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Order Your Children's Dental Health Month T-Shirts and Sweatshirts

Get in the spirit of Children's Dental Health Month with T-Shirts or sweatshirts for your families and staff. Great for office or home during CDHM and year-round.

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(Orders must be received by Dec. 15 in order to obtain shirts before Jan. 1 and by Jan. 15 in order to obtain shirts before February.)

National Children's Dental Health Month



February 1990 New Orleans Dental Association

... on T-shirts & sweatshirts

State board wants your views

A committee of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry has completed a study of the legal duties of dental assistants in 13 states. Of the states studied, three (Florida, Michigan and North Carolina) have two or more classifications of dental assistants. Five states do not list duties permitted, but list duties not permitted.

From this the Board is studying the following twenty-six duties and would like input from the dental community. We would also like your opinion on classification of assistants, such as certified and non-certified.

Please send any comments you may have to the State Board office or contact a Board member. Dr. Russell R. DiMarco, Dr. David E. Simmons, Dr. James Tomaszewski.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR:

General Supervision (Dentist physically present)

1. Serve as chairside dental assistant.
2. Preliminary charting/inspection of mouth (final exam and diagnosis by dentist prior to treatment being rendered).
3. Take and develop dental radiographs and intra-oral photographs.
4. Take and record pulse, blood pressure and temperature.
5. Give and demonstrate intra-oral instructions of oral hygiene procedures using tooth brush and dental floss and periodontal aids.
6. Give and instruct diet recommendations applicable to dental health.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Direct Supervision By Dentist

1. Apply topical agents under direct supervision of attending dentist.
 - a. topical anesthetics (non-aerosol, non-caustic)
 - b. topical fluorides (following prophylaxis)
 - c. desensitizing agents
 - d. oxygenating agents (non-endodontic)
 - e. cavity liners and bases (excluding capping of exposed pulpal tissues)
 - f. acid etch liquids and gels
2. Size and place pre-formed bands or crowns. (Only the dentists may shape and cement).
3. Place and remove orthodontic sep-

arators, elastic ligatures and archwires.

4. Seat adjusted retainers or appliances including appropriate instructions for use in home care.
5. Place and remove periodontal dressings (except placement of the initial dressing).
6. Place and remove rubber dam.
7. Fabricate, temporarily cement and remove interim crowns or bridges (interims, meaning any temporary while permanent restoration is being fabricated).
8. Insert temporary fillings with hand instruments (not any permanent restorative material).
9. Remove sutures, post-extraction dressings, and surgical ligature ties.
10. Place, wedge, and remove matrices for restorations and hold anterior matrices after placement of restoration by dentist.
11. Assist dentist in determining shade for cosmetic restorations.
12. Irrigate canals during endodontic procedures (non-caustic).
13. Place and remove retraction cord.
14. Direct light source to assist dentist to cure tooth shaded materials.
15. Remove excess cement around restorations and orthodontic appliances.
16. Condition enamel surfaces (etch, seal) for orthodontic bonding.
17. Place pit and fissure sealants.
18. Removal of final impression.
19. Polish coronal portion of teeth.
20. IV and IM injections.

MEMBERS WELCOME TO BOARD MEETINGS

The regular monthly meeting of the NODA Board of Governors will be held Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Dean's Conference Room of LSU Dental School. This will be prior to the general membership meeting at 7:30 p.m.

President Dr. Bill Reeder said all members are welcome to attend meetings of the board.

WHY THEY DON'T VISIT

More than 75 percent of respondents to a 1988 telephone survey had been to the dentist in the past year, according to results of a California research project.

The most common reason cited for not visiting a dentist by the rest of the respondents was "they didn't perceive a need for dental care." Perceived high cost was second, inconvenient hours was third, and fear of pain fourth in the list of excuses.

Most patients indicated they chose a dentist through personal referrals (74 percent), location of the dental office in relation to home or workplace (10.4 percent), and Yellow Pages (4.4 percent).

