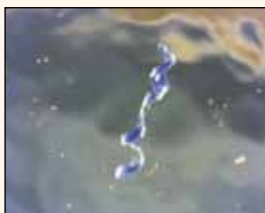


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Biology and technology converge in Phoenix for the American Academy of Implant Dentistry meeting.

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Dental Quality Alliance approves initial set of performance measures

First up: Childhood caries prevention, management

The Dental Quality Alliance (DQA), comprising multiple stakeholders from across the oral health community, has released its first set of performance measures for oral health care, “Dental Caries in Children: Prevention and Disease Management.”

The set includes 10 tested and validated performance measures in oral health care: use of services; preventive services; treatment services; oral evaluation; topical fluoride intensity; sealant use in 6–9 years; sealant use in 10–14 years; care continuity; usual source of services; and per-member per-month cost.

The DQA was established by the American Dental Association to develop performance measures for oral health care. “Since its formation in 2008, the DQA has worked tirelessly at developing these consensus-based quality measures,” said Dr. David May, chairman of the ADA Council on Dental Benefit Programs.

The DQA collaborated with the University of Florida Institute for Child Health Policy to evaluate and test the feasibility, validity, reliability and usability of each measure before issuing

final approval. The data used to craft the measures came from the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, Florida Healthy Kids Corporation, Texas Health and Human Services Commission and DentaQuest.

The testing was, in part, funded through a grant from the American Dental Association Foundation.

“The ADA Foundation is very proud to be part of this significant effort to develop the first fully validated set of performance measures for dentistry,” said Dr. David Whiston, ADA Foundation president. “We believe it is consistent with our mission to help advance the quality of care for the good of patients.”

“As the only comprehensive multi-stakeholder collaborative,” May said, “the DQA is well-positioned to collaborate, coordinate and lead in measure development in dentistry through its members’ experience, expertise and support.”

To learn more about the DQA, visit www.ada.org.

(Sources: American Dental Association and the ADA Foundation)



One of several sightseeing tours offered in conjunction with the American Academy of Periodontology annual meeting is the Philadelphia Museum of Art, in foreground, at the end of the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. The museum houses more than 200,000 works spanning 2,000 years. On the left in the skyline is the Comcast Center, one of the country's tallest buildings.

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UCLA gets \$5 million for saliva study

The UCLA School of Dentistry is receiving \$5 million in funding from the National Institutes for Health for its study of biological markers in saliva to attempt to develop a tool for detecting stomach cancer.

According to the school, the study has the potential to create a new paradigm in the emerging field of salivary diagnostics, and it could supply conclusive evidence that saliva can be used in the detection of life-threatening diseases, including diabetes and cancers of the pancreas, breasts, ovaries and stomach.

Long term, researchers suggest, a likely location for routine collection of such salivary samples is the dentist's office.

The funding comes from the NIH Common Fund, a program established to overcome obstacles in biomedical research that have hindered scientific discovery and its translation into improved human health. The money awarded to the school of dentistry comes from the fund's extracellular RNA communication initiative, which has awarded leading research institutes around the world a total of \$160 million to address the transformative potential of salivary diagnostics.

(Sources: UCLA School of Dentistry and the National Institutes for Health)



Extracellular RNAs, or ExRNAs, travel in body fluids and can be developed into biomarkers for disease, including various cancers. Photo/Provided by NIH Common Fund

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D. Walter Cohen: An iconic icon

By David L. Hoexter, DMD, FACD, FICD,
Editor in Chief

The American Academy of Periodontology will dedicate its annual meeting this year to Dr. D. Walter Cohen at a ceremony in Philadelphia on Sept. 29. This honor is more than well deserved and prompted me to remember the column I wrote about Dr. Cohen in the March 2010 Dental Tribune. Dr. Cohen recently spent time again coordinating the dental schools in Jerusalem, with the apparent theme, "Education to Peace." I hope you are able to attend the AAP meeting and the ceremony honoring this remarkable individual and friend.

Enjoy the column once again:

Each generation has a different concept or image of an icon of contemporary culture. D. Walter Cohen is such an icon of dentistry. He is a pinnacle of energy and accomplishment with a glitter of idealism. Even today, in his 80s, he will play tennis early in the morning before he practices periodontics at his office.

He understands the "gestalt" of life. For example, he talks about Dr. Harry Sicher, author of "Bone on Bones: Fundamental of bone biology," as not only being a great orthopedist but someone who loves music and catching butterflies as well.

Cohen makes the time and effort to enhance the lives of others and to encourage peace through education and understanding. Sharing his vision through unselfish seeds of giving, Cohen fertilizes the seeds with education and an interchange of knowledge.

