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## MAY 15 GENERAL MEETING

### *Dr. Moerschbaecher, Dr. Indovina on dental pharmacology*

Dental pharmacology is constantly changing, as new drugs are developed. Two areas of immediate concern to all dentists have literally exploded with new knowledge and pharmacologic agents in the last few years.

Dr. Joseph Moerschbaecher and Dr. Anthony Indovina will provide us with an update in these two areas at the next meeting of the New Orleans Dental Association.

The meeting will be held Wednesday, May 15 at the LSU School of Dentistry, Auditorium A, at 7 p.m.

Following a brief business meeting, Dr. Indovina will discuss antimicrobial pharmacology, focusing on the newer antibiotics and their role in the treatment of oral infections. He will also discuss the new AHA recommendations

for SBE coverage.

Then Dr. Moerschbaecher will discuss the pharmacology of conscious sedation, and the newest generation of NSAIDs for non-narcotic management of dental pain.

Drs. Indovina and Moerschbaecher cover the spectrum of pharmacologic expertise. Dr. Moerschbaecher is head, department of pharmacology at LSU Medical Center. He earned his Ph.D. from the American University in Washington, D.C., and has been at LSU since 1983. He is an internationally known researcher in pharmacology. His major research interest is in the area of drug abuse and drug effects on learning and memory. Obviously, he has a strong interest in the non-narcotic management of pain.

Dr. Indovina is an oral and maxillofacial

surgeon in private practice in the New Orleans community. He is an alumnus of LSU, and is highly respected for his ability to evaluate the clinical application and effectiveness of new drugs in dental practice.

This will be the last meeting of the New Orleans Dental Association before the summer break and Dental Conference. Plan now to attend – not only for the informative program, but also for the wine, beer and socializing after the meeting. This is your last chance before summer.

This meeting is being sponsored by the UCL Financial Group, a firm specializing in professional assistance with financial planning. Their representatives will be at the meeting. Please stop by and thank them for their support of our organization.

## DENTAL CONFERENCE SHAPES UP

### *Two all-day seminars will precede 1991 event*

Not just one but **two** pre-conference seminars will precede the 43rd annual New Orleans Dental Conference Aug. 29-31 at the Hilton.

Separate, all-day seminars on Wednesday, Aug. 28 will be conducted by famed clinicians Dr. Parker Mahan on advanced T.M.J. and Linda L. Miles on practice management.

The success of last year's pre-conference seminar on overhead control by Dr. W. Charles Blair moved chairman Dr. Terry Walsh and his committee to add a second all-day session.

Another change from the past will be in the opening conference session. It will be held Thursday morning with Rosita Perez as keynote speaker. An amusing and outstanding speaker, she will talk on "Playing Life by Ear When You Can't Read Music."

The "Welcome Reception" Thursday evening will be strictly social, with cocktails, music, food, dancing and fellowship with colleagues from throughout the nation.

The conference proper will start immediately following Ms. Perez' opening talk and introduction of the clinicians. An impressive array of nationally-known lecturers will cover virtually every pertinent subject in dentistry, practice management, finances and personal enhancement.

They include:

- Dr. John A. Molinari, infection control.
- Dr. Stanley F. Malamed, pain control.
- Connie Podesta, interpersonal relationships.
- Dr. Gerald A. Niznick, CoreVent Implant System.
- Richard A. Collier, finances.
- Dr. Albert C. Goerig, endodontics and photography.
- Dr. Dov Glazer, clinical hypnosis.
- Dr. William D. Davenport, Jr., computers.
- Dr. Thomas F. Truhe and Dr. Marilyn C. Miller, dental materials.

- Dr. Peter F. Fedi, periodontics in general practice.

- Dr. Roy A. Smith, four-handed dentistry.

- Pat Shannon, image consultant.

- Alden M. Stewart, ADA retirement plan.

- Dr. Abraham Kobren, alternate dental opportunities.

- Kris R. Kersten, dental ceramics and laboratory communications.

- Dr. Nikhil K. Sarker, the mercury question.

- Herbert Mang, risk management.

- Anthony W. Cannatella, self defense.

- Dr. Clifton O. Dummett, Jr., and Dr. Robert J. Musselman, pediatric dentistry.

- Dr. Robert Alan Lowe, restorative dentistry.

