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## **Congratulations to the EIOH Clinical Programs Graduates**



Dr. David Schirmer, (right) trustee with the New York State Dental Foundation, presented Dr. Luis Boza with the Dean's Award.



The Rochester Section of the American Association for Dental Research Awards Center for Oral Biology faculty members Catherine Ovitt, PhD and Jose Lemos, PhD stand on either side of this year's winners: Isamar Rivera-Ramos and Yang Gao won The Michael G. Buonocore Award for outstanding scientific merit among oral and poster presentations by degree candidates. Wei Shao Lin, the Basil G. Bibby Award for outstanding scientific merit among oral presentations by non-degree candidates. Jin Xiao and Jin Zhou won the Bowen Award for outstanding scientific merit among oral and poster presentations in PhD or postdoctoral programs.



Dr. Chitvan Sharma earned the Bibby Fellowship Fund for Excellence Award.



At left, Dr. Alvin Amante with his wife Rhoda and their daughter Isabel.



Graduate Dr. Jennifer Haskell with her parents, Dr. Bruce Haskell (Ortho '75) and Joy Haskell, and boyfriend David Rivshin.



(l to r) Drs. Marcello Guglielmi, Lina Vega, Xiomara Restrepo, Catalina Morales, Munira Jiwani, Maricelle Abayon, Snehal Gajendra, and Fadi Alrashi, who earned the Handelman Award for Excellence.

#### On the Cover

Open wide! Dr. Maricelle Abayon prepares to treat a patient while Olga Kushch looks on at the new Eastman Dental Urgent Care clinic. Photo by Keith Bullis

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## EASTMAN INSTITUTE FOR ORAL HEALTH





The newly renovated Perio/ Prostho waiting room

As you may know, I will be stepping down as Director of the Eastman Institute for Oral Health at the end of June next year, when I will return to being a faculty member of this superb institution. I look forward to this change with excitement and great optimism about the future of the EIOH. This is an institution that has an illustrious past and is positioned well for future innovation and excellence.

The Medical Center's strategic priority is on translational research and EIOH is uniquely positioned to contribute significantly to that endeavor. We have outstanding basic and clinical scientists whose ability to collaborate and be innovative is facilitated by the Medical Center's NIH-funded Clinical Translation Science Institute. They are taking advantage of that! We are very proud that in 2009 the University of Rochester ranked 4th in NIDCR funding among Dental Schools in the USA.

The future of all institutions is dependent on having, and being able to recruit, talented and committed young faculty. EIOH is fortunate to have superb young investigators, educators and clinicians.

Our educational programs continue to attract outstanding applicants. For the 2010 class we had 910 applicants for 49 positions and our match results were excellent. The changes in the Master's program have been very attractive to our candidates with the translational research option. Dr. Jack Caton, Associate Director for Education and Dr. Rob Quivey, Associate Director for Research, are to be congratulated for their work in developing the new Master's tracks. Their collaboration is a model for the successful integration of research, education and clinical care in EIOH, an important aspect of our new structure.

Another example of this successful integration is the NIDCR training grant held in EIOH. Dr. Quivey, Dr. Koo and Dr. Thierer are re-competing for this long standing and successful NIDCR research training grant. An important aspect of this grant includes a collaborative program with a number of U.S. dental schools, allowing students to combine a PhD with completion of the final year of their DDS training in EIOH.

The clinical re-engineering initiative has made great strides, creating an environment more conducive to delivering high quality, multidisciplinary oral health care in a friendly manner. Come visit us soon to take a look at the outstanding facility changes. Most gratifying has been the cultural changes at EIOH. The "Eastman way" is the term we use to describe the culture we are shaping which values and treats everyone in a considerate, caring and respectful manner at all times. This environment is an important part of the informal curriculum and an ideal place to educate future dentists.

As always, I appreciate the opportunity to serve alongside you in continuing the proud Eastman tradition, and look forward to another amazing year.

Cyril Meyerowitz, DDS, MS

Director, Eastman Institute for Oral Health

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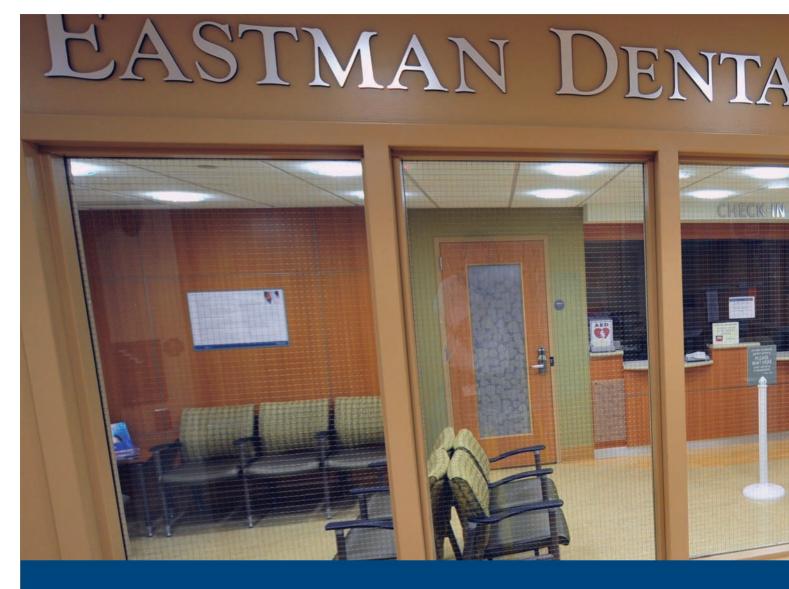
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## **New Urgent Care Eases Many Pains**



