final outcome, however, must be carefully and thoroughly coordinated by the prosthodontist, enlisting all the necessary knowledge and communication skills to sequentially organize the various disciplines; for, ultimately the patient looks to the prosthodontist for the final result.

So to what degree should the prosthodonst be involved with implant-supported prosthetics? The answer lies only in the degree of interest and involvement to which the prosthodontist aspires. The prosthetic osseointegrated union of alloplastic material to “ordered living bone” provides the foundation for further reconstructive treatment.

An understanding fully understanding and executing all parameters of that foundation allows the prosthodontist to best fulfill his/her professional obligation to the patient.

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Mario Gatti receives ACPE Undergraduate Achievement Award

MARIO GATTI received the 2000 American College of Prosthodontists’ (ACP) Undergraduate Achievement Award at the 7th Annual Tufts University School of Dental Medicine Senior Awards Dinner on Friday, May 12, 2000. The award, sponsored by the ACP, acknowledges exceptional abilities in prosthodontics in an effort to stimulate interest among undergraduate students to pursue the specialty of prosthodontics. Awarded to senior students who show a high academic and clinical proficiency in prosthodontics, and who plan on pursuing further graduate training in prosthodontics.

This year’s recipient, Mario Gatti, attended the University of Colorado and Suffolk University in Boston and currently attends Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. Originally from Milan, Italy, Gatti came to the United States in 1994. He was a member of the Smile Squad, Project Stretch and the Persian Association for Student Dentists, and volunteered in his father’s dental office in 1998 where he provided free dental care to surviving children of the nuclear reactor explosion from Chernobyl, Russia.

He participated in a German exchange program from 1999-2000 where he served as an extern in the dental school in Heidelberg, Germany, as well as hosting and assisting German dental students on exchange at Tufts. After graduation, Mario will complete a one-year advanced education program in General Dentistry (AEGD) at Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine, and then plans to apply to postgraduate endodontic certificate programs with the goal of practicing in a multi-specialty practice.

ACPE Participates in CDS’s 136th Midwinter Meeting

LAST February more than 32,000 dental professionals from around world participated in the Chicago Dental Society’s Midwinter Meeting, and 2001 looks to have a similar turnout.

The goal of the Chicago Dental Society (CDS), and its annual Midwinter Meeting, is to encourage the improvement of the health of the public, promote the art and science of dentistry and represent the interest of the members of the profession and the public it serves. The CDS Midwinter Meeting is one of the premiere dental meetings in North America.

The 136th Midwinter Meeting, Dentistry 2001: A Global Odyssey, will be held February 22-25, 2001 at McCormick Place in Chicago, Illinois. The meeting will feature a wide range of lectures, courses, clinics and more.

For the first time, the ACP will be participating in the Midwinter Meeting by presenting a full-day of course lectures on February 23rd. The program poster presentation, Potpourri of Prosthodontics, will feature five separate presentations:

- Changing Design Concepts for Removable Partial Dentures (2 hours)—Dr. John Carmody will provide a review of the traditional design and construction of removable partial dentures.
- Solving the Denture Tooth Dilemma: Esthetic, Functional and Economic Considerations (1 hour)—Dr. Dale Cipra will provide practical information regarding various manufacturer’s product lines with respect to esthetics, function and cost to help the clinician improve the quality of his/her removable prostheses, and reduce laboratory expenses.
- A Six-Step Approach to Demystifying Esthetics (1 hour)—Dr. Gerard Chiche will analyze the scientific validity and artistic basis of fundamental esthetic principles applied to the natural dentition and dental implants.
- Provisional Restoration: A Blueprint for Success (1 hour)—Dr. Debra Haselton will review the attributes of a well-designed provisional and examines the testing results of materials used for fabrication of these restorations, and introduces a selection of newly developed products.
- The Role of the Dentist in Disaster Relief (1 hour)—Dr. Kenneth Malamant will present newly released information on inguinal ceramic systems and frame designs that will provide the patient with the most predictable esthetic result.

The Midwinter Meeting will also feature exhibitors from key companies marketing to the dental community to provide an excellent setting for gaining valuable contacts and exchanging information. Exhibit days run from February 23-25.

To request a preliminary program, contact the CDS headquarters at (312) 836-7300, or register online at www.chicagodentalsociety.org.