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## CLINICAL CORNER

### Prophylactic antibiotic therapy

by R. Jack Cassingham, DDS, MSD  
Member, Council on Dental Therapeutics  
American Dental Association

(Reprinted from LDA Journal)

The American Heart Association's 1990 guidelines for prophylactic antibiotic therapy are the Association's sixth revision in thirty-five years. The last revision was in 1984. The Council on Dental Therapeutics has reviewed and approved the dentistry sections of the new guidelines.

#### ■ Recommended Standard Prophylactic Regimens for Dental, Oral or Upper Respiratory Tract Procedures

##### A. For patients able to take Amoxicillin/Penicillin:

Amoxicillin 3.0 grams orally one hour before procedure, then 1.5 grams six hours after initial dose.

##### B. For patients allergic to Amoxicillin/Penicillin:

Erythromycin ethylsuccinate 800 mg. or erythromycin stearate  
1.0 grams orally two hours before procedure; Then one-half the dose six hours after initial dose.

OR

Clindamycin 300 mg. one hour before procedure; Then 150 mg. six hours after initial dose.

#### ■ Alternate Prophylactic Regimens for Dental, Oral or Upper Respiratory Tract Procedures

##### A. For standard risk patients unable to take oral medications:

Ampicillin 2.0 grams IV or IM 30 minutes before procedure; Then 1.0 gram ampicillin IV or IM (or 1.5 grams amoxicillin orally) six hours after initial dose.

For ampicillin/amoxicillin/penicillin allergic patients unable to take oral medications:

Clindamycin 300 mg. IV thirty minutes before a procedure and 150 mg. IV (or orally) six hours after initial dose.

##### B. For high-risk patients for whom the practitioner desires to use a parenteral regimen (read reference):

Ampicillin 2.0 grams IV or IM plus gentamicin 1.5 mg/Kg IV or IM (not to exceed 80 mg.) one-half hour before procedure, followed by 1.5 grams oral amoxicillin six hours after the initial dose. Alternatively, the parenteral regimen may be repeated eight hours after the initial dose.

For amoxicillin/ampicillin/penicillin aller-

gic patients considered to be at high-risk:

Vancomycin 1.0 gram IV administered over one hour, starting one hour before the procedure. No repeat dose is necessary.

#### ■ Endocarditis Prophylaxis Recommended:\*

Prosthetic cardiac valves, including bioprosthetic and homograft valves (high-risk patients)

Previous bacterial endocarditis, even in the absence of heart disease (high-risk patients)  
Surgically constructed systemic-pulmonary shunts (high-risk patients)

Most congenital cardiac malformations  
Rheumatic and other acquired valvular dysfunctions, even after valve surgery  
Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy  
Mitral valve prolapse with valvular regurgitation

#### ■ Endocarditis Prophylaxis Not Recommended:\*

Isolated secundum atrial septal defect  
Surgical repair without residua beyond six months of: Secundum atrial septal defect, ventricular septal defect, or patent ductus arteriosus

Previous coronary artery bypass graft surgery

Mitral valve prolapse without valvular regurgitation (individuals with MVP associated with thickening and/or redundancy of the valve leaflets may be at increased risk for BE, particularly men over the age of 45 years)

Physiologic, functional or innocent heart murmurs

Previous Kawasaki disease without valvular dysfunction

Previous rheumatic fever without valvular dysfunction

Cardiac pacemakers and implanted defibrillators

#### ■ Dental or Oral Surgical Procedures:\*

Endocarditis Prophylaxis Recommended  
Dental Procedures likely to induce gingival or mucosal bleeding, including dental prophylaxis

Surgical operations involving respiratory mucosa (maxillary sinus)

Incision and drainage of infected tissue  
Intraligamentary injections

#### ■ Endocarditis Prophylaxis Not Recommended:

Dental procedures not likely to induce gingival or mucosal bleeding such as simple adjustment of orthodontic appliances or fillings above the gingival margin

Injection of local intraoral anesthetic (except intraligamentary injections)

Shedding of primary teeth

New denture insertion

It has been stated (3) "if a dentist has prescribed the 1984 penicillin V regimen for a standard-risk patient previously and it has been effective and well-tolerated, it could continue to be used. For high-risk patients, the oral penicillin V regimen would be inappropriate."

\*These charts list selected conditions and procedures but is not meant to be all-inclusive.

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## NODA Auxiliary goes national

Cathey Liberto, spouse of Dr. Vincent N. Liberto, was installed president of the Auxiliary to the Louisiana Dental Association at the annual meeting in Lafayette April 5.