With his nurturing, the seedlings grow into trees with strong roots and wide branches with spreading leaves. It is underneath the shade of these leaves that people learn and share knowledge.

He even manages to open eyes and ears that have been waxed shut through years of prejudice and ignorance.

In 1997, Cohen established the D. Walter Cohen Middle East Center for Dental Education in Israel at Jerusalem's Hebrew University. Today, it continues to set the

tone of learning for citizens across the world. It also allows for the exchange of dental students at Hebrew University with the students at the Al-Quds School of Dentistry in Jerusalem. This exchange illustrates true sharing between Israeli and Palestinians in Jerusalem by stressing knowledge, human compassion and understanding.

Cohen is a passionate man who has given the world a real opportunity to enhance peace efforts and change humanity through education and understanding.

Cohen is also helping to make strides in lowering the number of preterm, low birth weight babies. He is guiding the treatment and cure of periodontal disease during pregnancy, especially among pregnant teenagers.

This may be a major step in order to lower the number of preterm, low birth weight babies. A favorite phrase of his is that "we have to keep trying so we can break through the glass ceiling."

Cohen helped establish the University of Pennsylvania's first department of periodontics and served as its first chair. Growing from professor to dean, Cohen advanced new concepts and raised educational standards.

During his career he has found the time to write and publish 22 books and hundreds of articles. Despite his busy schedule, he finds the time to serve as dean emeritus of the University of Pennsylvania's School of Dental Medicine.

Among his many honors, he has received the Legion of Merit from France, was named president of the Medical College of Pennsylvania, chairman of the Pennsylvania Diabetes Academy, president of the National Museum of American Jewish History and chancellor emeritus of Drexel University College of Medicine. These are just a few examples of the awards and leadership recognition that he has received.

When I asked Cohen what he saw as his greatest achievement, he unhesitatingly replied, "my family." The response would likely be of no surprise to his daughters.

Proudly, he also described the wonder-



Dr. David L. Hoexter, left, and Dr. D. Walter Cohen at a function for one of the many charities Cohen supports. Photo/Provided by Dr. David L. Hoexter

ful family home in which he was raised, noting that his father was the first periodontist in Philadelphia.

It was clear from the way he spoke that the encouragement and love that his

family gave to him made it easy for him to give so much back.

If the question were posed to me as to who and what is an icon in dentistry, I would swiftly reply, "D. Walter Cohen."

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AAP meeting honors Dr. D. Walter Cohen

The program guide for the 2013 American Academy of Periodontology annual meeting opens with the statement, "This year's Annual Meeting is dedicated to Dr. D. Walter Cohen, world-renowned periodontist who has dedicated his life to the specialty."

A full page is then used to list a few of the many highlights in Cohen's storied career, including his role in establishing the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine's department of periodontics and serving the school as a professor, associate dean and, ultimately, dean.

The tribute closes with references to some of Cohen's more recent educational

activities and concludes with this update: "Dr. Cohen currently serves as professor emeritus and dean emeritus of the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. He continues to practice periodontics in Philadelphia, in the same practice his father, Abram, began 70 years ago."

The AAP Foundation Signature Recognition Event and Awards Ceremony, in honor of Dr. D. Walter Cohen, is Sept. 29 at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. The ticketed event helps support the AAP Foundation's education and research activities.

(Source: AAP)

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Attendees sign in at the National Dental Association centennial meeting in National Harbor, Md., in July. The meeting's theme: 'Preserving Our Legacy While Embracing the Future.' Among the many highlights: a wide variety of educational sessions and workshops, many worth C.E. credit, and a two-day exhibit hall. Photos/Eric Seid, Dental Tribune

National Dental Association celebrates centennial

100 years of advocating for oral health equity among people of color

The National Dental Association celebrated its 100th anniversary at its annual meeting, held July 26–30, at the Gaylord National Resort in National Harbor, Md.. The event marked 100 years since NDA

organized in 1913 to address the needs and issues of African American dentists, who because of segregated practices and racial discrimination were not allowed to join the white organizations of the era.

Among the many highlights at this year's meeting was the presentation of the NDA's Centennial Recognition Award to Henry Schein Chairman and CEO Stanley M. Bergman.

The mission of the NDA is to promote oral health equity among people of color by harnessing the collective power of its members, advocating for the needs of and mentoring dental students of color, and raising the profile of the profession in communities across the United States.

(Source: National Dental Association)

Right, Dovetta Johnson in the VOCO booth in the exhibit hall; below, an attendee gets a closer look at the offerings in the Glidewell Laboratories booth.



