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Martin Steigner, DDS
CSPD President

I hope the summer months find our members busy, happy, and taking time to enjoy the workplace as well as leisure time activities. Your board, officers, and committees have been busy representing you and the children we serve. I will quickly review some of the highlights of CSPD's activity since spring. Understand that the following are highlights of a few of the bigger issues, as all of our board, committee chairman and their committee members have been very active on your behalf.

CSPD presented a symposium at the CDA meeting in Anaheim that was tremendously popular. The conference room was standing room only for both the morning and afternoon sessions. Kudos goes to Estela Sanchez and the Continuing Education Committee for organizing this endeavor, and to Santos Cortez, the moderator. The speakers did a fantastic job representing our specialty. They are Jim Crall, Francisco Ramos-Gomez, Dick Mungo, Paul Reggiardo, David Rothman, Richard Sobel, and Jacob Lee.

Our Strategic Planning Session is scheduled for September. This plan is revisited every third year, and this is the third year. The organization and facilitation will be done in house by our own committee. This all-star group is Mel Rowan, Lonnie Lovingier, Paul Reggiardo, Santos Cortez, and Lynne Marian. They would like input from the membership though. Please let us know if you have some ideas, differences of opinion, or want to influence the direction CSPD takes for the next few years. We plan to encourage this input by a blast email survey. However, if you do not receive an email survey, don't hesitate to send us your concerns and suggestions.

I am highly encouraged about the work of Paul

Morris and the Child Advocacy Committee. With the help of Paul Reggiardo and Tom Lenhart, we are making progress in two aspects of in-office general anesthesia coverage. As of this writing the Healthy Families Program Advisory Panel has recommended the proposal developed by Paul Reggiardo to MRMIB (Medical Research and Medical Information Board which oversees and manages funds and projects involved in public health service). This is a big step for coverage for eligible patients. MRMIB will hear this proposal in late July. Further, Paul Morris and the taskforce on insurance coverage for in-office general anesthesia developed a resolution seeking a legislative remedy to this access to care issue. Hopefully this will lead to medical reimbursement for anesthesia benefits available when dental services are provided in the dental office setting.

On the legislative front, our former Oral Health Assessment effort (AB 1077-Chan) died in appropriations committee last year. On the positive side though, it has been resurrected as AB 1433 (Emmerson) in a slightly revised form and with an interested sponsor. The real positive side of this is the Governor's budget includes \$4.4M for this measure. \$2M was also provided for DentiCal/Healthy Families for this purpose as well. AB 1433 passed the Senate Education Committee unanimously. Hopefully this will become a reality soon. We recognize and appreciate assemblymen Bill Emmerson and John Laird for their support.

There are other bills of which you should be aware. SB 1403 (Scott), which changes the Denti-Cal radiograph requirement, passed the Assembly and now goes to the Governor's desk. SB 1541 (Ducheny) passed the Assembly Business and Professions Committee. Oddly, the resistance to this bill, the dental assistants work-experience pathway, or on-the-job training bill, comes from various dental assisting associations and the California Dental Hygienist's Association. Unfortunately AB 2775 (Daucher) died in the Appropriations

