Drs. David Drake and John Warren Attend Symposium on Early Childhood Caries in American Indian and Alaska Native Children

Dr. David Drake, Department of Endodontics, and Dows, recently attended and presented at the Symposium on Early Childhood Caries (ECC) in American Indian and Alaska Native Children. Dr. John Warren, Department of Preventive & Community Dentistry, also attended the meeting, which was held October 20-22, 2010, in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Dr. Drake was a co-author on a presentation, “Cariogenic Bacteria in Severe ECC.” He also presented “Transmission of S. mutans in a Tribal Community” and talked about “1.0% flavored chlorhexidine gel.”

The symposium had two goals: one, to identify knowledge gaps which could impede progress in controlling and preventing severe ECC among American Indian and Alaska Native children. And two, to reach a consensus on the gaps in knowledge in order to reduce ECC for AI/AN children and offer strategies to eliminate the gaps.

The symposium was planned under the auspices of the Council on Access, Preventive and Interprofessional Relations. It was co-hosted by the American Dental Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics, and co-sponsored by Oral Health America with support from the DentaQuest Foundation.

(Left): A view of the 2010 Iowa Dental Foundation Mission of Mercy (IMOM), which was held November 5-6 at the US Cellular Center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Coming next week: more photos and detailed information!
Filling Station Notice:

On November 22 and 23, the Filling Station will be open from 7:30 am-3:00 pm. On Wednesday, November 24, the Filling Station will close at 2:00 pm.

Openings for Van Pool Riders

The Williamsburg van pool #3 has three 8 am-5 pm openings. They usually pick up riders at the Center for Disabilities and Development (CDD) and drop off riders at CDD and the General Hospital entrance.

If you are interested in joining this van pool, please contact Tammy Womochil, Commuter Programs (353-5770 or commuter-programs@uiowa.edu).

You may also contact Janice Burnham, Family Dentistry (335-7322) for additional details.

Recent Publications


Food for Thought

Dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish.

How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

War does not determine who is right — only who is left.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

A bus is a vehicle that runs twice as fast when you are after it as when you are in it.

Nostalgia isn’t what it used to be.

I used to be indecisive. Now I’m not so sure.

Money can’t buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.
Author ID Project

The National Library of Medicine® (NLM®) National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) is developing a system that will address the problem of ambiguous author names within PubMed and facilitate accurate search and retrieval of a participating author’s works. The specifics of PubMed Author ID, as the system is now known, are still evolving. It is currently envisioned that authors (or their designees) would register for the service through My NCBI and identify their research articles in PubMed using provided tools; this identification of articles will allow NCBI to link alternate names/spellings associated with an individual. The anticipated launch for PubMed Author ID is in mid-2011.

NLM has already laid the foundation for the system by developing a process for NIH-funded authors to identify their articles for grant reporting purposes. NLM expects to make PubMed Author ID interoperable with multiple external author ID systems, such as those developed by publisher groups, non-profit organizations, and other countries. NLM has not yet identified external author ID systems that it will incorporate in PubMed Author ID, but will work with outside groups as systems are developed.

Houchen Bindery

Pick Up & Delivery Schedule
November 15-18

Note: Some flexibility is needed due to distance traveled, customer service and route size. Please have orders ready by Monday noon. Routes are subject to change with advance warning.

Dental Filling Station
November 15-19

Monday
BBQ Chicken Sandwich and Chips $4.49
Soup du Jour $2.49 / $3.49
Salad Bar, Deli, Pizza & Paninis

Tuesday
Smoked Pork Sandwich & Chips $4.79
Soup du Jour $2.49 / $3.49
Salad Bar, Deli, Pizza & Paninis

Wednesday
BBQ Rib Sandwich & Chips $3.29
Soup du Jour $2.49 / $3.49
Salad Bar, Deli, Pizza & Paninis

Thursday
Taco Bar!!!
Chicken Strips & Ranch Dressing $4.29
Soup du Jour $2.49 / $3.49
Salad Bar, Deli, Pizza & Paninis

Friday
Cheeseburger with chips $4.49
Soup du Jour $2.49 / $3.49
Salad Bar, Deli, Pizza, & Paninis
Absences Due to Severe Weather

With the possibility of upcoming severe storms, it seems appropriate to seasonally remind departments of the University’s severe weather policy. Even when severe weather makes travel difficult, the University remains open because of many functions that cannot be halted. Employees should therefore make every reasonable effort to report to work, consistent with safety. Guidelines for handling tardiness or absence due to bad weather are listed in Part II, Division I, Chapter 22.3 of the University Operations Manual.