Education Foundation Contributors

One of the fundamental goals of the ACP Education Foundation is to provide financial assistance through scholarships to prosthodontic graduate students. This initiative allows the ACP to help the best and brightest students become prosthodontists, thus strengthening the specialty.

The ACP would like to thank the following members who have generously contributed toward the foundation during the past year.

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Contributions to the ACP Education Foundation can be sent directly to the ACP Central Office at The American College of Prosthodontists, 211 E. Chicago Avenue, Ste. 1008, Chicago, IL 60611.

ABP Election Process

Council. Terms of appointment would be four years with a limit of two terms per member. A staggered system of appointments would ensure a smooth transition from year to year.

The main duty of the Council would be to identify and recruit candidates for Board positions. Other Board candidates could be nominated to the Council by having their names petitioned by twenty-five Diplomates. All Board candidates would be required to submit a letter of interest and ten examination questions with references in standard board format.

The task force has called for the Board to “reflect the diversity of the specialty with respect to primary professional activity, gender, race and geographical region.” To meet this challenge, an inventory of professional and personal qualifications was drafted that each Board candidate would have to possess. And to assist the Council in judging the capability of potential examiners a detailed listing of duties and responsibilities was also formulated.

From the pool of eligible Board candidates, the Council would select three to serve as nominees. A ballot with the names and directories of the 3 nominees would be sent to all Diplomates. The nominee receiving the greatest number of votes will be declared elected. The terms of Board appointments would be similar to those used by the ABP today.

Dr. Ferenc ended his presentation by reiterating that the proposal was a dramatic shift from the process used over the years, but he reaffirmed his belief that times and situations call for a new approach. He said that additional details would be forthcoming and that the Task Force would be circulating the proposal to parties of interest for their review and comment. It was his hope that the House of Delegates would be able to review and vote on a final version of the proposal during the College’s 2001 Annual Session in New Orleans.

Several ABP Board members asked questions about the proposal, most of these dealt with logistics and timing for implementation. When asked how the proposal would affect ACPE Board Organizations he stated, “there will still be plenty of opportunities for Forum Organizations to nominate candidates. The new process might even make it easier, since the signatures of the greatest number of votes will be declared elected. The terms of Board appointments would be similar to those used by the ABP today.”

Dr. Ferenc encouraged anyone who would like to express an opinion or offer a perspective on the proposal to send their comments to him at: The American College of Prosthodontists; C/O Dr. Jonathan Ferenc; 211 East Chicago Ave.; Suite 1000, Chicago, IL 60611 or jlfrence@mcpros.com.
ACP Welcomes New Staff

Kevin Fitzpatrick, Membership Services Director, comes to the College with 12 years of experience in the association market to oversee the College’s membership programs and meetings, including the College’s technology and implementation of the ACP Annual Session. His previous work includes the management of exhibits/conventions, educational programs and publications. Prior to joining the ACP, Kevin has worked for the Association of American Geographers (in Washington, DC) and the Society of Petroleum Engineers (in Houston, TX). Kevin earned his Bachelors of Science degree in Geography from Brigham Young University.

In other staff news, Michelle Martin, Administrative Assistant, has been promoted to Membership Services Coordinator. Michelle will work closely with Kevin in ACP’s newly structured Membership Services Division. Her primary responsibilities include the coordination of all membership communications and meeting programs, as well as maintaining the accuracy and efficiency of the membership database to ensure the optimal communications with its membership.

We welcome Kevin and Michelle to the College and look forward to a long and satisfying working relationship.

Michelle Phillips, Bookkeeper/Accountant, comes to the College with 15 years of experience in the accounting field. Michelle will be responsible for the daily maintenance of all accounts payable/receivable, payroll and cash flow, as well as serving as the liaison between the College and all vendors. Most recently she worked as an Accountant with The Mortgage Professional (in Chicago, IL) where her primary responsibilities included Financial Reporting, Human Resources, Payroll, Accounts Payable and Receivable. Michelle received her accounting background at The Cortez Business College.

Interdisciplinary Care Conference

The exhibit hall and two evening receptions. The fee also includes a continental breakfast and luncheon for both days.

