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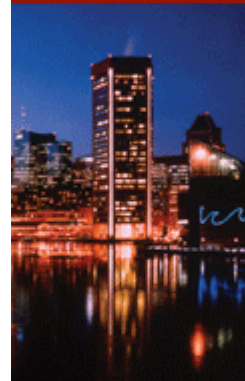
Refer a Colleague

There is no better time to recruit for Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) membership. The AGD's Refer a Colleague program recognizes and rewards members for their recruitment efforts throughout the year. Recruit the most new members and you could win prizes from gift baskets to concert tickets. The Top Recruiter will receive great prizes to be used at AGD2009Baltimore such as free registration, participation course voucher, and an additional ticket to the Premier Celebration. In addition, the Top Constituent Recruiter of Students will also be rewarded.

Have someone in mind? Fill out the AGD Referral Form and fax or mail it to AGD, and we'll contact your colleagues for you! Or send your colleague's information to membership@agd.org.

Contact the Membership Services Center at 888.AGD.DENT (243.3368) or membership@agd.org.

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Hot Topics

AGD Launches *KnowYourTeeth.com*

In 2007, the Academy of General Dentistry's (AGD) Board of Trustees approved funds that would allow the AGD to launch an image campaign designed to provide consumers and patients with a better understanding of general dentistry, better family oral health care, and to make it easy for the public to locate an AGD member dentist in their area.

Everyone knows that moms are the ones who make most of the decisions in American households today. So it's no wonder that "Mother knows best" when it comes to a family's overall dental and oral health care; however, busy Moms may not have known where to turn for help in finding such information.

Until now. Thanks to the AGD's *KnowYourTeeth.com*, "the Internet's single, go-to resource and authority for all things dental," says AGD President Paula Jones, DDS, FAGD. The AGD launched the new Web portal at the end of 2008 in an attempt to meet a growing need for accurate, accessible information in user-friendly formats. Please alert your patients to the new forum for dental interaction and education.

Mid-Level Oral Health Providers

History was made on May 13, 2009, as Minnesota became the first state to pass legislation allowing a "mid-level" oral health provider into state statute - enabling students who are educated under the Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioner (ADHP) model to become licensed to practice. The Minnesota state House and Senate overwhelmingly passed Senate File 2083, a bill establishing the Dental Therapist and Advanced Dental Therapist providers in the state. Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty signed the bill into law on May 16.

The new providers will focus their practice on care for underserved populations in the state and will administer educational, preventive, palliative, therapeutic, and restorative services. The bill is supported by the Minnesota Safety Net Coalition, which has taken the lead in advocating for a new provider. Proponents of the OHP, including the Minnesota Dental Hygienists' Association, have also lent support to the effort. The Minnesota Dental Association is not opposed to the legislation.

ADHA developed the ADHP provider model beginning in 2004 and finalized ADHP Competencies in 2008. Providers educated under the ADHP model build on their dental hygiene skill set by learning additional clinical skills and will also become competent in skills necessary to navigate the complex health care system, advocate for patients, and effectively manage a clinic or practice. The providers will focus on providing care to underserved patient population.

What's Happening

The 2009 OAGD Annual meeting was held Saturday February 9, 2009. Dr. Doug Lambert provided a full day CE on aesthetic dentistry, it was very informative and enjoyed by all. The OAGD would like to thank Burkhart, Heumann Dental Lab and Henry Schein for their time and sponsorship. In addition this year the AGD Region XII meeting was hosted by the OAGD. The OAGD would like to thank all of those who participated and made both meetings a great success.



Dr. Doug Lambert, CE Presenter
2009 Annual Meeting



Dr. Trent Yadon and Dr. Rob Muller
2009 Annual Meeting

2009 Officer Election Results:

President- Bob Melton DDS MAGD

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Executive Director- Patricia L. Webb

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Dentist's Day

Dentist's Day at the State Capitol was held Wednesday February 11, 2009. It was a great success and provided the opportunity for the dental community to meet with members of our state government to discuss the needs and concerns of the profession. In attendance was our own OAGD board members Dr. Dennis Morehart- OAGD legislative Officer and Dr. Susan Davis- President Elect.



OUCOD Lunch and Learn

The OAGD held a Practice Management Lunch and Learn Friday, February 27, 2009, at the OU college of Dentistry. Special Thanks to Midwest Dental who co-sponsored the event.



Dr. Rob Muller- OAGD Membership Chair
OUCOD Lunch and Learn



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ODA Annual Meeting

The ODA annual meeting was held April 23-25th in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The meeting was a great success and many enjoyed the innovative speakers while gaining valuable continuing dental education.

A Great Dentist Goes to Washington

A great dentist goes to Washington was held March 9-10 in Washington D.C. and was a great success. The government relations conference was attended by Dr. Dennis Morehart- Legislative Chair. More info can be found @ agd.org as a power point presentation titled Review of Federal Issues for Hill events.



Board Member Spotlight

Name: Crystal Phillips DDS

**Dental School/Year of Graduation: OU College of Dentistry Class of 2005
VA Residency Program Oklahoma City**

Family: Dusty Phillips- Husband

Location of Practice: Jay, Oklahoma

Type of Practice: I work full time for the Cherokee Nation and one to two days a week in private practice.

OAGD Info: I am in my second year with the Oklahoma AGD board. I am currently serving as the OAGD Editor and Vice President. My involvement is due to the fact that the AGD is such a powerful voice for the general dentist. In addition to the value of the AGD I have been privileged to work with a wonderful group of people who all share a love of dentistry and a commitment to the profession. I look forward to working with the OAGD for many more years to come.

Favorite aspect of dentistry: Procedure wise I like a mix of things. I find that dentistry changes and evolves everyday. The technology is pretty amazing.

Special hobbies and/or interests: As a dentist I find my hobbies and interests still sometimes incorporate dentistry, but living near Grand Lake boating takes a high priority during the summer months!

Share a special story or pearl of wisdom: I have been told more than once to never forget that we are all part of community in this profession. Organized dentistry is important so take the time to find your niche and stay involved. It is important for our future and for the future of those to follow!

Your Practice Management Section

Visit the new section of the AGD Web site featuring practice management resources like customized oral health fact sheets with the HTML code to embed them in your Web site. The new resource is found by clicking on the Practice Management tab at the top of the AGD home page or simply selecting the "Practice Management" button on the home page. This section of the Web site will include frequent updates throughout 2009 with new and exciting tools for our members, as a result of your participation in the 2009 Practice Management Survey. Check out the new section now.

The Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) is a professional association of more than 35,000 general dentists dedicated to staying up-to-date in the profession through continuing education. Founded in 1952, the AGD has grown to become the world's second largest dental association, which is the only association that exclusively represents the needs and interests of general dentists. More than 786,000 persons are employed directly in the field of dentistry. A general dentist is the primary care provider for patients of all ages and is responsible for the diagnosis, treatment, management and overall coordination of services related to patients' oral health needs. Learn more about AGD member dentists or find more information on dental health topics at www.knowyourteeth.com.

Contact: The AGD public relations department at 312.440.4308 or media@agd.org.

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OAGD Upcoming Events

Laser Certification Course- September 25-26, 2009 Dr. Robert Convessar

AGD Annual Meeting- July 8-12, 2009 Baltimore, Maryland

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