Eastman Dental Urgent Care is the only dedicated urgent dental care facility in the region, treating adults for acute tooth and gum pain, dental infections and abscess, broken teeth and other urgent dental issues.

Since Eastman Dental Urgent Care opened in the spring, all patients are seen faster, and emergency patients are benefiting from quicker and more accurate diagnoses, thanks to new, state-of-the-art equipment like cone beam x-ray technology. Cone beam provides 3D imaging with exceptional detail, and intraoral cameras and monitors in each

room to allow patients to see detailed images of their dental problems.

"General Dentistry is less chaotic now with fewer disruptions from walk-in patients, and residents, staff and faculty are enjoying a better environment for teaching," said Hans Malmström, DDS, chair, Advanced Education in General Dentistry.



Dr. YanFang Ren, Urgent Care Chief, treats an emergency patient while Pam Booth assists.





Dr. Maricelle Abayon shows dental assistants Vera Graham and Olga Kushch the source of the patient's pain.

As expected, Mondays and Fridays are the busiest, with 50 patients needing care, and a little less throughout the week, said Urgent Care Chief YanFang Ren, DDS, PhD, MPH.

Eastman Dental Urgent Care is the only dedicated urgent dental care facility in the region, treating adults for acute tooth and gum pain, dental infections and abscess, broken teeth and other dental trauma, or any urgent dental issues.

Care demands and dental emergencies have increased significantly with the limited access to dental care in the community, leaving an overwhelming unmet need for early and regular oral health care. As a result, Eastman Dental had long outgrown its space and was awarded a state grant to build the urgent care clinic and other renovations at the Elmwood Ave. site and Eastman Dental Downtown to increase capacity and upgrade facilities.

A majority of Eastman Dental patients have no regular source of dental care and depend on emergency clinics for their dental needs. "The new clinic, with seven private treatment rooms and English and Spanishspeaking receptionists on staff, not only improves our services, but also represents an opportunity to increase understanding about the importance of preventive dental care and oral health," said Ren.

"It is our goal to help patients understand the importance of disease prevention and make the transition from the urgent care system into the primary care system for their dental as well as general health needs," said Cyril Meyerowitz, DDS, MS, director of Eastman Institute for Oral Health.

In an effort to better personalize the patients' experience, more dental treatment plan coordinators and patient service representatives have been hired. They are trained incorporating new technologies, and to keep improving services, new patient satisfaction surveys are now used.

The new Urgent Care clinic and the renovated clinic downtown are just part of a larger, ongoing clinical re-engineering initiative to improve service.

Other renovations include a much more comfortable and larger waiting room and reception area for the Periodontics and Prosthodontics patients. The Pediatric Dentistry, Orthodontics and TMJ areas have an expanded waiting room, a new check-in/check-out desk to improve patient flow, as well as two new treatment rooms for Ortho/TMJ.

The last phase of the construction project is underway and includes a re-design of the General Dentistry waiting room and reception desk, four additional treatment rooms in General Dentistry, new entrance to the Farash Auditorium, a beautiful new Atrium and wider entrances to the building.

"The clinical re-engineering efforts are designed to improve operations and customer service and to attract more private pay patients to maintain financial viability," Meyerowitz said. "We're very serious about these improvements and will be measuring our progress in a variety of areas to ensure success."

## **Motorcycle Crash Victim Suffers Major Injuries**



Dr. Joseph 'Jay' Fantuzzo

**T**ens of thousands of people each year get injured in a motorcycle crash. Often, like in the case of Jim Goetz, the injuries can be extensive, and require the skills of various specialists working together to provide care.

Goetz was 10 minutes from his rural home outside Rochester, NY, when a large pick-up truck turned abruptly in front of his motorcycle, forcing him to hit the passenger side of the truck at 40 mph. Goetz was transported by Mercy Flight to Strong Memorial Hospital within 35 minutes of the accident. He was initially managed by the trauma service and spent the next three months at Strong enduring surgery after surgery.

He broke almost every bone in his face, separating the face from the skull base and fracturing the bones around the eyes, nose, and upper and lower jaws. He nearly severed his lower lip and suffered multiple facial lacerations, lost one of his front teeth and damaged many others. Additional injuries included a broken ankle and internal injuries.

