The University of Iowa Department of Orthodontics
“Advancing Orthodontics, One Smile at a Time”

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Progeny, a genetic data management software product, will house the patient specimen and pedigree information. Its database fields can be custom designed to accommodate various research projects. Barcoding capability will enable a user to produce a numbering system and track specimens in freezers. Housing RNA and DNA samples from saliva, tissue and tooth samples in Progeny will enable UI faculty and scientists to request patient information on particular medical issues (e.g., periodontitis or diabetes).

"The associations between oral health and systemic health are well documented," says Dr. Allareddy. "The combined data repository has the potential to take this area of research to the next level. Some of our team's recent studies (published in Bone Marrow Transplantation, Journal of Evidence Based Dental Practice, etc.) have shown that those having dental lesions, such as gingivitis, periodontitis, periapical abscesses, etc., are associated with higher hospital charges and length of stay in hospitals. These patients are also at a higher risk for developing infectious complications following complex surgical procedures."

"Integrating dental and medical records via the combined repository will enable us to examine multiple health-related outcomes at the level of each individual patient, hospital, and society as a whole," Allareddy adds. Better communication between physicians and dentists, he believes, will result in the improved health of patients and communities by creating an inter-professional collaborative practice model that integrates oral and systemic health care delivery. This project, he says, may provide a “causal pathway” for determining the impact of oral health on systemic health (and vice versa), eliminate health disparities, and improve access to care.

In keeping with the 1996 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), information taken from patient records will be limited to only what is necessary for a research project. Each project will require the approval of the University of Iowa Institutional Review Board (IRB).

The Biorepository project’s researchers, Dr. Azeez Butali, IOHR, and Department of Oral Pathology, Radiology and Medicine; Dr. Arwa Owais, Department of Pediatric Dentistry; and Dr. Veersathpurush Allareddy, Department of Orthodontics, are already benefiting from the combined datasets. "To date we've been able to merge data for about 250,000 individuals," says Butali. "This dataset will support our R21 grant, which is studying the impact of systemic diseases on oral health, and our Precision Medicine Grant in 2017. We'll be able to recall subjects with existing data for biological samples, to improve health outcomes." Karen Kluesner and Amber Marolf are collecting the saliva, teeth and tissue samples. Karen calls Progeny "the Cadillac of databases" and says, "It's important to think ahead, to anticipate what types of information researchers might want in the future." In talking with different departments at the CoD, the biorepository management team has received positive feedback about using the project's big data for possible future research projects.

Dr. Allareddy agrees and envisions many future research projects. "This is an exciting time to conduct big data analyses," he says. "The possibilities are numerous."
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Drs. Eric Bell, Tom Welk, Clint Wire, Tommy Cryar, Lina Alsibaie, Kirsten Frazier, Nick Pappas

Drs. Wendall Stuntz, Carney Loucks, Brad Hoppens

Drs. Teresa Salina-Hugg, Karin Southard, Judy Demro

Drs. Kyle Mann, Matthew Croco

Drs. Lee Willham, Willie Olin
Dr. Brad Edgren was inducted as a Fellow of the International College of Dentists (ICD) at its Annual Convocation in Atlanta, Georgia on October 19, 2017. The ICD was established in 1920 to recognize dentists and dental specialists who have proven “outstanding professional achievement, meritorious service and dedication to the continued progress of dentistry for the benefit of humankind.” Nominated dentists and dental specialists from around the world are selected for ICD membership by a confidential peer review process. Dr. Edgren is the author of 23 clinical and research orthodontic publications, involved in current orthodontic research and has lectured more than 30 times to multiple universities and orthodontic conferences across the United States and abroad.

Dr. Edgren is board certified by the American Board of Orthodontics, an author and international lecturer on clinical orthodontics, advisory editor of Orthodontic Practice Journal U.S., member of the prestigious Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontists, and a Fellow of the American College of Dentists. He maintains his full-time practice in Greeley.

Meet our Grad Crew

Dr. Eric Bell - From: Little Falls, MN, Dental School: Creighton, Hobbies: Spending time with my wife (Jess), daughter (Charlie) and dog (Sherlock). When not with the family, I enjoy golfing, basketball, soccer and the occasional ping pong game.

Kirsten Frazier - From: Bourbonnais, IL, Dental School: UIC, Hobbies: Spending time with my family & friends, playing volleyball, reading, running & swimming.

Paul Hechler - From: Kansas City, KS, Dental School: UMKC, Hobbies: Golfing, marathon running, playing with my two dogs (Nike & Dave), planning my wedding with my soon to be wife, Liz.

Thomas Welk - From: Bismark, SD, Dental School: University of Iowa, Hobbies: Spending time with my wife (Morgan) and 2 year old son (Greyson), golfin and hanging out with friends.

Clint Wire - From: Olympia, WA, Dental School: University of Utah, Hobbies: Skiing, motorcycles, sports, running & spending time with friends.

Lina Alsibaie - From: Chicago, IL, Dental School: University of Louisville, Hobbies: Read, play cards, cook (and eat), spend time with family and friends.

Sam Christensen - From: Waterloo, IA, Dental School: University of Iowa, Hobbies: Golf, cooking with my wife, Natalie, spending time with our dog Ari.

Tommy Crary - From: Minneapolis, MN, Dental School: University of Iowa, Hobbies: Working out, golf, DIY projects, camping and volleyball.

Austin Foster - From: Des Moines, IA, Dental School: University of Iowa, Hobbies: Lifting weights, swimming, golf, reading, volleyball and impersonation-based comedy.

Nick Pappas - From: Poquoson, VA, Dental School: VCU, Hobbies: Working out, burritos, spending time with my wife and two dogs.