LSUSD NOON PROGRAM

The Komenka Ethnic Dance & Chorale Group will present a pre-Christmas program in full costume Monday, Dec. 18 at 12 noon at the LSU Dental School.

It is the final program for 1989 in the LSUSD noontime faculty brown bag series. NODA members and their staffs and friends are cordially invited to the free program. Parking is also free in the shell parking lot.

ATTENTION, DENTAL ASSISTANTS

For information concerning the New Orleans Dental Assistants Society, contact Judy Stanley, president (days, 885-1511, evenings, 482-9932). Certification is not a pre-requisite for membership.

COMING IN JANUARY! General Membership Meeting January 17, 1989

7:30 P.M. • LSU School of Dentistry

Don't miss the first meeting of a new decade.

NODA News is published every month with the exception of June, July and August. Deadline for ads and editorial material is the 10th of the month preceding publication. Ads and news should be sent to Dr. Kristi Soileau, 1502 Calhoun St., New Orleans, LA 70118.

Dr. Soileau is editor and chairman of the NODA News Committee. Members are Drs. Joseph Asercion, Edwin Brown III, Ronald Carr, George Cerniglia, Frank Herbert and David DeGenova.

DENTAL DATA

HONOR FOR DR. COPPING

Dr. Allen Copping, the NODA member who serves as president of the huge LSU University System, has received an honor from another discipline. He was saluted at a reception by the LSU Eye Center for his visionary leadership while chancellor of the LSU Medical Center.

During Dr. Copping's tenure as chancellor, the LSU Eye Center moved into a new six-story facility built without using state money, according to an article in the *Times-Picayune*. Dr. Copping developed a partnership with the Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation under which the foundation donated \$10 million over 20 years to pay for the building.

CHINA SHORT ON ORTHO

Attention, orthodontists! China's the place.

A recent news article noted there are only 300 orthodontists in the People's Republic of China. That's one for every four million inhabitants.

Orthodontists in the United States number 10,000, one for every 24,000 persons.

DENTAL BILLS IN CONGRESS

The House this summer approved H.R. 2990, an appropriation for Department of Health and Human Services programs during FY 1990.

The Senate began work on an HHS appropriation after the August recess. The \$155 billion House bill includes:

- \$138 million for the National Institute of Dental Research (NIDR), an increase of \$7.2 million over current spending;
- \$4 million for dental general practice residencies, a \$1.4 million increase;
- \$1.6 billion for AIDS research, education, prevention, service and training, a 24 percent increase;
- \$6.9 million for exceptional need scholarships and \$28 million for the disadvantaged assistance program, both serving health professions' students, an increase over current spending for each program;
- \$2 million for the National Health Practitioner Data Bank authorized by 1986 law but still not operational;
- \$14.3 million for geriatric training for physicians and dentists.

LOYAL TO OLD LU

Although the Loyola Dental School is no more, its alumni are still loyal to the Jesuit university. In fact, a dentist, Dr. Michael Heller, serves as president of the entire alumni association.

Two other NODA members, Dr. Edmond Ganucheau and Dr. Donald Toso, represent the dental school on the association's board of directors.

The report of the House Committee on Appropriations said the AIDS training programs "should also include dentists." The committee directed the HHS department to emphasize the general practice residencies aimed at attracting dentists to rural and underserved areas.

The committee encouraged NIDR to establish a center to focus on TM disorders, "if (it is) scientifically justified," and to expand research and initiate action to improve the oral health of adults and older Americans.

DENTAL STUDENTS ARE HAPPIER

Today's dental students are more satisfied with their education than students 30 years ago, according to a report in the September *Journal of Dental Education*.

Dental students who graduated in spring 1989 were asked the same questions as dental students who graduated in 1959.

Compared with their counterparts 30 years ago, the 1989 seniors:

- found the dental curriculum more intellectually challenging;
- experienced slightly more pressure while in dental school;
- studied harder;
- were more satisfied with their dental education, when compared with their undergraduate education;
- in greater numbers, rated aspects of their dental education as "excellent";
- in smaller numbers, identified aspects of their education as "needing improvement"; and
- generally believed they had a better understanding of selected aspects of dentistry.