The Interdisciplinary Care Conference Planning Committee is comprised of Drs. Vincent Kokich (AAO), Robert Boyd (AAO), Denison Byrne (AGD), David Cochran (AAP), Jonathan Ferencz (ACP), Larry Lake (AAPD), Michael Kennert (AAO), Richard Roble (AAO), Ward Smalley (AAO) and Patrick Turley (AAO).

For more information on how to register, or for a registration packet contact the ACP Central Office at (312) 573-1260.

2001 INTERDISCIPLINARY CARE CONFERENCE BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Interdisciplinary Management of the Congenitally Missing Tooth

Speakers: Drs. Vincent Kokich, David Mathews and Frank Spear

Interdisciplinary Treatment of the Periodontal Patient with a Complete Dentition

Speakers: Drs. Myron Nevin, Howard Skawor and Roger Wise

Interdisciplinary Treatment of the Hopeless Tooth—Extract or Not?

Speakers: Drs. David Garber, Henry Salama and Maurice Salama

Interdisciplinary Management of Luxation and Avulsion Injuries to Permanent Teeth

Speakers: Drs. Brad Seto and Patrick Turley

Interdisciplinary Management of Missing Adjacent Anterior Teeth: Bridges, Implants or Orthodontics?

Speakers: Drs. Vincent Kokich, David Mathews and Frank Spear

Interdisciplinary Management of the Ortho-Surgical-Restorative Patient with TMD?

Speakers: Drs. Gerald Francati, Mark Piper and DeWitt Wilkerson

Interdisciplinary Management of Craniofacial Anomalies/Cleft Palate Patients

Speakers: Drs. Lawrence Brecht, Court Cutting and Barry Grayson

Dento-Gingival Esthetics: Ortho-Perio-Restorative Interactions

Speakers: Drs. Pat Allen and Richard Roble

Ortho-Restorative Management of Debilitated Periodontal Patients

Speakers: Drs. Raymond Forsceca, Robert Vanandallen and Arnie Weisgold

Autotransplantation of Teeth: What Every Dentist Should Know

Speakers: Drs. Jens Andreassen and Hans Ulrik Pauslen

Treatment Alternatives for Replacing Anterior Teeth in Adults

Speakers: Drs. David Garber, Henry Salama and Maurice Salama

Interdisciplinary Treatment of Patients with Developmental Dental Deformities

Speakers: Drs. Vincent Kokich, David Mathews and Frank Spear

Interdisciplinary Management of the Partially Edentulous Patient Using Implant Anchorage

Speakers: Drs. Robert Faucler, Ward Smalley and Roger West

Long-term Maintenance of the Periodontal Patient During and After Orthodontics and Restorative Dentistry

Speakers: Drs. Myron Nevin, Howard Skawor and Roger Wise

Interdisciplinary Management of the Patient with Impacted or Ankylosed Permanent Teeth

Speakers: Drs. Jens Andreassen and Hans Ulrik Pauslen
General Dentists View Prosthodontists Positively

The final report states that “general dentists have a favorable impression of prosthodontists. They readily recognize and are familiar with the advanced education, knowledge and skills prosthodontists have, relative to a general dentist, however, they have a tendency of not calling or consulting with a prosthodontist when they could and prefer to refer patients themselves.”

The Public and Professional Relations Committee spent considerable time reviewing and dissecting the report. The recommendations in the report are addressed in the “Public and Professional Relations Committee Report.”

Creating Generations of Smiles is an ongoing series of short patient education brochures which are developed and conducted in the suburban Chicago area. The group consisted of ten general dentists, six with practices in the suburbs and four who work in the city. Eight were male and two were female. Complete demographics of the group participants were included in the report. Although the focus group methodology is considered “qualitative research, and should be viewed as good directional input and an aid to decision making.” However, they warned that the information obtained “may or may not be statistically representative of the entire targeted population base.”

The first phase of the project was to conduct approximately 300 personal telephone interviews with prosthodontists to gain firsthand information. A detailed questionnaire was developed which included 18 questions. The interviews were completed in May and the report submitted to the ACP shortly thereafter. A great deal of information was compiled. Some of the highlights include:

- Within the past 3 years, 20 percent of general dentists have begun to use prosthodontists, compared to 10 percent to oral maxillofacial surgeons, 65 percent to prosthodontists, 44 percent to periodontists, and 2 percent to orthodontists.