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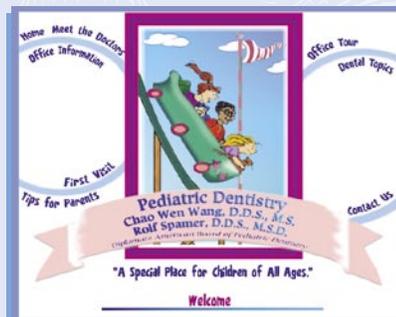
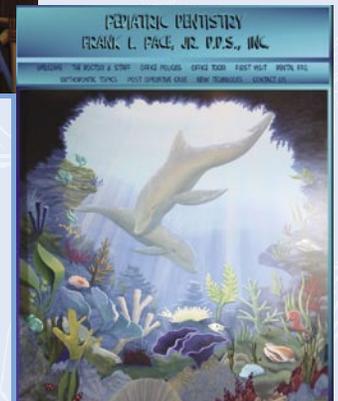
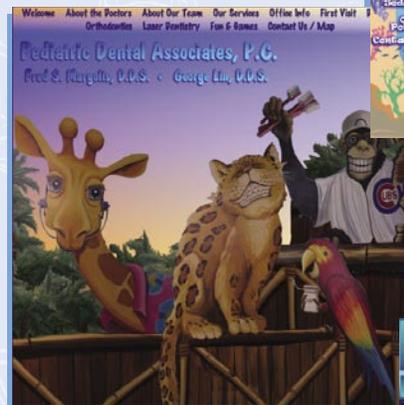
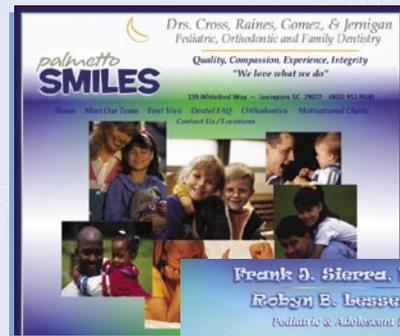
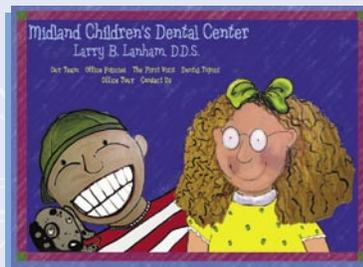
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Built in 1924, the former Olympic Hotel has a long history of hosting dignitaries, and individuals of influence, not only from the United States but around the world. Presidents, Kings, Queens, Princes and Princesses and other world leaders, as well as celebrities of every sort have sampled the hospitality of the hotel. Its interiors and exterior have been featured in multiple movies including, most recently *The Fabulous Baker Boys* (1989) and *Disclosure* (1994).

The Fairmont Olympic's Italian Renaissance architecture speaks of a past time of elegance and refinement.



Spanish Steps off of the main lobby

Accented with high, arched Palladian windows, the edifice is constructed of brick with terra cotta trim rising from a base of granite. It opened as one of the largest structures in the country built of steel and reinforced concrete. Artisans were brought to the site from throughout the world to complete the hotels lavish finishes. The hotel was furnished with extravagant European antiques. The result of such grand design and attention to detail was to establish the property as Seattle's premier venue for civic, business and social gatherings; a distinction that it retains today.

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AAPD DISTRICT VI NEWS CSPD REPORT

By: Joel Berg, DDS

Dick Mungo deserves a standing ovation for his tremendous work as District VI trustee over the past three years. Dick, I thank you for your kind words and for the standard of excellence you've established for me. I like to know what is expected of me going into a new situation, and you have clearly set the bar high. It is a challenge I will accept with greater ease having the pathway carved so nicely for me. You left behind the best of all reputations and expectations – when you speak, there is something meaningful to say. I will learn from this and will try to follow suit as I assume the role of representing District VI, and in a big part, the Pediatric Dentists of California.

Much has been accomplished over the past several years in the district. Several states have either organized or are actively organizing their groups of practitioners, and are formulating state-specific entities. One of my major goals over the next three years is to create a clearly established and appropriately active state entity within each state and province in our district. The organizational structure you have established and maintained within the CSPD is to be admired, but is more than is possible or necessary for the other states and provinces in our district. I will seek your advice going forward on the appropriate level of infrastructure necessary to maintain a thriving organization within each area.

There are many issues facing the AAPD, its practitioner members and certainly members of the CSPD. Included at the top of this list of issues must be access to care and the related topic of access to a dental home. Although it is good to finally have achieved a profound level of awareness regarding oral health and disease in children (in a major way because of efforts of the CSPD), it is now clear that many groups and organizations are more than interested in providing ideas, assistance and even their own efforts toward implementing solutions. The challenge for us is to clearly spread our important messages of dental home, age one dental visit, etc., while maintaining the support and energy of all care providers and communities of interest. We must continue to articulate better ways of spreading these messages without diluting the impact by having “too many fingers in the solution pot”. I've heard this concern expressed more than many times, and in many venues. Whenever awareness is raised extensively regarding any health care issue, particularly over a relatively short period of time,

there is a high risk of diluting our collective effort and therefore collective impact by creating too many different solution pathways, while not effectively implementing any of them. The AAPD and its CSPD members are THE recognized voices for children's oral healthcare matters. We must continue to create, publish and disseminate evidence-based policies and guidelines that are looked upon as the ultimate source of information regarding any children's oral health issue.