The University of Rochester Medical Center's experts went to work. Orthopaedics and general surgery cared for lower extremity and internal injuries. Joseph 'Jay' Fantuzzo, DDS, MD, and his Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery team treated the facial injuries.



Patient Jim Goetz with his wife Tammy.

In the operating room under general anesthesia, Fantuzzo performed a tracheotomy for access to the airway and to allow for proper repair of the panfacial fractures.

A combination of intraoral and extraoral incisions were used for access to the facial fractures and to allow for reduction and fixation. Facial lacerations were repaired and his jaw was wired shut.

Four teeth were moved out of location due to extensive fractures of the upper and lower jaws. After a period of healing, Goetz's orthodontist placed braces to restore the occlusion and allow for proper replacement of the missing upper incisor tooth.

Fantuzzo bone grafted the area of deficient bone in the upper jaw in preparation for dental implant replacement which he performed at the appropriate time. Goetz's dentist restored the implant.

After a time, Dr. Fantuzzo also revised the tracheotomy scar to improve swallowing and aesthetics. "Dr. Fantuzzo not only made my tracheotomy scar look dramatically better, but improved my comfort and ability to swallow," said Goetz. "Dr. Fantuzzo did a phenomenal job with everything — from his skill, performance, attitude, and demeanor. I'm very pleased."

"Dr. Fantuzzo is the greatest, most compassionate doctor I have ever met," added Goetz's wife, Tammy Goetz.

Even though this accident happened a few years ago, the trauma changed his life forever. Jim has since stopped riding his motorcycle. He can't run, bike or water ski like he did before. He now gets body aches especially in his leg, when the weather changes. From an appearance standpoint, his wife says he looks exactly the same, but he notices a couple differences. He still has some numbness around his eyes and nose and his lower lip.

Jim and the other driver settled out of court, and he doesn't hold any grudges. "We're all human beings... we all make mistakes."

## **Getting Serious about Ethics**

The Eastman Institute for Oral Health Ethics committee was formed at the request of Cyril Meyerowitz, DDS, MS with two goals in mind: to serve as an Ethics Board to evaluate possible breeches of ethics at the Institute, and to provide programming related to the ethical practice of dentistry using the guidelines established by the American Dental Association, The American Dental Education Association, the American Student Dental Association, the American College of Dentists, and the Eastman Institute for Oral Health.

Co-chaired by faculty members Michael Yunker, DDS and Gabriela Ciornei, DDS, the committee is composed of resident representatives from each department at the Institute, as well as faculty representation from most departments.

Two programs have been presented since the committee was formed in late 2009. Cultural Diversity was the topic among presenters Rev. Allison Stokes, director of Religious and Spiritual Life at the University of Rochester, Kathleen Sweetland, University intercessor and coordinator of Disability Services, and Cary Jensen, senior counsel and director of the International Services Office. Mary Therese Biltucci, clinical research manager at EIOH, Erich Schmidt and Remi Arseneau, residents in the Periodontology Division, presented Ethics in Dentistry Today as related to research, education, and patient care.

"Another function of the Professional Ethics Board is to resolve issues regarding possible violations of the Code of Ethics," explained Yunker. "If there is a complaint concerning a possible violation, the committee calls both the accused and the accuser to a meeting. All aspects of the issue are discussed, and if a majority of the board members present feels that there is a valid complaint, two members of the board are appointed to investigate."

At that point, Yunker said, the entire committee then meets again to hear the case. The accused is permitted to bring one person as an advisor. The committee once again votes and the outcome is determined by majority vote. If the accused is found

guilty of the ethics breech, a penalty is determined by the board and this is communicated to the appropriate Program Director for implementation.

"Hopefully, the Ethics Board's main function will be educational rather than punitive," he added. "However, there are times during patient care or in the educational process when problems do occur and must be resolved based on the ethical principles that govern the profession."

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Michael Yunker, DDS

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## **Electronic Health Record is Here to Stay!**



axiUm Team members are (l to r) Bill Belecz, Diane Chiesa, Paul Edwards, Neha Naik

The University Dental Faculty Practice was the first to test the use of the axiUm Electronic Health Record (EHR) at the Clinton Crossings site. It was the first step for Eastman Institute for Oral Health as it moves closer to a complete electronic health record for all of its patients, and the second phase of converting to a single integrated Dental Information System. The first phase, completed in 2008, was the axiUm implementation for registration, scheduling, and billing and the Orthodontics module.

"The EHR provides a tool for office staff and providers to complete, view, and process all documentation on-line — in the axiUm Dental Information System — ultimately eliminating the need for paper records," explained Bill Belecz, axiUm project director. "Although the 'paperless office' is not yet a reality, the implementation of the EHR at Clinton Crossings has already demonstrated several improvements."

For example, the overall quality of care has been positively impacted by providing uniformity in patient record keeping through the use of standardized templates for operative notes and using electronic

forms to replace the paper versions of the medical history form and patient consent form, to name a few.