Other ANODA members installed as officers in the state auxiliary include Mrs. George Marse, recording secretary, Mrs. Anthony Celino, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. James Kiser, treasurer.

One of the highlights of the state meeting was a favorable vote to become re-affiliated with the Auxiliary to the American Dental Association.

Louisiana was a charter member when this organization was founded. Today AADA is a vital and active supporter of the ADA in areas of education, legislation and leadership development.

In October Mrs. Liberto will represent Louisiana at the annual meeting of the AADA in Seattle as she receives a membership plaque recognizing our affiliation with this national organization.

Please encourage your spouse to become active in support of this activity by sending the dues payment of \$15 to Jo Ellen Kiser at 8 Kinder Lane, River Ridge, La. 70123.

Together, we can make a difference!

## CONFERENCE . . . (Continued from page 1)

Additional clinicians are expected. There will be an exhibit hall of 172 booths showing the latest in dental equipment and supplies, a "Parade of Prizes," and a free "Dream Trip for Two" given away.

Watch for more info coming your way from conference headquarters!



### YOU MAY WIN A MIGNON FAGET STREETCAR

"Stay on Track" is the theme of the 43rd annual New Orleans Dental Conference, its symbol, the riverfront streetcar.

And 50 lucky attendees at the conference luncheon Friday, Aug. 30 will come away with beautiful, sterling silver streetcar pendants done by nationally-known jewelry designer Mignon Faget.

They will be given away as door prizes, one to a table.

#### NODA CALENDAR

May 15, 1991

"Pharmacology Update"

Dr. Joseph Moerschbaeher, Chairman, Pharmacology Department, LSUMC

Dr. Anthony Indovina, Oral Surgeon  
7:00 PM, LSU School of Dentistry, Auditorium A

Sponsor: The UCL Financial Group

August 28, 1991

Pre-Conference Seminars on Advanced T.M.J. and Practice Management

August 29-31, 1991

43rd Annual New Orleans Dental Conference, New Orleans Hilton

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Dr. Soileau is editor and chairman of the NODA News Committee. Members are Drs. Joseph Asercion, George Cerniglia, Frank Herbert, David DeGenova, Peggy Walsh and Duane Delaune.

## Dr. Cassingham is voted LDA president-elect

Dr. R. Jack Cassingham, a past president of NODA, was elected President-Elect of the Louisiana Dental Association at that organization's 11th annual meeting April 6 in Lafayette.

Dr. Cassingham is professor of periodontics at the Louisiana State University School of Dentistry in New Orleans. He maintains a part-time practice limited to periodontics.

Dr. Cassingham is a 1958 graduate of the Indiana University School of Dentistry. From 1958 to 1968 he conducted a solo practice in general dentistry in Hillsboro and Kokomo, Indiana. In 1970 he earned an MSD degree from Indiana University School of Dentistry with a major in periodontics. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology.

Dr. Cassingham served as President of the New Orleans Dental Association in 1982. Active in organized dentistry for many years, he has served on many committees, on the board of directors of the LDA, and from 1989 to 1991 he served as secretary-treasurer.

He has been an alternate delegate to the American Dental Association for several years and will serve as a Delegate to the ADA in 1991 and 1992. He is serving his second year of a four-year term on the Council on Dental Therapeutics of the American Dental Association.

He is a Fellow of the International College



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of Dentists and the American College of Dentists, a member of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, Omicron Kappa Upsilon, C. Edmund Kells Honorary Society, and the American Academy of Periodontology.

#### DR. VITTER HEADS SENIOR SMILE WEEK

Dr. Roger Vitter is heading up NODA's participation in the ADA-sponsored National Senior Smile Week, May 12-18.

Assisting the chairman in the various awareness-building activities are Dr. Lee Crawford, Dr. Harry Gustafson, Jr., Dr. Saul Kahn, Dr. John Killeen, Dr. Charles McCabe, Dr. Cynthia Gee, Dr. Kristi Soileau, Dr. Greer Reisig, Dr. Mark Chaney, Dr. Georgia McDon-

ald and Dr. Melanie Andrews.

This is the fifth year the ADA has sponsored Senior Smile Week. Last year more than 50 percent of dental societies participated in some way.

The ADA points out that the number of older adults increased by 20 percent in the 1980s, rising from 25 million to 30 million by 1989.

