Dr. Gustavo Avila-Ortiz Receives $82,500 Osteogenics Biomedical Research Grant

Dr. Gustavo Avila-Ortiz, associate professor in the Department of Periodontics, received an $82,500 research grant from Osteogenics Biomedical, Inc. (Lubbock, TX) to conduct a study entitled “Clinical, Radiographic and Histologic Evaluation of a Novel Alveolar Ridge Reconstruction Approach in Post-Extraction Dehiscence Defects: A Case Series Study.” The purpose of this clinical study is to evaluate the treatment of severe dehiscence defects in extraction sockets using a minimally-invasive guided bone regeneration (GBR) technique that involves the application of a particulate bone allograft and a non-resorbable polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) membrane.

Dr. Marian Antonious, a second-year resident in the Department of Periodontics, will participate in this study as co-investigator. She will use the results of this project to complete the requirements to obtain her M.S. degree in 2018.

Other co-investigators include Dr. Georgia Johnson, DEO, Department of Periodontics; Dr. Chris Barwacz, Department of Family Dentistry and Iowa Institute for Oral Health Research; and Dr. Veeratrishul Al-lareddy, Department of Oral Pathology, Radiology and Medicine.

This study is currently ongoing and is actively recruiting patients; Mr. Richard Barwacz, Iowa Institute for Oral Health Research, is the study coordinator.

International Tooth Fairies

Ratoncito Pérez is a popular figure in Spain and Latin America. Much like the Tooth Fairy, he leaves gifts and coins for children who have lost teeth.

In Chile and Costa Rica, parents make charms out of lost baby teeth and give them back to their kids.

In the United States, Canada, England and Australia, the Tooth Fairy collects the tooth and leaves a treasure from her basket for the child to find in the morning light.

In Argentina and Sweden, boys and girls leave baby teeth in glasses of water for Magical Mouse to pick up.

In Russia, children hide their lost teeth in mouse holes.

In Egypt, children wrap their lost teeth in tissues and throw them at the sun.

Children in Colombia and South Africa leave lost baby teeth under their pillows or in a slipper.

In China, children throw their upper teeth onto roofs. If the teeth come from the lower jaw, the children throw them down onto the ground.

In the Philippines, the Tooth Rat asks children to leave lost teeth on windowsills.
A Dental Patient and the Kindness of a Stranger

For kindness begets kindness evermore,
But he from whose mind fades the memory
Of benefits, noble is he no more.
(Sophicles)

A woman recently came to the Dental Business Office reception window to ask Lori Chalupa about emergency care; she had three teeth that were painful. The woman was very fearful of going to the dentist and the only reason she was at the College of Dentistry was because her boyfriend was being seen in Admissions emergency and he had encouraged her to be seen also. Says Lori, “She was obviously in distress … more so because of her fear than the pain she was experiencing.”

Lori registered her (Note: for patient privacy, we’ll call her Anne) and offered to make an emergency appointment for her on the following Monday, but because her boyfriend was being seen that day, Anne asked if she could also be seen during the same time.

When Lori explained that her insurance card would not cover the charges and she would have to pay out of pocket, Anne burst into tears. Despite Lori’s reassurances that the Dental Business Office would work with her regarding charges, Anne remained distraught and asked to have her appointment canceled.

A woman sitting near Lori and Anne overheard the conversation. She asked how much the emergency exam would cost and was told it would be $38. The stranger turned to Anne and asked her, “Will you let me pay for your exam?” Anne and Lori were both speechless … Lori asked the stranger how she would like to pay and the woman put down a $100 bill. Lori and Anne both broke down crying. Anne thanked the woman several times. The woman put an arm around Anne and said, “All I ask is that you pay it forward.” Anne said she would.

“After all that,” recounts Lori, “Anne was pretty wiped out and decided to keep her original emergency appointment for Monday afternoon. I told her I would be looking for her and tried to allay her fears – that she had come to the right place and that we have some of the most patient and compassionate dental clinicians.” Lori added that if she ever had any fears or concerns, she should not hesitate to voice them.

“It has been a long time since I’ve witnessed anything like that,” says Lori. “I feel privileged to have been a part of it. I couldn’t go back to my desk immediately as I needed to compose myself. Thankfully, it was a happy cry!”
On Saturday, February 18, the Student Affairs Office hosted the University of Iowa, Iowa State University and the University of Northern Iowa’s Pre-Dental Clubs. Approximately 40 students attended to learn about updates in the application process from director of Dental Student Admissions, Rachael Kowbel; hear wisdom from alumnus Dr. Greg Gilbaugh; tour the building; take impressions; learn about the Office of Iowa Practice Opportunity from program director, Deb Hoyle; and gain an understanding of specialty opportunities from residents Dr. Matt French (Prosthodontics), Dr. Kaitlin Hoogeveen (Pediatrics), Dr. Zachary Goettsche (Endodontics), Dr. Sheila Daniels (Orthodontics), and Dr. Kelsy Tengan (Periodontics). The event concluded with a Q&A at the Airliner, with current dental students, pizza and soda.