"Not only is patient information more readily available for those who need it, but since it is now electronic, legible handwriting is no longer an issue," he said. "Referral notes and letters from other offices are now scanned into the EHR and available immediately for providers, improving communications and eliminating the time looking for the paper versions."

Wayne Lipschitz, DDS, director, University Dental Faculty Practice, served on the pilot implementation team and has been pleasantly surprised with the transition to the EHR. "This was a project that appeared rather intimidating, and the anxiety to changing something familiar was certainly present," he said. "However, the transition was handled extremely well by the implementation team and all the users in the office."

As part of the EHR implementation, the Clinton Crossings site also implemented digital imaging. Through the use of two phosphor plate scanners and the Dolphin Imaging application, patient x-rays are now digital, eliminating the need for film. The Dolphin Imaging application is used to capture, view and store the digital x-ray, and is easily launched from within the axiUm application. A flatbed scanner has been installed to scan old film x-rays as needed.

As each area of EIOH fully implements the electronic health record, there will be additional benefits to dentistry as a whole. "Access to patient records at different sites is critical," says Lipschitz. "The ability to have electronic information available when patients present for treatment in different departments is incredibly important — this reduces the transportation of paper charts which in turn improves patient privacy and is more reliable when information is needed immediately."

The axiUm team is steadily working through an implementation process to bring each area of EIOH up on the electronic health record and the Dolphin imaging application by June of 2011.

"Each month, we are yet another step closer to the paperless office," Belecz said.

## **Community Dentistry's Impact is Strong and Wide**

**S**ince 1971, the often unnoticed Eastman Institute's Division of Community Dentistry and Oral Disease Prevention has been quietly making strides in better understanding oral disease, and working to reduce disparities among children and adults. Below are four projects that demonstrate the positive impact this division is having on the community at large.



Dr. Sangeeta Gajendra chats with HIV patient and Aids Care Center employee Alexander Foldvari after his exam.

Compared to the other disciplines within dentistry, dental public health is the smallest segment, with only 162 active diplomats with the American Board of Dental Public Health. Eastman Dental's Sangeeta Gajendra, DDS, MPH, assistant professor, is one of them.

Raised in India by her father, a dentist, and her mother, a doctor of homeopathy, she developed a passion for dentistry and helping the underserved. After earning her master's in Public Health from the University of Illinois and completing her dental public health residency in Albany, she came to Eastman Dental for the Advanced Education in General Dentistry program. She graduated in 2004, and has since worked in the Division of Community Dentistry and Oral Disease Prevention as associate director providing dental care particularly at Eastman Dental Downtown, Eastman Dental School 17 and the SMILEmobiles.

Gajendra has also started the process for an Eastman Institute for Oral Health residency program in Dental Public Health. "The vision I have for a unique residency program in Dental Public Health is to include a clinical component, which I believe is absolutely critical to be effective and successful in the field," said Gajendra.

In addition, she is leading two projects affecting vulnerable populations, children in foster care and those afflicted with HIV.

#### **HIV Patients and Oral Health**

Low scores in the dental component of a NYS DOH assessment prompted the AIDS Care Center to seek help a year and half ago from Eastman Dental to provide oral screenings and referrals.

This project's goal was two-fold: to assess the oral health status in HIV/AIDS patients at the Aids Care Center, including the prevalence of dental caries, periodontal disease and presence of oral soft tissue and mucosal lesions; and to determine oral

health related impact on quality of life in this population.

New York ranks second for HIV prevalence in adolescents and adults among 33 states with confidential name-based HIV infection reporting. About 3,380 cases are in Monroe County.

To date, Gajendra has examined nearly 200 of the Center's 640 patients, of which 99% had either treated or untreated caries

"More than half of the patients had not been to a dentist in the recent past," Gajendra stated. "The prevalence of soft tissue lesions commonly found in HIV patients has reduced drastically." This possibly could be due to HAART (Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy), which aims to stop any weakening of the immune system and allowing the body to recover from any damage that HIV already caused.

However, dental caries experience is high, especially those with untreated caries (88%). Only 2.4 % had healthy periodontal conditions, 42% reported going to the dentist only for emergency visits, and 51% reported they were anxious about seeing a dentist.

Roberto Baun Corales, DO, AAHIVS, medical director of Aids Care Center, attributes a few things to poor oral health among HIV patients.

"A combination of poor diet, missed follow up visits with their dentist and decreased access to a dentist is the most

likely reason," said Corales, who said the project is a mutual collaboration to bring the dentist to the patient. "We are trying to meet patient needs when they need it, and Eastman Dental Downtown offers a closer venue for some of my patients."

"Our preliminary findings clearly showed that a higher number of HIV patients reported greater oral health related impact on quality of life in terms of physical pain, socially and psychologically," Gajendra explained.

Despite being encouraged by the staff and providers of the AIDS Care Center to be screened by Gajendra, less than half of the scheduled patients showed up for their appointments. This rate improved slightly when an incentive was provided as a result of a supplemental grant from the Center for Community Health. Yet because half of the patients are still not showing up, Gajendra and her team believe there are other barriers accessing dental care that need exploration. Gajendra intends to apply for an NIH grant to explore these barriers.