HONEST ABE ALWAYS PAID HIS DENTI

While Abraham Lincoln lived in Springfield, IL, he and his family were treated by dentist Amos Willard French, according to Dr. Peter Jacobsohn, associate editor, Wisconsin Dental Association *Journal*.

Lincoln and French were close friends, studying German together as members of a study group in Springfield, Jacobsohn reports.

French was trained via the apprentice method prior to opening his dental practice in Spring

field in 1858. His skills were widely recognized and soon his practice catered to the local elite. In 1859 he was elected second vice-president of the Northwestern Dental Society when it met in Milwaukee.

As Dr. French became well-known, he felt the stigma of not having a dental degree, so in 1866 he enrolled in the Missouri Dental College, obtaining his degree in 1867.

After a very successful career in dentistry and involvement in

community affairs, Dr. French died in 1908 at age 88. At the time, he was the oldest practicing dentist in the U.S. He left behind his account book, which revealed that for fifty cents or one dollar, Lincoln could have used the services of Dr. French for either a filling or an extraction.

Dr. French kept records only on patients who owed him money. Since Lincoln is not mentioned in his account book, he must have paid cash every

time he or his family visited the dentist. The "Honest Abe" title obviously also applied to Lincoln's dealings with his dentist, concludes Dr. Jacobsohn.



NODA PROFILE

Dr. Rayson: NODA has friend in LSU dean

An outstanding, research-strong dental school is a powerful community asset. An active and vigilant dental society is another area strength.

When the two cooperate as fully and creatively as do the LSU School of Dentistry and the New Orleans Dental Association, the people of New Orleans and Louisiana are important beneficiaries.

LSU Dean Jack H. Rayson has been a key figure in this productive collaboration of town and gown. Says NODA president Dr. Bill Reeder: "The dean and the New Orleans Dental Association have worked closely on numerous programs. We find that what is best for dentistry is almost always best for NODA and LSU."

As examples, Dr. Reeder points out: "Dr. Rayson has made dental school auditoriums available for our general meetings; he allows his conference room to be used for board and New Orleans Dental Conference meetings and he himself works on Conference committees in important areas.

"He makes the school's art and audio-visual departments available for special projects, cooperates with our Children's Dental Health programs both in facilities and official encouragement. He works with us to avoid conflicts in continuing education courses and provides faculty members as coordinators in such areas as Donated Dental Services and as lecturers not only in New Orleans but across the state."

Dr. Rayson considers it extremely important to cooperate with the practicing dentists. "And we encourage our students to join NODA," he said. Continuing education is another vital interest of the dental school.

"We conduct 15 continuing education courses a year and several more for the specialties," he added. "In addition, any dentist has full access to our school library."

Dr. Rayson is midway into his 14th year as LSU's dental dean. A graduate of the University of Texas Dental Branch, he also holds a master's degree from the University of New Orleans. After serving in private practice, he was a member of the faculty at Baylor University and University of Kentucky before joining LSU in 1969 as associate professor and head of prosthodontics. He became assistant dean for clinical administration in 1972, associate dean of the school in 1975, and dean in July, 1976.

Under his guidance, LSUSD has grown steadily in strength and reputation, its research professors outstanding in their fields and sought after as national lecturers.

Dr. Rayson's leadership in dental education has been recognized by his peers who have elected him president of the Southern Association of Dental Deans and Examiners (1985), delegate to the Council of Deans of the American Association of Dental Schools (1977 to present), president of the Southeastern Academy of Prosthodontics (1977) and chairman of the education and research committees of the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations (1985-88), among other posts.

He is a Fellow of the American College of Dentists and is president of its New Orleans section. He has lectured widely in this country, has spoken at the Congreso Nacional Internacional Colegio in Mexico City, and has authored numerous papers in dental journals.



DR. RAYSON

Dr. Rayson, who served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force and as chief of the prosthodontics section at Walker Air Force Base in Roswell, NM, is married to the former Donna Marie Thornton. They are the parents of three children, Susan, 28, Scott, 25 and David, 24.