I am honored to be the Board of Trustees liaison for both the Council on Clinical Affairs and the Council on Scientific Affairs. The interface between these two important councils is critical in smoothly translating the most current science into clinical practice. I will work hard to facilitate the great work of these councils to allow rapid transfer of the most current science into the hands of every practitioner as quickly and as accurately as possible. I also know that AAPD President Phil Hunke is pushing the agenda of making sure that Pediatric Dentistry and its experts are always the sought after representatives in establishing the research and scientific agendas of the most impactful federal funding organizations. He has asked several scientific leaders amongst us to provide their guidance and vision to organizations that establish agendas for funding and which determine the course of research expenditures going forward for our country. I am certain these efforts will be fruitful in the future in creating pools of money whereby the best scientists and clinicians can explore important areas of research related to the comprehensive challenges of dental caries in children. Americans spend over \$80 billion on dentistry each year, and nearly \$50 billion of this is related directly to treating the “effects of dental caries”. With so much being spent on dental caries, there is a strong point to be made about funding research in dental caries in children – where it all begins.

I just attended my first complete meeting of your Board. It was a great learning experience to hear the many important issues before you and to enjoy the benefit of a well established and well run organization. I look forward to working with the CSPD over the next 3 years. I am open to suggestion, ideas, and any form of input at any time. Whatever I can do to serve you better is what I want to hear most. I can be reached at joelberg@u.washington.edu or 206-543-4885.



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Pediatric Dentist Advisory: Mumps Outbreak Prompts New CDC Immunization Recommendations for Healthcare Providers

Reported by Paul Reggiardo, DDS



*Paul Reggiardo, DDS
Public Policy Advocate*

In response to an alarming increase in the incidence of mumps in the United States, especially in the Midwest where health officials have labeled mumps outbreaks an “epidemic,” the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in June issued revised mumps vaccination guidelines. Chief among the new recommendations is that all healthcare workers, including dental professionals and their clinical and support staff, should be made immune to the mumps virus. The updated criterion for acceptable presumptive evidence of immunity for healthcare workers is defined as documentation of adequate vaccination of two doses of live mumps virus vaccine as follows:

- For persons born during or after 1957 without other evidence of immunity: two doses of a live mumps virus vaccine (minimal interval between doses 28 days).

- For persons born before 1957 without other evidence of immunity: one dose of a live mumps vaccine. In outbreak settings (such as in the Midwest where over 4,000 cases have been identified so far this year) these same persons should receive the two dose regime.

Previous recommendations assumed that healthcare workers born before 1957 were immune

to mumps because of earlier immunization schedules and compliance. The new guidelines reflect updated realities. The concern of the CDC is not only the welfare of healthcare providers and their staffs (mumps is usually a fairly mild viral infection, although it can occasionally produce serious complications in adults), but the prevention of mumps transmission in healthcare settings. Healthcare workers dealing with particularly susceptible populations (preschool and elementary school children are in this category) are especially advised to adhere to these recommendations.

The ACIP is advising that “health care facilities should now consider recommending a dose of live mumps virus vaccine for unvaccinated workers born before 1957 who do not have a history of physician-diagnosed mumps or laboratory evidence of mumps immunity” and that during a local outbreak, “consideration be given to administering a second dose of alive mumps vaccine to adults born in 1957 and later.”