"There is most definitely a high level of unmet oral health needs in this vulnerable population," Gajendra said. "Accessing dental care may not necessarily be an issue, but there may be barriers to utilizing it appropriately. This project is an opportunity to educate patients about the importance of oral health, especially with a compromised health condition, and provide them with the treatment they need."

#### **Foster Care**

For several years, Eastman Dental has been partnering with the Monroe County Department of Public Health for the ongoing oral health surveillance of school children, including a teledentistry project that's been underway for three years..

Monroe County Health Director Andrew S. Doniger, MD, MPH, decided to look at local children in foster care, to see if the local situation matches the national trend of about 35% with significant dental

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disease. He also wanted to determine if this population has a dental home.

Gajendra is leading the effort for this program, and to date has screened 80 of the 200 children she plans to see.

"Data developed by Dr. Gajendra have proven very useful in gauging dental health in our community," said Doniger. "Her recent work on dental health issues of children in foster care will be invaluable."



Dorota Kopycka-Kedzierawski, DDS



Lenora Colaruotolo, LMSW

## Teledentistry

One of the specific goals of this fiveyear National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research grant awarded in summer 2007 is to assess caries prevalence in pre-school children enrolled in inner-city childcare centers.

Leading the effort is Dorota Kopycka-Kedzierawski, DDS, MPH, principal investigator, who grew up in Poland in a family of chemical and electrical engineers. She completed the AEGD and Master of



Public Health programs at the University of Rochester in 2003 and has since worked in the Division of Community Dentistry and Oral Disease Prevention. She has an interest in preventing oral disease and improving of the oral status in the youngest patients.

She is a principal investigator of an NIH/NIDCR K23 training grant, provides patient care, contributes to the graduate courses at EIOH and supervises residents' research projects. Her research project is conducted in the collaboration with the Department of Pediatrics Health-e-Access program led by Ken McConnochie, MD.

Baseline caries prevalence was determined in a cohort of children 12-60 months of age. Eligible children were randomized into two groups: The first group received a traditional visual/ tactile oral examination and the second group received a teledentistry examination. Each child was examined for the presence or absence of dental caries in the primary dentition, as measured by the dfs index, (decayed, filled primary surfaces in the primary dentition). Currently, both groups of children are being re-examined at 6 months and 12 months after initial exam.

To date, 211 children have been examined, with approximately 29% of the children having active caries. These results are consistent with the caries prevalence in U.S. preschool children, which reported 28% of children ages 2 to 5 were caries active.

"Only a small proportion of the children with caries showed evidence of having been treated for caries," said Kopycka-Kedzierawski. "Referrals for preventive or restorative care were provided for all children participating in the study. The data, thus far, indicates that continued efforts to reduce or eliminate barriers and to improve oral health care utilization by inner-city preschool children are needed."

The broad long-term objective of the project, which has received international media attention, is to explore the full range of Teledentistry to reduce dental caries burden in Rochester preschool children and to enhance dental care utilization by preschool children and especially Hispanic and African-American children in whom caries levels are the highest.

"We are optimistic that Teledentistry will greatly enhance our ability to identify children with dental caries or who are at high risk of dental caries, at an earlier stage," she said. "Teledentistry has the potential to be a significant new resource for improving early diagnosis and referral for treatment of children who otherwise might not receive care in a timely manner."

## Increasing Awareness among Pediatricians

A five-year NY State Department of Health grant awarded in 2006 is a collaboration linking the pediatric dental clinic at Eastman Dental and the ambulatory pediatric primary care clinic at Golisano Children's Hospital. The goals are twofold: to improve communication between the pediatric primary care and pediatric dental care systems and further integrate oral health in urban pediatric primary care settings, thus increasing treatment for the number for low income children up to age 6 who have moderate to extensive dental disease.

Evaluation of this project,
Improving Utilization of Oral
Health Services for Underserved Children:
A Demonstration Project, showed that
referrals from the pediatric clinic more
than doubled following the integration
of outreach services, and perhaps more
important, the percentage of referred
children who entered care significantly
increased (11% pre-outreach vs. 35% postoutreach). Recent data reflect a continued
increase in the percentage of referred
children who entered care 51% during
the first year, 53% the second and
51% the third.

A new open access initiative, Strong Teeth, piloted in 2008, aims to expedite provision of dental exams for children (12-36 months) referred by Pediatrics following a well-child visit. Principal Investigator and EIOH Social Worker Lenora Colaruotolo credits Health Project Counselor Elise Linke-Judge with effectively partnering with pediatric medical residents and clinic staff to increase the number of referrals to pediatric

dentistry and facilitate entry into the dental care system.

"In the first year, 50 children presented to Eastman Dental as a direct result of the Strong Teeth referral program, and 248 children presented in the second year," said Colaruotolo. "Because of the program's success and to further improve the process, we plan to include a Strong Teeth referral form in the patients' charts for their 15-month well child check appointments."