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AAP meeting's Town Square helps new, existing and non-members

American Academy of Periodontology 99th annual meeting is from Sept. 28 through Oct. 1

Any attendee at the upcoming annual meeting of the American Academy of Periodontology has an entire Town Hall available to find information about membership, member resources, the AAP Foundation, AAP Connect, local societies and more. (Previously the service was called "AAP Member Central.")

This year, the AAP and AAP Foundation are teaming up to deliver a Town Hall that they describe as being "a wealth of resources" in one central location. Whether you're picking up literature in the library, browsing the silent auction at the marketplace, listening to an informative presentation in the theater or relaxing in the city park, the Town Square promises something for everyone. Centrally located across from registration in the grand hall, the Town Square is designed to serve as a one-stop destination for everything one might want to know about the AAP and AAP Foundation. In addition to the detailed information, attendees will be able to find photos, giveaways, silent-auction bidding, presentations and more.

The AAP annual meeting, the organization's 99th, runs from Sept. 28 – Oct. 1 in Philadelphia.

Also held in conjunction with the meeting will be the Dental Hygiene Symposium, which is facilitated through the New Jersey Society of Periodontists and the Pennsylvania Association of Periodontists. Part of the focus of the half-day program includes topics covering instrumentation skills and the perio-systemic connection.

This year's welcome reception takes place in the National Constitution Center, open for attendees' personal touring — to the backdrop of music by The Return, a popular Beatles tribute band.

In addition to featuring the annual presidential address, the opening general session will feature former Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times reporter and author Stuart Diamond, who will talk about how mastering certain negotiating skills can help in the pursuit and achievement of goals.

A smartphone app is available to help attendees connect with exhibitors and colleagues. The app is available to Android, BlackBerry and iPhone users, and it functions in areas of poor Internet connectivity. There's also a Web-based version for all other smartphone platforms. Highlights include up-to-the-minute meeting notification on a dashboard, a schedule-at-a-glance, alerts, Twitter feed, exhibitor locator tool and local destination listings — with maps — for sight-seeing, dining, entertainment, shopping discounts and other attractions.

The meeting's various presentations are structured under broad headings such as: clinical technique showcases; continuing education programs; shorter, focused continuing education sessions;



A sunset view of Philadelphia, host city of this year's annual AAP meeting, highlights the contrast of new and old standing side by side. In the near-center of the photo is the bronze statue of the city's founder, William Penn, on top of the 511-foot City Hall Tower with its lighted clock. The newest major addition to the skyline is the Comcast Center on the right, the city's tallest building. Photo/B. Krist for GPTMC

general sessions; hands-on workshops; and innovations in periodontics.

Education tracks include imaging and emerging technologies, implants, interdisciplinary therapy, periodontal systemic relationships, periodontal plastic/oral reconstructive surgery, practice development and management, regeneration/tissue engineering and treatment of inflammatory periodontal diseases.

Back for its 12th year is the Corporate Forum, on Saturday, Sept. 28, featuring speakers and topics selected by sponsoring companies.

The exhibit hall hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday and Monday, Sept. 29 and 30, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 1.

Advance registration ended Aug. 5. Late registration ends Sept. 26, followed by a cost jump for onsite registration that will be available from Sept. 27 through Oct. 1.

Details about the meeting are available at www.perio.org.

About the AAP

The American Academy of Periodontology is committed to supporting the dental specialty and its service to the public. Its vision is to ensure periodontists are recognized as an indispensable part of health care for optimal health and quality of life. The organization's mission is to provide members the expertise and resources to enhance the evaluation and diagnosis of oral conditions, assessment of risk for future disease, and delivery of specialty periodontal non-surgical, surgical and medical care for patients. To accomplish this, it promotes advocacy, awareness, collaboration, education, leadership, outreach and science.

(Source: American Academy of Periodontology)