Other recommendations include revised immunization schedules for children 1-4 years of age and for adults at low-risk. Members seeking additional information on the CDC/ACIP recommendations are referred to the MMWR Early Release June 1, 2006 at <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5522a4.htm>

Children and Special Needs Patients to Benefit

Passage of Senate Bill Lessens Denti-Cal Administrative Burden

Reported by Paul Reggiardo, DDS

With the signing into law of Senate Bill 1403 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger June 30, as of January 1 dentists providing care to children under four years of age and to patients with developmental disability of any age, will no longer be required to obtain detailed or extensive pretreatment radiographic documentation in order to be reimbursed for restorative services under the Denti-Cal program. Whereas existing law requires the submission of pretreatment radiographs on posttreatment claims when four or more restorations are provided in any 12-month period, new regulations for these two patient groups will stipulate that radiographs or photographs indicating decay on any tooth surface shall be considered sufficient documentation to establish the medical necessity for all dental restorative treatment provided.

Dentists have long argued that the existing x-ray requirement was an unnecessary hindrance to providing care under the Denti-Cal program for these two patient populations. Very young children and patients with disabilities are frequently unable

to provide the level of compliance or cooperation necessary in obtaining diagnostic quality intraoral radiographs. The resulting denial --- or fear of denial --- for provided services because the x-ray documentation failed to meet Denti-Cal criteria for clearly illustrating dental disease was widely regarded as increasing access problems for patients who, because of the challenges involved in their treatment, already faced difficulty securing willing Denti-Cal providers.

CSPD vigorously supported the passage of SB 1403, providing written testimony in both houses of the state legislature and documentary evidence to the Department of Health Services. CSPD argued that the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry’s Guidelines for Clinical Care recognized situations in which a dental radiograph may ordinarily be indicated, but for which a diagnostic image in a particular situation cannot be obtained. In these instances, the dentist must give proper consideration to the risks and benefits of treatment options, including the placement of a dental restoration.

*CSPD provides
written testimony
in both houses of
the state legislature*

2005-2006 California Legislature Second Regular Session
Bills of Interest to CSPD
as of July 18, 2006

Editor's Note: CSPD is recognized as the respected voice of pediatric dentistry in California and this keeps our Public Policy Advocate, Dr. Paul Reggiardo, very busy. Dr. Reggiardo provides helpful information allowing CSPD to voice its opinion on legislative bills affecting pediatric dentistry. This article highlights two examples of this vital effort. To see a complete and current list of bills affecting pediatric dentistry, visit www.cspd.org.

AB 1077 (Chan) Children's Oral Health Assessments

The current version of this bill would require students enrolled in a public school to obtain, while in kindergarten, second, and sixth grades, an oral health assessment by a licensed dental health professional, unless the parent or guardian declines for specified reasons. It would allow the school to withhold the report card for non-compliance. It would require schools to send a yearly compliance report to the county public health department.

CSPD Position: Support

Outcome: Died in Committee

AB 1268 (Oropeza) Specialty Advertising

This bill was introduced after a court decision last year (*Potts v. Dental Board of California*) found current law regarding advertising of dental specialty status to be an unconstitutional restriction of speech. Specifically, the court ruled it unconstitutional for the legislature to attempt to define what constitutes specialty training or qualification. This law would take a different approach and require, instead, that (1) a non-specialist practicing in an ADA-recognized specialty area must disclose that he or she is a general dentist and (2) a dentist practicing or claiming specialty in an area not recognized by the ADA must disclose that the specialty area and any certifying board in that area are not recognized as such by the ADA.

CSPD Position: Support

Outcome: Died in Committee

AB 1334 (Salinas) RDHAP Scope of Practice

Would broaden slightly the scope of practice of a Registered Dental Hygienist in Alternative Practice (RDHAP), allow the RDHAP to employ and supervise Registered Dental Assistants, and, most significantly, remove the current requirement that a patient must present a prescription from a dentist or physician to be treated by a RDHAP.

CSPD Position: Oppose, unless amended to include safeguards reflecting the need and value of linkage to dental diagnosis and therapeutic care

AB 1433 (Emmerson) Oral Health Assessments

This bill, similar to AB 1077 which failed earlier this year in the Assembly, would require students entering the public schools in either kindergarten or first grade to present evidence of having received an oral health assessment by a licensed dental health professional no earlier than 12 months prior to initial enrollment. Parents would be given a standardized form by the school which could be used for the purpose of the assessment, or on which the parent could indicate why such an assessment could not be completed.