Referrals from the pediatric clinic more than doubled after integrating outreach services.



## Gen Den Camaraderie at Handelman Conference

While the outstanding educational programs are extremely beneficial, it's not the main reason many of the 250 people attended the annual Handelman Conference — even from as far away as Mexico, Greece and Curação.

"The difference between hearing a good lecturer in another setting and attending the Handelman conference, is that apart from the educational opportunity, the camaraderie that has always been characteristic of the AEGD department — starting with Dr. Malmström and all the faculty, staff and current residents — makes you feel more than welcome, it makes you feel like you're back home," said Luis C. Paras F., DDS (AEGD '98).

Paras, who is in private practice in Queretaro, Mexico, has many fond memories of his residency program, including the cultural diversity, the willingness of instructors and residents to make the learning experience a lot more that a mere academic experience. "I look back at those days with affection and nostalgia," he said. "The trip back to Rochester was a great opportunity to re-live those days and get back in touch with so many friends."



(l to r) Drs. Tarnow, Handelman and Malmström

The annual Handelman Conference was started 16 years ago by Hans Malmström, DDS, chair, Advanced Education in General Dentistry, to pay tribute to Dr. Stanley L. Handelman and his 40-year career as an educator, researcher, mentor and friend. Handelman still comes to Eastman Dental to be involved in teaching and research and has attended almost all of the 16 conferences.

The two-day conference provides presentations and courses about new technology and procedures. The featured speaker was Dennis P. Tarnow, DDS, past professor and chairman of the Department of Periodontology and Implant Dentistry at New York University College of Dentistry.

"The scientific program was very appealing, and Dr. Tarnow's lecture exceeded the high expectations that I had for a learning experience," Paras added. The conference offers a variety of social events, including fine dining at Richardson's Canal House and a picnic, hosted by Malmström at his home.

"The picnic was a great success and we even had a soccer match that had players from more countries than the World Cup!" Paras said.

This was the fifth conference for Eric C. deBrabander, DDS, (AEGD '86), of Curacao, a southern Caribbean island, 40 miles off the coast of Venezuela. He shares a private practice with Dr. Leo Walters, who also attends. "Of course we come for educational purposes, but the main reason we come that far is social," he said. "I am good friends with some of the staff members, and enjoy spending time with Dr. Handelman, Dr. Meyerowitz and Dr. Malmström.

"One of the good things my residency did for me was that it taught me to think more academically and globalized my way of



(l to r) Drs. deBrabander, Handelman and Meyerowitz

looking at things," he explained. "While in Rochester, I did a study and wrote a paper that was published in the *International Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery*, of which I am proud. It opened the door to more publications and my involvement as a coach for students of the University of Groningen, Holland who do research in the Caribbean under my supervision."



(l to r) Drs. Marakigis, Paras and Kahn

Dimitrios Maragakis, DDS (AEGD '85) who is in private practice in Greece, has attended five Handelman Conferences.

"I always enjoy the conferences!" he said.

"Besides the outstanding level of dental education provided, the conference is a great

experience to make so many friends from not only the U.S. but also from around the world. Eastman offered a very cordial and cosmopolitan environment. Working and socializing in such an Institution was very beneficial in understanding different cultures and ways of life."

Richard Herbison, DDS (GenDen '72 MS '75), who was Dr. Handelman's first Master Candidate, said the conference "is a very high quality dental education at a local venue at a reasonable cost."

For the fourth time, the Handelman Conference was co-sponsored by the 7th District Dental Society, which represents the eight counties in the Seventh District Dental Society of New York. Also new this year is that alums who celebrated 5, 10, 15, 20 or more reunions since graduating from the program were honored with a gift, presented by Handelman, Meyerowitz and Malmström.

"The main reason to establish the Handelman Conference was to give the AEGD and other Eastman Institute for Oral Health alumni a reason to return to Rochester and catch up with their classmates, faculty, staff and friends," said Malmström, "but also to offer the current AEGD residents an opportunity to learn from highly regarded national and international dental educators.

"Next year, we are pleased to have Dr. John Kois as our speaker for the Handelman Conference," Malmström continued. "He is one of the world's most sought after speakers, so we are very pleased that he decided to visit us in Rochester for an all day lecture. We hope to have an even greater number of alumni attend the conference."



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— Luis C. Paras F., DDS (AEGD '98)





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#### Suggestions for Getting Full-Text Articles from Professional Dental Journals

One of the most common questions graduating students and residents have is if they can still access journals online.

"We know you have enjoyed downloading articles for free from Bibby Library," said Beth Kettell, EIOH librarian. "However, paid subscription agreements with publishers make it difficult to allow access after graduation. It is important to stay abreast of new information; therefore, we have put together a list of suggestions for getting full text articles and other dental information."

This information may be found on our website at http://www.urmc. rochester.edu/dentistry/education/library /alumni.cfm.