*Coming in August!*

## 43RD NEW ORLEANS DENTAL CONFERENCE

Wednesday, August 28, 1991

Two Pre-Conference Seminars

• Dr. Parker Mahan – T.M.J.

• Ms. Linda Miles – Practice Management

Thursday-Saturday, August 29-31, 1991

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by some of the nation's leading clinicians.

## DENTAL DATA

### ADA DENTAL RESEARCH FORUM

A "Dental Research Forum" will be part of the ADA's 1991 annual session in Seattle.

Research abstracts of 150-200 words on topics of interest to clinicians are being solicited by the ADA Council on Dental Research. Speakers will have 10 minutes for a presentation and five minutes for discussion.

The Forum is set for Sunday, October 6, 9-11:30 a.m. Deadline for abstracts is May 15.

For an abstract form and additional details, contact Dr. Carl Verrusio, director, Council on Dental Research, 211 E. Chicago Ave., Ste. 412, Chicago, IL 60611; WATS extension 2556, FAX 312-440-3562. ■

### FDA TO TEST, SET STANDARDS FOR GLOVES

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved test methods and minimum quality levels for the billions of rubber and plastic gloves worn by dentists and other health care workers.

The new regulations, effective March 12, standardize manufacturer testing and define the maximum failure rate for the test, according to a news item in the March 1991 *Dental Management*.

The FDA will examine randomly selected samples for tears,

holes and any foreign matter embedded in the gloves.

Gloves will also be subjected to a water leak test, and may not be sold for medical use if leaks are found in more than 25 per 1,000 of surgeons' gloves and 40 per 1,000 of patient examination gloves. The FDA claims these limits can be reproduced in its field laboratories, thus providing a standard level of quality.

Foreign glove manufacturers may be placed on an import detention list if their gloves consistently do not meet the new FDA requirements. Domestic gloves that do not meet requirements will be seized, if necessary, to keep them off the market. ■

*The directions in which education starts a man will determine his future life.*

—Plato

### NEW INTEREST IN TORT REFORM

Tort reform is "alive and well" in the U.S., the American Tort Reform Association (ATRA) notes in a report issued recently.

Renewed administration interest in malpractice reform comes as legislatures in at least 28 states consider liability legislation, according to ATRA's 1991 *State Tort Reform Outlook*.

Sixteen states will address medical liability reform, the report reveals. Alternatives to litigation, such as arbitration or administrative processes, are proposed in some states. Others will look at alternative ways of compensating injured persons.

Bills will be considered in 20 states, with reform of the "joint and several" liability rule heading the list. States with recently enacted reforms will face repeal efforts and other challenges in 1991, ATRA reports. ■



### QUICK QUOTE

"Dentists as a group are exposed to more mercury than most people. If there were a problem with this exposure, you would expect adverse mercury-related effects to show up in dentists. They do not."

Eugene J. Truno, DDS, President, American Dental Association, discussing the safety of dental amalgam in an address to students and faculty at the Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry, March 22, 1991.

(For a complete copy of this speech, contact Latricia Jackson, ADA WATS, extension 2801.) ■

*God has lent us the earth for our life. It belongs as much to those who are to come after us as to us, and we have no right, by anything we do or neglect, to involve them in any unnecessary penalties, or to deprive them of the benefit which was in our power to bequest.*

—John Ruskin

### FELLOWSHIPS IN GERIATRIC DENTISTRY

The Boston University Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry is accepting applications for a postdoctoral fellowship in geriatric dentistry.

The two-year fellowship program will emphasize training experience in teaching, research and clinical care for older adults in a variety of traditional and

non-traditional settings. The program also offers the option of taking coursework leading to a master's in public health (MPH).

Applicants must have a minimum of one year of formal training following dental school — for example, a general practice or dental specialty residency. The stipend starts at \$25,600.

For information, contact Prof. Steven Gordon, BU Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry, 100 E. Newton St., Boston, MA 02118; 617-638-4703. ■

*In a higher world it is otherwise; but here below to live is to change; and to be perfect is to have changed often.*

—John Henry Newman

### GROUP CALLS FOR BAN ON SNUFF ADS

A national society of physicians has called for a ban on U.S. advertising of snuff and issued a warning to teenagers about the life-threatening dangers of snuff use.

The American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery cites government data showing that, since 1981, use of moist-type snuff has increased 50 percent, while consumption of cigarettes and eight other types of tobacco products has declined.

(Snuff is flavored tobacco that is placed between the cheek and gum.)