CSPD Position: Support

AB 2284 (Jones) Foster Care Preventive Health Assessments

Under existing California law, when a child taken into temporary custody as a dependent child of the Court is in need of medical, dental or other remedial care, the assigned social worker or the juvenile court may authorize that care. This bill would additionally require prescribed health and dental assessments and that an appropriate referral be made when chronic or acute health care needs are suspected. Specifically, the bill would require semiannual dental assessments by a licensed dentist, including preventive and restorative care beginning at age one. A child under age one would be referred to a dentist if during a preventive health assessment an oral condition is detected, suspected, or found. The bill would extend Medi-Cal benefits to these children until the age of 21.

CSPD Position: Support

AB 2560 (R-Thomas) Public School Health Center Program

This bill establishes a Public School Health Center Program within the Department of Health Services (DHS) to coordinate efforts of the state's 140 school health centers. It requires the California Department of Education (CDE) to provide technical assistance to facilitate and encourage the establishment of health centers in public schools. It establishes an oversight advisory committee on which a "dental health professional" is an elective appointment.

CSPD Position: Support

AB 2775 (Daucher) Denti-Cal Anesthesia Services

This bill would require that dental anesthesiologists, who are paid for services through the Denti-Cal program, be reimbursed at a rate equal to that of medical anesthesiologists providing similar sedation and anesthesia services under the Medi-Cal program.

CSPD Position: Support

Outcome: Died in Committee

"These bills are significant to us as pediatric dentists "

Editor

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AB 3071 (Chan) Dental Disease Prevention Programs
Existing law authorizes Community Dental Disease Prevention Programs (CDDPP) to offer preventive dental education, screenings, and preventive services, including application of dental sealants and topical prophylactic (fluoride) agents, as approved by the Department of Health Services, to specified pre-school through sixth grade and special needs populations. This bill would make certain technical changes to emphasize evidence-based and age-appropriate services and allow auxiliary dental health professionals to provide these services within the scope of their licenses.
CSPD Position: Watch

SB 299 (Chesbro) Licensure by Credential
Existing law provides that a dentist with a valid dental license in another state, active in clinical practice or full-time teaching in 5 of the 7 preceding years, and meeting certain other requirements, may be granted a license to practice dentistry in California. Existing law also allows a dentist with at least two years of practice experience (including that obtained in residency training) to fulfill the remainder of the five year requirement by practice in California under a special permit in a specified public health clinic or accredited dental education program. This bill would provide that the five-year clinical practice requirement may be met by the applicant contracting to practice dentistry full time for two years in a specified licensed primary care clinic, or teach two years in an accredited dental education program. The bill is co-authored by Emerson in the Assembly.
Emergency Statute.
CSPD Position: Support **Outcome: Signed into Law and effective 1/12/06**

SB 683 (Aanestad) Dental Licensure by Post-Graduate Education
Present law authorizes the Dental Board of California to license a dentist if he or she has successfully passed an examination recognized under statute (either that of the DBC itself or the Western Regional Examination Board) or holds a valid license in another state and qualifies for state licensure under various provisions of licensure by credential (LBC). This legislation would allow a dentist having graduated from a CODA-accredited dental school, and who has successfully completed a clinically based postdoctoral general practice or specialty dental residency program of at least one year's duration in a hospital or dental facility accredited for teaching purposes by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, and meeting certain other minimal requirements, to be licensed without having to take an examination.
CSPD Position: Support, if amended to remove specialty dental residency programs as qualifying post-doctoral education.