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If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Kettell at 585-275-3247, elizabeth kettell@urmc.rochester.edu.

#### The next All-Alumni Reunion will be held in the Fall 2012. Exact date and location to be determined.

#### **EIOH Lost Alumni**

We have lost touch with the Dentistry alumni noted below and would appreciate your help in locating them. We would like these "lost" alumni to receive Dentistry news, be invited to our national events, and give them the opportunity to network with alumni, faculty and friends. If you know how to reach someone who appears on our list, please contact us at 585-275-2767 or bherman1@admin.Rochester.edu

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## **Gifted Prof's Legacy is Love and Learning**



Dr. Marshall Deeney 1947-2010

It is difficult to describe a man who is larger than life itself. Marshall twice received the coveted Best Part-time Faculty Award. He was the person I and every ortho resident wanted to be when we graduated — successful in practice, a knowledgeable, respected faculty member, surrounded by a loving wife and family, and a 6-handicap golfer. His warm personality and quick wit always put you at ease and made you feel as if you had been friends forever. Marshall had a profound effect on both the professional and personal lives of so many orthodontic residents, and his loss has created a void in the orthodontic department that is simply impossible to fill.

— Ron Bellohusen, DMD, MS

**D**r. Marshall Deeney, beloved alum (Ortho '75) and faculty member for more than 30 years, passed away June 14 at age 63.

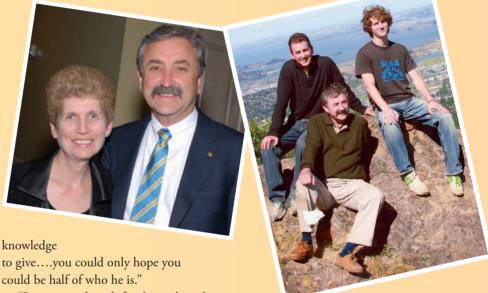
"He loved Eastman, and everyone here loved him," said Cyril Meyerowitz, DDS, director, Eastman Institute for Oral Health. "We're all devastated. Marshall contributed significantly to orthodontic education and will be sorely missed."

Dr. Deeney served as program director of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics program for the last three years. Dr. Deeney won many awards throughout his esteemed career, most recently the Iranpour award for excellence in clinical education last year and the American Association of Orthodontists faculty award in 2008.

He had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and was undergoing treatment. An outpouring of support on CaringBridge. org from students, patients, colleagues and friends conveyed how deeply he was admired, respected, valued and loved.

"Marshall played a significant role in our lives and he was very meaningful to all of us," said Dan Subtelny, DDS, MS, DDSc (Hon) acting chair, Orthodontics Division. "Our graduates are like my sons and daughters. I lost a very significant son."

"He was an amazing mentor, and so many looked up to him," said Renee Roland, DDS, one of Deeney's students. "He was an amazing orthodontist, clinically excellent and compassionate, with so much



"It seems as though faculty and residents consistently looked up to Marshall," said Len Fishman, DDS. "Everyone could always count on him to be fair and rational in a very calm and relaxed manner. Marshall spoke so well, dressed so well, always a strong leader. His family was especially important to him and was so proud of all of them. He often talked about his wife and his children. I learned so much from him."

Known for his contagious smile and signature moustache, Dr. Deeney was passionate about the field and especially teaching it, particularly biomechanics, one of the fundamental concepts in orthodontics.

"Marshall and I became friends in the early '80s when golf brought us together,"

remembered Ross Tallents, DDS, program director for Orafacial Pain. "Our friendship grew when we shared the same office. The conversations daily started with the Buffalo Bills, their draft picks and moved on to college basketball. I truly miss these conversations. Some day, we will be together and can start these discussions again."

"Marshall was a gentleman extraordinaire and a lover of life," said Linda Ferruzza, Orthodontics administrator. "He was so approachable and the most kind hearted person I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. We're all family here...this is a huge, loss."

The Deeney Family requested that memorials may be made to the Eastman Institute for Oral Health PO Box 278996 Rochester, NY 14627.

**Beatrice Bibby,** wife of the Eastman Institute for Oral Health's second director Dr. Basil G. Bibby, passed away April 11 at age 101.

Known for her hospitality, Mrs. Bibby would often invite students who were unable to go home during holiday breaks for meals and company. A strong advocate for the Eastman Institute for Oral Health, Mrs.



Mrs. Bibby

Bibby continued to attend events and offer support long after her husband passed away in 1998.

Mrs. Bibby was also known for her passion towards local government issues. She was

a long standing member of the League of Women voters where she held several leadership positions. "She truly was dedicated and a loyal member," said June Glaser, Bibby Library's first librarian. "She was a very bright, well informed person who always did her homework and was willing to take a stand on civic issues. She will always have a special place in my heart." Mrs. Bibby also served as president of the University of Rochester Women's Club.