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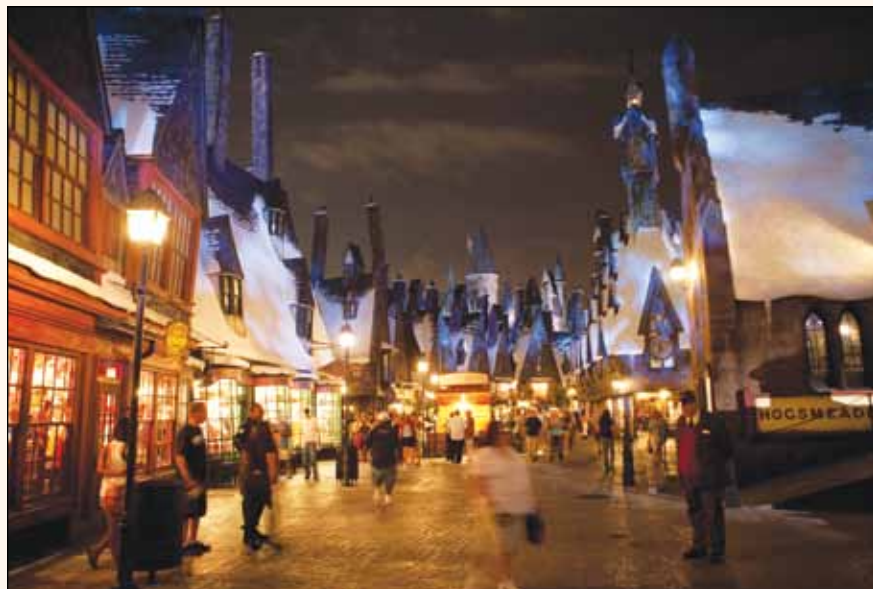
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SimWars competition one of many highlights at next AAOMS meeting

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons meets from Oct. 7–12 in Orlando



The President's Event at this year's AAOMS annual meeting takes place at Universal Orlando Resort. The evening includes exclusive access to Islands of Adventure, home to a variety of immersive lands, including the Wizarding World of Harry Potter (the shops of Hogsmeade are pictured). Photo/Provided by Universal Orlando Resort

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It sounds like a theme park attraction, but SimWars at the upcoming American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons meeting isn't just fun and games — it's a serious competition that advances operator emergency skills that save lives.

It's too late to register a team for the 2013 competition, which takes place on the second day of the Anesthesia Update preconference program at the meeting. But there's still plenty of time to make sure you're in the SimWars audience, which can be almost as exciting as being a competitor.

SimWars is an unscripted, simulated competition in which anesthesia teams work together to save the "patient" in an emergency situation. Following each simulation encounter, a panel reviews the scenario and debriefs the team. The audience participates via an electronic response system. The overall experience is described by meeting organizers as "an exciting, interactive event" for the teams and audience alike.

The 3.5-hour SimWars program includes an airway station, demonstration of various advanced airway devices with hands-on experience and two simulation stations where the participants will execute management of simulated emergencies in real time. To make the best use of the available time, participants are provided with a list of the "mock" drugs and equipment that will be available.

To learn more about the 2013 SimWars, or to see if you can still sign up as a substitute, contact the AAOMS continuing education and professional development division at conteducate@aaoms.org or at (847) 233-4377. Visit www.aaoms.org/orlando for overall meeting registration information.

Product theater in exhibit hall

The overall meeting is from Oct. 7–12 in Orlando, Fla., at the Orange County Convention Center West and Peabody Orlando hotel. The agenda comprises a symposia, abstract and poster sessions, open forums, CIG programs and an exhibition.

The exhibit hall is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Oct. 10 and 11, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12. A member pavilion in the exhibit hall is open during those same hours. In the pavilion you can learn more about AAOMS resources and services, including its career line.

Also in the exhibit hall, there will be Corporate Forums, which provide an opportunity to see, learn and discuss how the latest technologies and services can benefit your oral and maxillofacial surgery practice. Corporate Forum presentations are open to all annual meeting registrants. There is no fee, but space is limited.

A product theater in the exhibit hall provides an opportunity for oral and

maxillofacial surgeons and their staff to learn and discuss the features, value and benefit of various exhibitors' products. It is scheduled specifically so as not to conflict with the timing of any continuing education sessions. Again, there is no fee, but attendance is limited.

Individual session tickets are required for all clinical and hands-on courses. Daily passes are required for admission to practice clinics and professional allied staff courses.

Tickets and passes are obtained by submitting a completed registration form online, by mail or via fax.

Clinical courses

Tickets are required for all clinical courses, and attendance for each clinical course is limited. Attendance is determined on a first-come, first-served registration basis. AAOMS fellows/members will be given first priority. When registering for these clinics, indicate your choice in order of preference in the space provided on the registration form. Tickets may also be purchased on site, subject to space availability.