SB 912 (Ducheny) Medi-Cal Provider Reimbursement
Existing law requires the Director of Health Services (DHS) beginning January 1, 2004 until January 1, 2007 to reduce all Medi-Cal provider payments (and certain other payments including those to managed care plans) by 5%. Other law (AB 1735, Chapter 719 of 1975) eliminates the authority of the DHS to impose this reduction for services provided January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2005. This bill would eliminate the 5% reduction for Medi-Cal program services beginning 14 days after the effective date (signing) of the bill and ending January 1, 2007. The bill would exempt from elimination payments to managed health care plans.
CSPD Position: Support **Outcome: Signed into Law and effective 3/2/06**

SB 1403 (Scott) Denti-Cal Claim Submission Documentation
Existing law requires the Department of Health Services to require submission of pretreatment radiographic documentation on posttreatment claims when four or more restorations are provided in any 12 month period. This law would change the submission requirement so that required radiographic documentation would be retained in the patient chart rather than submitted with the post-treatment claim. For beneficiaries under four years of age, or who are developmentally disabled regardless of age, radiographs or photographs, maintained in the patient chart, that indicate decay on any tooth surface would be sufficient documentation to establish necessity for all treatment.
CSPD Position: Support **Outcome: Signed into Law 7/7/06; Effective 1/1/07**

SB 1472 (Figueroa) Dental Hygiene Bureau
This bill would create the California Dental Hygiene Bureau in the Department of Consumer Affairs, which would assume responsibility from the Dental Board of California (DBC) and the Board's Committee on Dental Auxiliaries (COPMDA) for the licensing, regulation, and discipline of Registered Dental Hygienists. The bill would also extend the sunset dates of the DBC.
CSPD Position: Oppose

SB 1541 (Ducheny) Registered Dental Assistants Licensure
Under existing law, the Dental Board of California (DBC) is required to license as a Registered Orthodontic Assistant, Registered Surgery Assistant, or Registered Restorative Assistant, a person who has satisfactorily completed specified courses approved by the Board. This bill would retain an alternate pathway to such licensure by 12 – 18 months work experience, passage of a Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) examination, and passage of a practical examination. The law would impose certain requirements on the certifying dentist providing such on-the-job training, including completion of a six-hour course in teaching methodology and payment of a fee to the Board. The law would also specify that candidates qualifying for licensure through formal education would also be required to pass a written and practical examination.
CSPD Position: Support

Upcoming Continuing Education Courses

On September 23, 2006, Blueprint for Success will be presented. This is a practice management course co-sponsored by Matsco for all new CSPD pediatric dentists and all those interested in starting a new practice, improving existing office design or marketing strategies. The registration forms have been mailed.

On November 10-11, 2006, Current Topics in Pediatric Dentistry will be the subject for the 14th Annual CSPD Auxiliary Course. It will be held in the North at the Embassy Suites, Burlingame, CA and in the South at the Sheraton Cerritos, Cerritos, CA. This course, presented by Dr. Michael Ignelzi, is designed specifically for the auxiliary and will cover prevention and the use of chemotherapeutic agents, pulp therapy, and the latest guidelines for conscious sedation. All member dentists are encouraged to send their staff to an informative and entertaining day of lectures specifically for

the clinical pediatric dental assistant.

For your convenience, you can access course information and download the registration forms for these courses from the CSPD website, www.cspd.org.

The continuing education committee has as one of its charges, the responsibility of developing CE programs for its members and auxiliary staff. We welcome suggestions for course content and speakers as we look forward to preparing the curriculum for 2007. We also wish to encourage any member wishing to lecture at any future programs to submit a course proposal for consideration by the committee. Please send a course overview, objectives and target audience for any presentation you would like considered for continuing education to our membership. Forward these proposals to Estela Sanchez, DDS at esanchezdds@aol.com.



Estela Sanchez, DDS
Chair, Continuing Education

Estela Sanchez was born in Los Angeles, California and raised in Southern California. She attended California State University at Los Angeles and received her Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree from the University of California, San Francisco in 1983. She began her professional career in the public health sector working at the

El Monte Comprehensive Health Center for seven years. There, she found her calling to work with children and decided to further her career goals by specializing in the oral health care of children. Dr. Sanchez obtained a specialty certification in Pediatric Dentistry from the Advanced Pediatric Dentistry Program at the University of Southern California and certification in Hospital Dentistry

from Miller's Children's Hospital in June of 1992. She has been an associate dentist with Dr. Santos Cortez and has served the Long Beach community in private practice since 1992. This year, in January 2006 she has partnered with Dr. Santos Cortez and Dr. Anna Planells to form Pediatric Dental Specialists, formerly known as Santos Cortez, DDS & Associates.

