The American Dental Association awarded Dr. Susan McKernan a new grant, “Dental Quality Alliance—Adult Measures Testing.” The amount awarded was $69,515, and the project starts January 2018 and runs through February 2019. The research team will be analyzing Iowa Medicaid data to test proposed dental performance measures that have been developed by the Dental Quality Alliance (DQA). In particular, they will evaluate information on the number of adults who visit an emergency department for non-traumatic dental conditions, the rate at which those patients follow-up with a dentist after a visit to the emergency department, and the percentage of adults with diabetes who received oral health care services.

Dr. McKernan explained, “This project will test the feasibility of newly proposed performance measures.” She indicated that being able to “objectively assess outcomes across insurance plans is critical for making comparisons and for quality improvement initiatives.”

The DQA is an organization of major stakeholders, including specialty, research, and insurance organizations, that aims to advance performance measurement as a means to improve oral health, patient care, and safety. The research team includes Dr. McKernan (PI, Preventive and Community Dentistry and UI Public Policy Center), Dr. Elizabeth Momany (UI Public Policy Center), Dr. Peter Damiano (Preventive and Community Dentistry and UI Public Policy Center), and Mr. Jason Wachsmuth (UI Public Policy Center).
**DSB Weekly Submissions**

If you have news/photos you would like to submit to the *DSB Weekly*, please send them to Michael Tilley (jmtilley@uiowa.edu).

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**Recent Publications**


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**Helpful Links**

Website for Local AADR Research Day

*The Latest Research News*

Filling Station Menu

**Dentistry in the News**

Dr. Thomas Schulein, Emeriti Operative Dentistry, has been restoring old sewing machines. The Press-Citizen recently published an article about his new hobby.

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**Notables**

- Dr. Teresa Marshall is serving on the search committee for the next Dean for the College of Liberal Arts and Science.
- Dr. Justine Kolker is serving on the search committee for the next Vice President for Research and Economic Development.
- Interested in diversity at UI? Please fill out this survey.
- Dean Johnsen is giving a lecture on critical thinking March 7, 12-1pm, at the University Capitol Center, 2520D.
Are you looking for something fun to do over the noon hour? Have you been dying to show off your awesome JUMP ROPE skills? Well, this is your chance!!

On Friday, February 9 over the noon hour, all are invited to face off against Dean Johnsen in the College of Dentistry’s 2nd Biannual Jump Rope Contest!

Each first place winner in each contest will take home an Amana Ham from Dean Johnsen.

The three contests include:
- Skip on Alternate Feet
- Skip on One Foot
- Skip on Both Feet at the Same Time
Noon Seminar Presentation

“From Morphology to Dysmorphology: Investigating the Complex Genetics of Craniofacial Form in Humans”

Galagan 14B DSB
Wednesday, February 14, 2018
12:00 – 1:00 PM

Seminar Credit/CE Credit available

Seth Weinberg, BA, MA, PhD

Associate Professor,
Department of Oral Biology
School of Dental Medicine
University of Pittsburgh
Join the University of Iowa effort to stop Iowa’s opioid epidemic

The Office of Research and Economic Development is assembling a team of researchers and isid approaches for tackling one of society’s most pressing, deadly, and costly health crises.

Apply by February 14 to attend a free Ideas Lab April 9 - 11 and share your ideas. open to faculty and research staff

https://tinyurl.com/opioid-ideas-lab

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College of Dentistry Diversity Committee

BISHOP DEBORAH KIESEY
RETIRED UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION

“Lessons from a Polio Survivor—Challenges in Accessing Healthcare”

Thursday, February 15, 2018
12:00 – 1:00 PM
Galagan B DSB

Pizza for the first 60 people
Student Seminar Credit Provided

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MEDICAL FOOD FOR THOUGHT
The medical issues of patients with anorexia nervosa & bulimia nervosa

Philip S. Mehler, MD, FACP, FAED, CEDS

February 27, 2018
12:00-1:00 pm, Galagans A/B
Lunch provided to the first 70 participants

Dr. Mehler is the Executive Medical Director & Chief Medical Officer of the Eating Recovery Center in Denver, Colorado

Target Audience: Faculty, Dental Students, Residents and Staff who attend will receive 1 hour of CE Credit

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