Henry 'Bud' Rohrer (Prostho '75) passed away April 1. He enjoyed a career spanning more than 50 years, mainly through his private practice Dental Associates of Rochester. He valued education and made a generous bequest to support learning for future generations at EIOH, who will forever be grateful for his contributions as a prosthodontist and philanthropist.

Walter Johnson (Ortho '68)

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#### **Babies**

Send your baby news to becky.herman@ rochester.edu or contact us at 585-275-2767, and we will mail you a Future Dentist bib from the Eastman Institute family!

Abigail Florence Clark, born to Andrew Clark, DDS (Ortho '07) and his wife Marcie.

Valentina Lia Gomez was born to mom Patricia Gomez, DDS (GenDen '05.)

Adam McLaren, born December 17, 2009 to Sean McLaren (GPR '03, Pedo '06) and his wife Andrea McLaren.

Gabriela Ganoza, DDS (Pedo '06, GPR 04, Gen Den '03) recently welcomed a baby girl, Chloe.

Ortho resident Joe Dietrich and his wife Courtney welcomed daughter Allison on Jan 1.

Lauren Hood, DMD (Ortho '08) welcomed daughter Ava Linn this past spring.

#### Weddings

Genevieve Abi-Nahed, DMD (Ortho '10) married Yamil Reeves in Puerto Rico on Aug. 21.

Matt Battiste, DDS (Ortho '10) married pediatric resident Lindsey Scheer on Aug. 14.



Abigail Florence Clark



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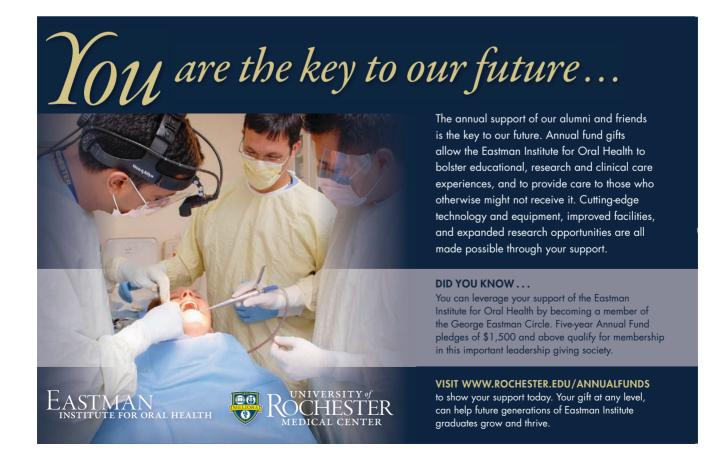
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Robert Berkowitz, DDS, chair, Division of Pediatric Dentistry, was an invited lecturer for the National Oral Health Conference in St. Louis in April, and the Northwest Center for Oral Health Disparities at

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Cyril Meyerowitz, DDS, MS, (GenDen '75 MS '79), recently presented at the Deans Institute in New Mexico on "Influencing Public Policy." He also spoke at the 2010 annual

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to orthodontics and other valuable and devoted services to the AAO and its membership.



Dr. Georgios E. Romanos

Georgios E. Romanos, DDS, Dr. Med.Dent.. PhD, has been named associate editor of Journal of Osseointegration. He was also elected Chair of the World Federation for Laser Dentistry

for the North American Division.

Joshua Souweine, DDS, a clinical instructor, is making his second trip to a remote area of Guatemala to offer free dental care. Sponsored by Dentistry for All, dentists donate their time and services and fund their own way to help those in need.

#### Constantine Stamatelakys, DDS,

(Perio '86) and The Milwaukee Study Club he founded in 1997 won the National Seattle Study Club of the Year Award, given to the club and its director that exemplifies excellence in providing educational experiences, exceeding club members' highest expectations of excellence and motivating them to learn more and do more for their patients and the dentistry profession.

#### Huw Francis Thomas, BDS, MS, PhD (PDC '78 MS '79), Dean of University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry Receives SELAM award — Society for Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine 2010 Award for Excellence for his contributions to the

development and promotion of women leaders in academic health care.

Gene Watson and Ron Billings at the ADA headquarters



Dr. Ram Vaderhobli

Ram Mohan Vaderhobli, DDS, MS (AEGD '06), Health Sciences Assistant Professor in the Dept. of Preventive and Restorative Dentistry at UCSF School of

Dentistry, won the 2009 Dugoni Faculty Award for his exceptional leadership, innovation, collaboration, compassion, philanthropic spirit and integrity in dental education.

Gene Watson, DDS, MS, PhD, and Ron Billings, DDS, were among the invited experts who served on a panel to develop a set of clinical recommendations on nonfluoride caries preventive agents, hosted at the ADA headquarters by the ADA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Current and former EIOH faculty also played a prominent role, in addition to Domenick Zero DDS, MS (GenDen '76, MS/DNS '80) and former COB faculty Robert Burne. Final recommendations will be published next summer.

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American Association of Orthodontists (AAO)Alumni and Friends Reception Chicago, IL May 13 - 17, 2011

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