Dr. Sanchez has served as a member and officer on several professional organizations. Currently, she is a board member and chair of the Continuing Education Committee for the California Society of Pediatric Dentistry. She also serves as secretary for the Latinos for Dental Careers-USC Chapter.

Dr. Sanchez is mother to three children, David, age 19, Alysia, age 17, and Steven, age 12. She has been active on parent / teacher associations and has been involved with fundraising committees for her children's schools. She enjoys her leisure time being the family historian and taking different dance classes.

Editor's Note:
Dr. Estela Sanchez is one of our superstar directors and doing a superb job as our Continuing Education Chairperson

WHAT'S YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?

The CSPD Board greatly encourages you to provide your email addresses to the CSPD headquarters office. Recently, it was decided that urgent communication to our members was necessary and an email blast to the members was done. You may have been missed. From time to time, there is urgent business or information we wish to provide to the members and we would appreciate feedback as well. We do not intend to use this method of communication for minor issues, nor give out the addresses to others. Please provide your email addresses and keep notify our executive director of any changes. Send to: MelRowan@aol.com, Thank you.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*Richard Sobel, DDS
 CSPDF President*

The CSPD Foundation leads the pack. For over 5 years our Foundation has made small, but continuing steps to solve some of the educational deficiencies in the pediatric

To enable us to award multiple grants in these categories, we are seeking funding outside of our member donor contributions.

The Foundation is proud to announce the funding of the CSPD Warren Brandli Leadership Internship. This is a project to stimulate young or newer pediatric dentists to participate more fully in the organizational activities of our specialty. It will provide an introduction to the goals, structure and function of CSPD and allows access to CSPD Board and committee meetings. A Board member will function as a mentor to help guide this intern and encourage other activities within our state specialty group. Last year Ann Torneborne was the recipient of funds for a pilot leadership intern project and now, upon the completion of her pediatric dental training, she is participating in CSPD committees and as a Board member of the Western District of the AAPD.

Two other granting areas have recently become available. We are now prepared to receive Donor Directed Funds for any educational or research related project. One of these, from Santos Cortez, helped us initiate the Leadership Internship. Please present your ideas to me, or any other trustee, for advice on how to proceed with your proposal.

Another new program is a Challenge Grant. It has been proposed for any pediatric dental alumni or support group to fund a faculty position within any California dental school. Please read more details in the announcement on these pages.

Again, I ask for your support. We are in need of committee members to help with the organizational and evaluative portion of our grants and awards. We value your opinion, advice and aid. We look forward to your thoughts regarding our future direction and your contacts for increased financial support for our programs.

As always, we appreciate your contributions to our Funding Campaign and we thank you for your current and past generous support for our Foundation.

departments of our dental schools. Recently these challenges to our undergraduate and specialty programs have been recognized by other organizations. Programs or projects to address these problems are beginning to develop from both the AAPD and CDA Foundations.

We have provided undergraduate pediatric student study group support, funded CE projects directed toward mentoring and/or educational skills, funded grants for projects and presentations by postdoctoral students and aided mentoring programs for those students considering academic careers. We are continuing on some of these early paths while expanding to provide more significant support for those seeking to contribute to pediatric dental education.

Our Board has again initiated the funding of grants to aid research presentations for postdoctoral students and now faculty members. Requests for proposals have been sent to each pediatric dental department and postdoctoral program. Look for a listing of those funded in our next CSPD Bulletin.

At this time we are also finalizing the criteria and applications for two new categories of substantially larger grants to aid educators. These include a Faculty Development Grant for Part-Time Dental Educators and an Investigator-Initiated Research Grant.

CSPD Foundation Campaign Summary 2005-2006 Ken Szymanski DDS, Treasurer

The CSPD Foundation was formed in May of 2001, and was started with seed money from CSPD Past Presidents. Since that time the Foundation has grown annually through the support of the CSPD membership. I am happy to report our most successful fund-raising campaign to date. The 2005-2006 campaign total was 14% greater than last year totaling some \$132,000.