Although the days of a dean of a modern dental school are crowded ones, he still finds time to serve as president of the Alliance for the Mentally Ill and is a member of the State Mental Health Planning Council, among other groups.

Any time left is usually spent in Dr. Rayson's favorite pastimes of gardening and sailing.

**February is
Children's Dental
Health Month**

Dr. Sam P. Miano, Jr., of Reserve has been named chairman of the NODA observance of National Children's Dental Health Month. It is scheduled as usual in February.

Dr. Miano has already held several meetings of his committee and an expanded program of activities is well along in the planning.

This year there will be two major exhibits during Dental Health Month - one at the Louisiana Children's Museum in downtown New Orleans and another at the Kenner Science Museum. The exhibits feature hands-on activities and videotapes on proper dental care and diet.

Other activities include a multi-parish "brush-in" by third grade students on Feb. 1; a continuation of the "Adopt-A-School" program sending dentists into the classrooms of schools near their offices; a half-day seminar at LSU Dental School for school teachers and school nurses; distribution of toothbrushes and kits emphasizing lifetime dental care; appearances by NODA members on local television and radio shows, proclamations by heads of city and parish governments, and other awareness programs throughout the nine-parish area.

The New Orleans Dental Association Auxiliary, New Orleans Dental Hygienists Association, LSU Dental School and the city department of dental health are again taking active parts in the areawide program.

The committee is producing attractive T-shirts and sweatshirts bearing the Children's Dental Health logo. These can be purchased by dental offices for wearing throughout February and year-round.

CDHM is one of the premier public service projects of NODA. Dr. Miano urged NODA members to volunteer with their office staffs for one or more days of service at one of the museum exhibits. "Last year we had excellent cooperation from the dental offices," said Dr. Miano. "This year we hope to have even more dental personnel volunteering to help."

AUTOMATIC DUES PLAN

There are still four months left for members to pay 1990 dues through the automatic bank draft plan. If you would like further information about the plan, please call Mona Whittington at the Central Office, 834-6449.

**'After the Implant' is topic
of December 13 meeting**

The December 13, 1989 general membership meeting of the New Orleans Dental Association will be held at the LSU School of Dentistry, Auditorium B, at 7:30 p.m. After a short business meeting, there will be an educational presentation, "After the Implant," followed by refreshments and pre-holiday socializing. This month's meeting is sponsored by Healthco International, Inc.

"After the Implant" is a seminar presented by three members of the faculty of LSU School of Dentistry. The seminar will focus on the restorative and maintenance aspects of oral implants.

Dr. Roland M. Meffert will present the periodontal considerations of implants, including soft tissue management and flap design to facilitate implant coverage, as well as oral hygiene and restorative considerations with respect to instrumentation, antimicrobials, and pontic design.

Dr. Meffert is chairman of the department of periodontics. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology and of the International Congress of Oral Implantology, and he holds a Mastership in the American Academy of Implant Prosthodontics. He was honored as Oral Implantologist of the Year 1988 by the American Society of Osseointegration. He has done extensive research and

has lectured worldwide in the area of oral implantology.

Dr. Luis R. Guerra will discuss the most frequent problems occurring in dental implantology, with an emphasis on prevention of these problems.

Dr. Guerra holds a certificate in maxillofacial prosthetics, a certificate in prosthodontics, and a M.S. in biological sciences. He is president-elect of the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics, and is chairman of the board of the Louisiana Division of the American Cancer Society.

Dr. Gerard Chiche will discuss how to adapt conventional fixed prosthetic principles to screw-retained implant prostheses with as little compromise as possible. He will emphasize the principles for proper axial contours, occlusal anatomy, and harmonious esthetics.

Dr. Chiche holds a certificate in prosthodontics, and has lectured worldwide on ceramic restorations. He is a member of the American Academy of Crown and Bridge, and of the International Society of Dental Ceramics. He is the author of a new textbook, "Essentials of Dental Ceramics - An Artistic Approach."