ACP Offers Two New Patient Education Resources

The first in the Creating Generations of Smiles series is designed to assist placements and patients to understand descriptions for both options, the treatment options they can provide to improve the patient’s smile and oral health.

The second, and newly developed brochure, focuses on the common treatment option for replacing missing teeth. The four-color brochure describes in simple terms the procedure of replacing missing teeth with the use of either complete or removable partial dentures. The brochure provides easy-to-read information for both options and discusses the prosthodontist’s role in placing and fitting dentures, as well as offering helpful post-insertion care tips for maximizing the patient’s denture experience.

The third in the patient education brochure series, also recently developed, is designed to further educate patients about the role in replacing missing teeth with the placement and use of dental implants. The brochure explains to the patient, in “lay people” 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.

The Public and Professional Relations Committee recommends that prosthodontists promote themselves. The Just the Facts Corporation recommends that prosthodontists need to increase their efforts in promotion. They especially recommend educating general dentists on how valuable a prosthodontist can be in assisting the general dentist.

To read the executive summary of the report, visit the ACP Members Only website at www.prosthodontics.org. If you don’t know your member ID contact the ACP Central Office at (312) 573-1260, ext. 1070.

PROFESSIONAL OVERHEAD EXPENSE POLICIES

Today’s dental specialist faces several problems when sickness or injury causes a total disability. Income ceases immediately but most personal and professional overhead expenses continue for 60 days and reimbursement is critical. Also, a twelve month benefit period is recommended to provide the dentist a “cushion” to get back on his feet. It is imperative that you ask yourself the following questions:

- How do I plan to cover the expenses?
- What is the maximum amount I can afford to pay each month?
- What if I am unable to continue the practice for an extended period of time, and if the practice is not insured under the prosthodontist’s own professional overhead expense policy?
- How can I protect against the loss of income that could occur if the practice is not continued? and how will you pay practice expenses? Professional overhead expense coverage must not be overlooked.

Professional overhead expense policies are on a reimbursement basis. At claim time, the actual claim payment received is based on the actual expenses incurred. In other words, a $10,000 per month overhead expense policy may only pay $6,000 per month if the expenses at the time of disability are less than this figure. Some policies allow any unused benefits to continue past the stated benefit period.

Most prosthodontists have concern that the ACP’s benefit periods are too short. Some 80 percent of the practitioners believe that 120 days is a minimum period of time that overhead expenses must be continued. Some practitioners believe that a minimum of six months of overhead is necessary to ensure prosthodontists to their referred patient as “very effective.”

More than half of general dentists were “not at all concerned” about losing a referral patient to a prosthodontist, 12 percent were “very concerned” and 15 percent were “somewhat concerned.”

Seventy-five percent reported that they were not doing anything to promote themselves and their services to general dentists; 55 percent felt that prosthodontists should promote themselves.

Professional overhead expense policies are designed to reimburs e professional overhead expenses during the period of a total disability. The primary objective of conducting this baseline research was to obtain a better understanding of the range of activities these practices were involved with and how other dentists refer patients to prosthodontists. The results were used to promote and enhance the role of prosthodontists.

The need was to conduct a focus group of general dentists to discuss with them firsthand the following objectives: background of their practice, types of procedures currently being done, the most challenging/complex procedures currently being done, patient referral to other specialists, patient referral to prosthodontists and dental school experiences.

While the value of a professional overhead expense policy is often overlooked and can result in the forced sale of a practice or closing the doors under very difficult circumstances. If you would like to discuss this or receive a proposal, please call Treloar and Heisel at 1-800-343-5510 or fax us at (724) 654-9929 or e-mail us at info@treloarandheisel.com.
Healthy Recipes For Prosthodontic Palates

Since one of our primary objectives as prosthodontists is to provide improved masti- cation and oral hygiene function thereby improving the quality of life of our patients, it is most important to us that you enjoy the results of our labors. Beginning with this issue of the Newsletter, the ACP web site will be offering new recipes with a healthy theme for your prosthodontic palates. Recipes were chosen by our esteemed colleagues who have field-tested by our panel of experts (the ‘Taylors’) and those selected will be published in forthcoming issues. Please send your recipes to:

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Wonderfully Hot Cucumber Salad

1 English Cucumber quartered lengthwise and cut into 1/2 inch chunks
1/2 red bell pepper chopped
2 stalks celery sliced thin
1/2 cup seasoned rice vinegar
1 tbs. black sesame seeds
1 tsp. (or more) Thai chili paste or hot chili sauce (be careful, this stuff is hot!)