"Users of snuff have been found to increase their risk of oral cancer as much as 50 times, and this disease kills 30 to 50 percent of its victims within five years of diagnosis," said Jerome C. Goldstein, MD, executive vice president of the Academy. ■



## Table clinic competition held at Vista Shores

Foch Smart will represent LSUSD in the national student table clinic competition next October in Seattle.

One of five divisional winners in the LSUSD-NODA student table clinic competition April 10 at the Vista Shores Country Club, Smart's entry was viewed by the judges as the best representative for the nationals. His trip is sponsored by Dentsply.

Competing in the student research division, Smart prepared a clinic on "A Comparative Study of the Fracture Toughness of Ceramic Orthodontic Brackets." His advisor was Dr. Nikhil Sarker.

NODA presented \$100 first prizes and \$50 second prizes to top finishers in each division. Second place in the student research division went to Catherine Schwab for "Effects of Selective Deafferentation on Trigeminal CGRP." Her advisor was Dr. Murray Matthews.

Other winners and their advisors were:

### ■ Dental Hygienists

First, Julie Balderas and Donna Hendley, "Dental Detectives - Forensic Dentistry." Advisor: Dr. Robert Barsley. Second, Christina Wise and Doreen Landry, "Bleaching: The Facts All Patients Need to Know." Advisor: Dr. Ron Lemon.

### ■ Graduate Students

First, Dr. Carl Block, "The Utilization of DFDBA and an e-PTFE Membrane During Placement of an HA Coated Dental Implant Into a Fresh Extraction Site." Advisor: Dr. Roland Meffert. Second, Dr. Douglas Parker, "Esthetic Periodontal Management of the Maxillary Anterior." Advisor: Dr. Richard Caudill.

### ■ Laboratory Technology

First, Lanier A. Byrd, "Indirect Composite Inlays." Advisors: David Vela, Dr. Nikhil

Sarkar. Second, Leonard Aucoin, Jr., "Prosthetics Involving Non-Parallel Abutments: A Problem, A Solution." Advisor: Ron Elliott.

### ■ Dental Students

First, Linda Leger, "Crown Lengthening for Restorative Dentistry." Advisor: Dr. Alfred Broxson. Second, Luke Kauffman, "Home Bleaching Update." Advisor: Dr. Ron Lemon.

Forty-five clinics were presented and a large crowd was on hand. Dr. Allan P. Rappold was chairman.

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

Members may still take advantage of our monthly automatic bank draft program for the *pre-payment of 1992 dues* by calling the NODA Central Office for the appropriate authorization form as soon as possible.

*If you complete and return the form by May 13, you will have 8 months in which to prepay your 1992*

*dues. You may join this program in any month in 1991. However, you will have fewer months to deduct, which will increase the monthly deduction.*

You may also pay current or next year's dues through VISA or MasterCard. Again, call the Central Office for further information and the necessary authorization forms.

### CHECK BEFORE YOU AGREE TO SPEAK

If you should receive a contact from a radio station requesting a "guest" appearance for an interview about dentistry or dental care, be sure to ask if the station will ask a "fee" for this appearance.

At least one talk show host has asked physicians and dentists to appear on his program to share their knowledge with the listeners. If the professional agrees to appear, the announcer informs him/her that there will be a \$350 fee for appearing on his program.

This is known as an "informercial" and it is currently a controversial issue in the field of communications.

### DR. BRIGGS ACTIVE IN JUNIOR OLYMPICS

Jack Klugman of TV's "Odd Couple" show will be a guest of NODA member Dr. James W. Briggs III when he comes to New Orleans to be honored guest at the Louisiana Special Olympics' summer games opening May 16.

Dr. Briggs is a board member of the Louisiana Special Olympics which ranks third in the nation.

LDA and NODA dentists are again asked to use a Special Olympics Visa Card and in turn Hibernia will donate 1 percent of the proceeds to the Louisiana Special Olympics.

### NODA ACTIVE IN SCIENCE FAIR

The Greater New Orleans Science and Engineering Fair was held March 4-8, 1991. The New Orleans Dental Association in partnership with the American Association for Dental Research, New Orleans Section, presented awards for the best science projects relating to dentistry.

This year's senior division winner was Ananda French of Grace King High School. The junior division winner was Joan Cheuk of Adams Mid-



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Third Annual Periodontal Surgery Hands-On Course.  
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Friday,  
June 7

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June 15

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