New day pass option

New in 2013 is a day pass for practice management and allied staff sessions. The day pass lets practitioners and their team members attend as many practice management/allied staff sessions as their schedule will allow for one daily registration fee. That eliminates the per-course fees that can limit your program options. With the new day pass, each team member pays one flat fee for unlimited choices, including: morning and afternoon sessions; a variety of topics that address the unique needs of a practice; and a diverse and renowned faculty of experts eager to share knowledge. All registrants must pay the general registration fee in addition to the day pass cost. Seating for these events is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Fun for entire family

The meeting's host city, of course, is well known for its abundance of theme parks, some of which will be hosting meeting social activities. Universal Orlando Resort will host the 2013 President's Event on Friday, Oct. 11. From 7–9 p.m., The Promenade of Universal CityWalk will provide dinner and beverage buffet stations and live music. At 9 p.m., guests will move to Islands of Adventure for exclusive access to the rides and attractions, including the Wizarding World of Harry Potter. Attendees will be able to explore Hogwarts castle and the shops of Hogsmeade. Rides include the Dragon Challenge, Flight of the Hippogriff and Harry Potter and the Forbidden Journey.

(Source: American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons)

130 speakers on agenda at Pacific Dental Conference

Topics include occlusion, nutrition, orthodontics, social media, oral pathology, pediatrics, management, more

The 2014 Pacific Dental Conference, from March 6–8 (Thursday, Friday and Saturday) in Vancouver, British Columbia, features a varied selection of open C.E. sessions, hands-on courses and a live dentistry stage.

The variety of topics covered by more

than 130 speakers means the entire dental team can access the latest information on dental technology, techniques and materials. Some of the speakers in the 2014 lineup include: Damon Adams, ceramics; John Cranham, occlusion; John Kois, occlusion; Sergio Kuttler, endodontics;

Tieraona Low Dog, health and nutrition; Derek Mahoney, orthodontics; Jesse Miller, social media; Samson Ng and Charles Shuler, oral pathology; Greg Psaltis, pediatrics; Rhonda Savage, practice management; and Chris Scappatura, practice management.

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Highlights

With the University of British Columbia Faculty of Dentistry celebrating its 50th anniversary, the PDC will present the "UBC Speakers Series," featuring UBC alumni addressing a variety of topics.

The Live Dentistry Stage is back on the exhibit hall floor, with demonstrations on Thursday and Friday. Saturday's "So You Think You Can Speak?" will feature 50-minute presentations by speakers who respond to the call for presentations and are accepted by the meeting's scientific committee.

The exhibit hall should be busy with more than 300 companies projected to fill approximately 600 booths. Exhibit hall hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday.

Registration and lodging

Special hotel rates are available to PDC attendees, with early booking recommended to ensure availability.

Reservations can be made directly with conference hotels through the links on www.pdconf.com. Registration opens Oct. 15 with early bird rates for all members of the dental team.

(Source: Pacific Dental Conference)

Next year's JDIQ meeting includes Association of Prosthodontists of Canada



Attendees at the 2012 JDIQ meeting work on pig jaws in a hands-on program with Dr. Pietro Di Batista and Dr. Michael Dib. Photo/Provided by Ordre des dentistes du Québec

More sessions expected on implants, restorations

Following what meeting organizers describe as a highly successful convention this past spring, planning is now in full force for the 44th edition of the Journées dentaires internationales du Québec, which will take place from May 23–27 at the Palais des congrès de Montréal.

At the 2014 meeting, JDIQ will host the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada. Among the results expected from this joint venture, which also involves the Association of Prosthodontists of Quebec, will be a larger number of top speakers in implant and restorative dentistry — and a presence at the meeting of a larger number of prosthodontists from across Canada.

The annual meeting of the Ordre des dentistes du Québec continues to be one of the highest-attended dental meetings in North America. In 2014, meeting organizers expect to host well more than 12,000 delegates from around the world.

The meeting will feature a scientific program with more than 100 lectures and workshops presented in English and French. The JDIQ meeting is described by organizers as being Canada's most highly attended bilingual convention.


More than 225 exhibitors will occupy approximately 500 booths in the exhibit hall, making it one of the largest in Canada. The exhibition will be open on Monday and Tuesday, May 26 and 27, and it will feature a continental breakfast on both days for the early risers as well as a wine and cheese reception to close out both afternoons.

Featured 2014 speakers already in the lineup include Drs. Dale Miles, Robert Langlais, Steven Olmos, Stephen Niemczyk, Manor Hass, Jonathan Bregman, Michael Di Tolla, Gerry Kugel, Karl Kerner, Joe Blaes, Jason Smithson, Brian Novy, Ken Hargreaves, Thomas Dudney, Robert Gutneck, Tieraona Low-Dog and James Mah, to name just a few.


For more information about the meeting, you can call (800) 361-4887, visit www.odq.qc.ca or send an email to congres@odq.qc.ca.

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