Combine ingredients in a non-reactive bowl and allow to mari- nate in the refrigerator for at least 1 hour before serving. Can be made a day ahead. Makes 4-6 servings as a side dish.

Serve as a side with grilled fish or chicken.

New ACP Members (as of March 31, 2000 - August 1, 2000)

Dr. Khaldoun Al-Ahluwai
Milwaukee, WI
Dr. Jacobo Castelnuovo
Rome, Italy
Dr. Chetan Daulat
Gathersburg, MD
Dr. Raman Deepa
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Product Catalog Coming Soon!

Since 1970, the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) has been dedi- cated to enhancing patient care, advancing the art and science of prostho- dontics, promoting the specialty of prosthodontics to the public and other dentists and healthcare professionals; ensuring the quality of prosthodontic education and providing valuable professional services to its membership. Whether it be in education or private practice, a dental student or reitre, the ACP has developed an impressive assortment of resources designed for just about any need.

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ABP Update

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ACP Web Update

More Internet Users Seeking Health Information

Nearly one million people have gone online in search of healthcare informa- tion, according to the results of a recent Harris Poll.

At 98 million people, the number of Internet users looking for health infor- mation has more than doubled in recent years, according to a study of online users by Harris Interactive.

An important proportion of those online that has used the Internet to look for health care information also accounts for the growth over the last two years. According to the latest poll, 86 percent of all users sought such infor- mation, as compared with 71 percent of all users in 1998.

While health and medical information is not the most sought after type of information online, it is among the most important, Harris Interactive said, particularly for people with serious health conditions and their immediate family members. Since 1998, the number of Internet users who have never looked for health information online has declined from 29 percent of all users to 14 percent.

The Harris Poll online health care information was conducted by telephone in May and June among a cross section of 1,001 adults in the U.S. The results do not include people under 18 who have looked for health information online.

Source: www.ADA.org, ADA News Daily, August 11, 2000

Prosthodontic Articles Needed

Take advantage of this excellent opportunity to increase your Internet exposure, further identify yourself as a leader in the dental industry and promote the public on the specialty of prosthodontics. Dentalchex.com (www.dentalchex.com) is a provider of Internet-based tools and e-com- merce solutions for dentists, dental manufacturers/suppliers, other dental professionals and patients. Currently the company has 12,000 registered dentists, 2.5 million monthly hits and 100,000 monthly user sessions. The web site is currently looking for prosthodontic-related articles. As a benefit for contributing prosthodontic-related articles, articles will be published on our web site and will include a by-line and link to your web site (if you have one). Any questions should be directed to Lisa Ospoka, Communications Manager at (312) 573-1266, x16 or lospoka@dentalchex.com.

Healthy Recipes For Prosthodontic Palates

Dr. Cheryl Yacyshyn
Rochester, MN
MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Jack Kabcenell, DDS, MSD, FACP, was honored with a tribute on June 25 honoring his distinguished teaching career on July 28, 2000 at the New York Hall of Science. Dr. Kabcenell received his DDS, MSD and prosthodontic certificates from the New York University College of Dentistry. He served as Post-graduate prosthodontic program director at the NYUHSC from 1963-1975, and later appointed as the first Post-graduate prosthodontic program director at Montefiore Medical Center of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, NY. Upon his retirement in July 2000, Dominick Purpora, MD, Dean of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University appointed Dr. Kabcenell as Clinical Emeritus Professor of Dentistry, the first dentist to be honored in this fashion at the medical school. The American College of Prosthodontists acknowledges Dr. Kabcenell for his lifetime of dedication, service and leadership in prosthodontic education.