Lizzie Axell (D3) & Rachael Kowbel advise the Pre-Dental Club.
College of Dentistry Sugary Drink Display Continues to Promote Popular Discussion during Health Fair

During the March 1 UI Student Health Fair, which was held at the UI Rec Center, the sugary drink display at the College of Dentistry booth remained a popular point of discussion. Barb Standish and Ann Synan, Clinic Administration, staffed the booth and talked with students who swore they would cut back on pop consumption. One upperclassman proudly announced that after seeing the College of Dentistry display two years ago, she quit drinking soda cold turkey!

A freshman said she had received a toothbrush from the College of Dentistry during the President’s Block Party last August and she was delighted to receive another “much needed” one at the fair. (The same student also received a reminder to return to her dentist for a recall!)
Recent Publications


Lend a Hand to a Co-Worker

Due to a serious medical issue, Sherry L. Harris, our College of Dentistry custodian from Facilities Management, will soon exhaust her sick leave and vacation. Anyone who wishes to help Sherry by contributing vacation time can go to https://hr.uiowa.edu/sites/hr.uiowa.edu/files/contrib.pdf. Once the form is completed, please send it to the Benefits Office, USB. Any contributions of one hour or more on Sherry’s behalf will be truly appreciated.

Filling Station Notice

For Spring Break (March 13-17), the Filling Station hours will be Monday-Friday, 7:30 am-2:00 pm.

Houchen Bindery Schedule
March 20-23, 2017

The above dates reflect Monday-Thursday pickup and delivery. Please have orders ready by Monday at noon. Routes may change without warning.

Enjoy the Galapagos Islands Vicariously!

If you missed Dean Johnsen’s travel presentation about his trip to the Galapagos Islands, you can still enjoy his photos — go to: https://intradent.dentistry.uiowa.edu/galapagos-2017.

Attention ADEA/AADR Attendees:
Request for Hotel Shampoos/Soaps

For those of you who will be attending either the ADEA or AADR meetings in March, please consider bringing back your extra hotel shampoos and soaps so they can be given to our Muscatine Clinic.

You may drop them off in a designated box outside Penni Ryan’s office (N348 DSB).

Dental Filling Station
March 13-17, 2017

Monday
Gourmet Macaroni & Cheese $6.00
$1.00 Fountain with any Purchase
Soup du Jour $2.65 / $3.65
Deli & Paninis

Tuesday
Pork Tenderloin Sandwich & Chips $4.75
$1.00 Coffee with any Hot Breakfast
Soup du Jour $2.65 / $3.65
Deli & Paninis

Wednesday
Cheddar Bacon Chicken Sandwich & Chips $5.00
$1.50 Granola Bar & Yoplait Yogurt
Soup du Jour $2.65 / $3.65
Deli & Paninis

Thursday
Chicken Strips with Ranch Dressing $4.75
$2.00 Breakfast Sandwich
Soup du Jour $2.65 / $3.65
Deli & Paninis

Friday
Cheeseburger & Chips $5.30
2 for $2.50 on 20 oz. Coke Product
Soup du Jour $2.65 / $3.65
Deli & Paninis

Shueyville Vanpool Opening
(8 am-5 pm)
Please contact Beth Wolf (beth-wolf@uiowa.edu)

Cedar Rapids Vanpool Opening
(8 am-5 pm)
Please contact Steve Luckman (steve-luckman@uiowa.edu)
Spring clean your closet

International Women’s Day
(March 8, 2017)

Clothing Drive: March 6-10

In honor of International Women’s Day, the College of Dentistry Diversity Committee and AAWD are collecting gently used women’s work clothes (*especially white shirts and black pants*) in all sizes for the Shelter House. The Shelter House offers support services, including job training, to help people get back to work and move beyond homelessness.

Look for the container for collecting clothes in the 3rd floor link.
An evening with David J. Skorton

Education and What We Value:
How STEM and the Liberal Arts Nourish Each Other

Thursday, March 30, 7:30 p.m.
Hancher Auditorium
Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses
Faculty and staff are reminded of the following policy regarding work-related injuries and illnesses:

- All faculty and staff must complete a “First Report of Injury” form for ANY on-the-job injury. This electronic form can be found on Employee Self Service - on the “Personal” tab; under the “Benefits” header (half-way down the center column); last item “Workers Compensation-First Report of Injury”.

- All faculty and staff members must be initially treated at UI HealthWorks, 3 Lions Drive in North Liberty (off Hwy 965), for any work-related injury or illness. **EXCEPTION: care needed as a result of needle sticks, blood borne pathogens, and infectious diseases will continue to be provided by the University Employee Health Clinic at UIHC.**

UI HealthWorks is open Monday through Friday 8 am to 5 pm and the University Employee Health Clinic, Clinic A is open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4:30 pm. If possible, please phone UI HealthWorks (356-3335) or the Employee Health Clinic (3-8653) prior to arriving for treatment.

When UI HealthWorks or the University Employee Health Clinic is closed, the UIHC Emergency Treatment Center should be used. You must inform the Emergency Center staff that you are requesting treatment due to a workplace injury. Emergencies are considered to be the sudden, serious and unexpected onset of symptoms that require immediate medical care.

**Please carefully note the following important fact:** any initial treatment for a work-related injury or illness received outside of UI HealthWorks, the University Employee Health Clinic or University Hospital Emergency Center will not be covered by either Worker’s Compensation or your University health insurance plan. If you have questions, please contact Dental Human Resources at 5-9650.