Mark your calendars now to attend this most informative meeting. This may be the best holiday gift you can give to yourself. Happy Holidays!

DENTAL ASSISTANTS SEEK INFO

The New Orleans Dental Assistants Society has asked NODA News to run the following notice addressed to members of the Association.

To All Doctors and Staff:

The New Orleans Dental Assistants Society is in the process of planning continuing

education programs for future meetings. Ideally, it would be most productive to plan these programs to meet specific needs of the profession.

For this reason, we would encourage doctors and assistants to jointly complete the survey below and return to Mrs. Judy Stanley, 3919 Delgado Ave., New Orleans, La. 70119.

Please indicate the area(s) in which you would have particular interest or need.

Ethics & Jurisprudence _____ Business Management _____

Dental Materials _____ Sterilization _____

X-Ray Hazards & Protection _____

Other _____

Comments _____

Please contact me: Name _____

Address _____ **Phone** _____

BULLETIN BOARD

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DENTIST RETIRING from very active practice after 40 plus years. Am on a month-to-month lease. You can take over office as is, or I will sell equipment, either totally or partially, all at a greatly reduced price. Excellent buys on modern as well as older equipment, including dental cabinetry, reception room furniture, laboratory and exodontia equipment, 3 operatories full of equipment and much more. Call 523-3130 or 525-6525.

FOR SALE: Excellent for intra-oral photography – 90 MM Panagor Lens with Dine Combination Ring and Point Light. Fits most 35 MM camera bodies. Continuous focusing from 1:1 to infinity. Never used. Cost \$650, sale \$400.

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FOR SALE: Active, established dental practice for sale in Marrero. Prime location, owner retiring. Will finance. Call 348-8359 or 393-7502.



Continuing Education Corner

In an effort to keep the membership attuned to available C.E. opportunities at the L.S.U. School of Dentistry, this area will be devoted to informational updates.

Friday,
December 15, 1989

COMPUTERS 101: INTRODUCTION TO THE COMPUTER AGE
CLINICIAN: Dr. William Davenport
SOLD OUT

Monday,
February 26, 1990

THE ARTISTIC APPROACH: NO-NONSENSE RECIPES FOR REFINED ESTHETICS IN CERAMICS

This course will be of interest to the dental technician as well as the dentist. It will offer a unique opportunity which will reveal the techniques and treatments used in the clinicians' own practices. In the style of McLean, Kedge, and Hubbard, they will utilize a superb slide demonstration and lecture format to display their skills in this "must see" presentation.

CLINICIANS: Gerard Chiche, DDS, Alain Pinault, CDT; CREDIT: 7 hrs. FAGD-MAGD; FEE: \$110.

Friday-Saturday
March 16-17, 1990

CURRENT PERIODONTAL THERAPY

In the wake of the tremendous move toward non-surgical management of periodontal diseases there are still those who need surgical intervention, varying from very minor to complicated and involved surgical procedures. Part I (Friday) is a lecture course only. Part II (Saturday) is a laboratory session to be preceded by a video presentation as a demonstration. Eight surgical procedures will be covered. A video tape of the procedures performed in the laboratory will be given to Part II participants.

CLINICIANS: Dr. R. Jack Cassingham, Dr. Roland M. Meffert, Dr. Alfred Broxson, Dr. Richard Caudill, Dr. Gerald Evans.

FEE: Part I – \$125; Part I & II combination – \$350; Part II only – \$225 (for those who took Part I previously on May 5, 1989).

Wednesday-Thursday-
Friday
March 28, 29, 30, 1990

ADVANCED TECHNIQUES FOR THE INTEGRAL IMPLANT SYSTEM

This course on dental implants for the total and partially edentulous patient will feature the most significant clinical advances in recent years. The presentations will be offered in several "packages" inclined to meet individual needs. They will be clinically oriented and will highlight the Integral implant. The course is designed for the clinician with some implant experience who desires more than an overview course.

CLINICIANS: Drs. Israel Finger, Luis Guerra, Gerard Chiche, Roland Meffert, Michael Block, John Kent and Ronald Marks

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