Drs. Thomas Balshi and Glenn Wolfinger of Prosthodontics Intermedia were featured on the ABC-Channel 6 News (Philadelphia area) on June 22, 2000, and later repeated on Sunday morning, June 25. Anita Brinkman, world famous health and science reporter for ABC News, reported on their innovative dental implant technique, “Teeth in a Day”, which describes a procedure for implantations that enables patients to enjoy the benefits of fixed replacement teeth on the same day implants are placed, rather than waiting the typical three to six months for healing. The report featured Mr. Al Warner, a patient of Drs. Balshi and Wolfinger’s, who had lost some of his teeth due to an accident and periodontal disease. The procedure lasted 5 hours, which included placement of dental implants and a full set of teeth. The last hour of the procedure was captured by ABC/WPVI camera crews, in which Dr. Wolfinger placed the finishing touches on the prosthesis and fixed it to the implants with the clip and, the WPVI switchboard was armed with phone information for the Prosthodontics Intermedia for viewers who had questions or inquiries regarding the procedure.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Honolulu, Hawaii
Two prosthodontists are looking for a third to share beautiful 2,000 sq. ft. office in the heart of Honolulu. Five modern rear delivery operatories view the mountains and ocean. Highly established implant -based prosthodontic practice. Please contact Dr. Richard L. Tanuri, 501 Ward Ave., Suite 200, Honolulu, HI 96816; Tel: (808) 528-2444; Fax: (808) 524-6689.

Maine (Portland area)
Quality oriented prosthodontic/restorative practice seeks an experienced practitioner with advanced prosthodontic training for associateship leading to future partnership. Practice is with a highly motivated staff of professionals in a modern facility complimented by an in-house nationally recognized laboratory in one of the most beautiful and rapidly growing coastal areas of New England. Call Prosthodontists Associates, P.A. at (207) 779-6340.

University of Florida
A well established faculty position as deputy director of the graduate prosthodontic program is available at the University of Florida College of Dentistry. It is intended that the candidate assume the position of program director by July 2001. The rank of associate professor/professor and clinical track (tenure) will be determined by qualifications. Responsibilities will center on instruction in the graduate prosthodontic program, participation in the intramural faculty practice and include opportunities for possible research collaboration. Requirements include a DDS/DMD degree or equivalent degree, certification by the American Board of Prosthodontics, considerable experience in the areas of fixed, removable and implant dentistry, evidence of scholarly activity and teaching experience at the graduate level preferred. Salary and rank will be commensurate with training and experience. AA/EO Employer. This position will be advertised under the provisions of Florida’s “Government in the Sunshine” and Public Records Law. Send curriculum vitae and three letters of reference to: Dr. Arthur Nimmo, Chair, Department of Prosthodontics, PO Box 100435, University of Florida College of Dentistry, Gainesville, FL 32610-0435 by February 28, 2001.

University of Iowa College of Dentistry
The University of Iowa College of Dentistry is conducting a search to fill full-time faculty positions in the Department of Prosthodontics. Major responsibilities include: preclinical and clinical teaching of fixed, removable and implant prosthodontics at the predoctoral and postdoctoral levels, and participation in the department’s intramural faculty practice. The position will be available July 1, 2000 or after; screening will begin immediately. Applicants must have a D.M.D./DMD from an ADA-accredited dental school or its foreign equivalent and be educationally qualified for the American Board of Prosthodontics by the ABP examination. Salary, rank, and track (clinical or tenure) will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Submit CV and three letters of recommendation to Dr. Steven A. Aquilino, Professor and Head, Department of Prosthodontics, College of Dentistry, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242. The University of Iowa is an affirmative action equal opportunity employer; women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

University of Texas
The Department of Prosthodontics at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Dental School is seeking applicants for a tenure-track faculty position at the Assistant/Associate Professor level. While responsibilities include pre-clinical and clinical instruction in fixed, implant and removable prosthodontics, primary teaching responsibilities will be in removable prosthodontics. Participation in research, patient care and service is expected. Board certification or commitment to become board certified, research experience and a commitment to academic faculty roles are also expected. Qualifications include a DDS/DMD degree, and completion of an ADA-accredited advanced education program in prosthodontics and eligibility for licensure in Texas. Evaluation of applicants will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. The UTSCC is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

PRACTICE FOR SALE

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Prosthodontic practice, buy-in/buy-out. Gross $800k. Contact Peter Mirabito, DDS, Precise Consultants, (800) 307-2357

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Practice for sale. Opt. and full time prosthodontic practice for sale. Six operators in well designed office owned by seller. Excellent staff, computerized and full lab on premises. Financing available. Contact Peter Mirabito and be willing to stay for smooth transition. Call American Practice Consultants, (800) 400-8550.

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