Time lost due to extreme weather conditions can be made up by arranging the following with the DEO/Manager/Supervisor, as applicable:

Employees may be authorized to make up the time absent through an alternate work schedule within the same work week to the extent an altered schedule is practical, feasible, and provides appropriate accountability.

Employees may utilize accrued compensatory time or accrued vacation, available, to remain in pay status; or be placed on leave without pay.

Employees may be authorized to perform work at home or an alternate location, to the extent such is available, practical, and feasible, and provides appropriate accountability.

The options outlined above should be available to all employees. Employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement should refer to their bargaining agreement for any additional terms or conditions provided therein.

Early Dismissal - During severe weather conditions, employees may be offered early dismissal. Time lost due to early dismissal must be handled consistent with the options outlined above. Only the President of the University has the authority to excuse employees without any provision for make-up of lost time.

Due to the concern for patient care, all clinical departments and units involved in patient care services will coordinate early dismissal of employees through the Associate Dean for Patient Care, Dr. Mike Kanellis or Director of Clinics, Dr. Ron Elvers. All other departments and units will coordinate similar action through the Dean’s Office, Dr. Jed Hand.

University policy requires that absence reports be completed for all time lost. In cases where the time missed is being charged to leave without pay, the hours missed should be recorded as code 24 (hours of absence without pay) on the employee time and leave record.

If you have a question about any of the procedures outlined above, please contact Dental Human Resources.
The Examined Life: A Literary Journal of the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine, is a new print journal published biannually by The Writing and Humanities Program at the Carver College of Medicine. A forum devoted to literary prose and poetry, the journal intends to deepen and complicate our understanding of healthcare and healing, illness, the human body, and the human condition. Working at the intersection of science, medicine, policy, and the literary arts, the editors of The Examined Life Journal recognize that the practice of medicine and the practice of being a patient are filled with ambiguity and contradiction and that each medical encounter is fundamentally a human encounter.

With this in mind, we invite submissions of previously unpublished, original works of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry.

**Submission guidelines:**

Submissions should be previously unpublished works of non-fiction, fiction, or poetry, generally less than 5000 words, concerned with any aspect of healthcare and healing, illness, the human body, the human condition.

**How to submit:**

One submission of prose and no more than three poems per submission. Please do not submit new work until contacted regarding previous submissions.

Send by email attachment to submissions@theexaminedlifejournal.com and include—name of author, word count, author bio (less than 200 words), mailing address, and author email.

In the subject line of the submission include the name of the category for which you are submitting—fiction, non-fiction, poetry.

We will consider simultaneous submissions, but ask that authors email us immediately if their work is accepted elsewhere.

**Deadline:** The close for submissions is 5 p.m. (CDT), Wednesday, December 15, 2010.

For additional information, go to http://theexaminedlifejournal.blogspot.com/.
The University of Iowa History of Medicine Society
Invites you to hear:

Mark Waddell, Ph.D.
Assist. Prof. Lyman Briggs College and the Department of History, Michigan State University

Speak on:
Viper's Flesh and Unicorn's Horn:
The Quest for a Magical Panacea

Friday, November 19, 2010, 5:30-6:30
Room 401, Hardin Library for the Health Sciences

For centuries, physicians, alchemists, and astrologers sought the universal panacea, a cure-all that would eradicate disease and prolong life. In their efforts to unlock the hidden secrets of nature, explorers scoured the farthest reaches of the known world and returned with the horns of unicorns, the roots of deadly mandrakes, and tales of mysterious, ancient remedies used in the Arabic world. Winding its way amidst accusations of fraud, quackery, and diabolical sorcery, this is a story about the foundations of modern medicine and our own, modern quest for the ultimate cure.

Upcoming Presentation:

If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation in order to participate in this program, please contact Donna Hirst, Hardin Library for the Health Sciences (donna-hirst@uiowa.edu), 335-9154. The UI History of Medicine Society website is located at: http://hosted.lib.uiowa.edu/histmed/
UI and Palmer College
Jaw Pain Study Invites Participants

People age 21 or older with chronic jaw pain classified as temporomandibular disorder may be eligible to participate in a clinical research study investigating whether the Activator Chiropractic Technique can reduce head and neck pain and the need for prescription pain medications, and improve quality of life.

The collaborative study involves the University of Iowa College of Dentistry, the UI Institute for Clinical and Translational Science's Dental Clinical Research Center, and the Palmer Center for Chiropractic Research at Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport.

Study participants will be randomly assigned to one of four different treatment groups. Participation, including follow-up, will last six months and involves examinations and treatment at the UI Dental Clinical Research Center. Participants assigned to chiropractic care will be referred to a private practice in Coralville. All examinations and treatment are provided free of charge.

For more information, contact the UI Dental Clinical Research Center at 319-335-7387 or 319-335-6763.