This support helps satisfy two goals of the Foundation, to continue to fund programs that follow the Foundation's mission as well as growing our base corpus to expand our reach in program and grant funding. During the last fiscal year, over 90% of raised funds went directly to meet the above stated goals. Allocations were used to fund both research and student

and professional development at our state pediatric dental programs. Our base corpus has grown to its highest level since inception approaching a half million dollars. In addition, a new asset allocation program was put in place to provide increased investment returns, while still maintaining safety and protection of the invested funds.

To the members of CSPD, the Foundation Trustees wish to thank you for your positive support, and we hope to increase the number of CSPD members who contribute by keeping you well informed about the efforts of the Foundation and the good work that is being accomplished to meet the need for pediatric dental care in California.

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**Foundation Announces
Endowed Chair Challenge Grant Program**

By: Mark Lisagor

The Foundation is continuing its mission of addressing the critical shortage of full and part time faculty. The CSPD Foundation Board has announced a new Challenge Grant Program. This program is designed to encourage alumni and friends of all the pediatric dental programs in California to consider making contributions to an endowed chair. These Fund-raising campaigns in pediatric dentistry will provide a margin of excellence in attracting and retaining faculty for years to come.

At each of the state's dental schools, perpetual funds may be set up to create endowed chairs in pediatric dentistry. The funds realized from these endowments are then used to perpetually support and enhance a full time faculty position, making a career in academics more attractive to a potential or continuing faculty person. This can make a major difference for someone interested in pursuing a career in academe, but challenged by the high cost of living in the urban centers.

The Foundation will support any successful endowed chair campaign with a 10% challenge grant of up to \$100,000 for any of the five dental schools, which complete a successful fund-raising campaign. Currently, endowments are possible at either the \$500,000 or \$1,000,000 levels and higher, depending on the school.

The development staffs at the various dental schools are all willing and eager to support interested alumni in creating appropriate campaigns. The CSPD Foundation Board believes this to be a significant way to enhance pediatric dental education in the state and can be an excellent way for alumni to give back to the programs, which provided them the training for their careers.

Interested members of CSPD should contact the development staff at the dental schools or members of the CSPD Foundation Board.

TRAVEL AWARDS AVAILABLE FOR RESEARCHERS

By: Wayne Grossman

Are you a faculty member or graduate student who needs to travel to present your research at a distant professional meeting? Are funds a little tight in your department? Before you buy that Greyhound bus ticket to Omaha, you may wish to apply for a grant of up to \$500 to help defray your expenses and travel costs. The California Society of Pediatric Dentistry Foundation, in the interest of promoting research and faculty development in Pediatric Dentistry, is making available a number of Research Travel Awards to be presented annually.

In order to qualify for the Award, you must be a current member or student-member of the CSPD either teaching in, or enrolled in, an advanced educational program in pediatric dentistry in California. One can even be considered for the award if you have received your certificate or degree within 18 months prior to the application deadline. The faculty member or resident must be presenting the research at a relevant, recognized meeting venue such as the annual session of the IADR, AADR, or AAPD. Applicants will be accepted based upon the relevance of their research to pediatric dentistry and the adequacy of results and conclusions based upon the submitted abstracts.

Application forms can be obtained by contacting Executive Director, Dr. Mel Rowan at the CSPDF office by phone at (310) 465-1580, FAX at (310) 465-1590, e-Mail at melrowan@aol.com, or through the Website at www.cspd.org/foundation.

Deadline for applications is October 30, 2006.

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WEBSITE NOTES

Online Continuing Education – OCE is still up-and-running. Please take some time to visit CSPD's first attempt at providing continuing education to its members and, in fact, all other interested professionals (There are over 10 registrants likely originating from Korea or China). Find out what 20 items have helped improve a colleague's dental practice. Also, learn why it's not easy being *obese*, *blue* or even *green* when it comes to sedation in the pediatric dental office. Viewing the presentations is free; CE credits are available for a fee.

More and More Photos Available – Members can view photographs taken at the AAPD and CSPD Annual Meetings. One photo seems to show our President trying to launch himself from a chair in Cincinnati. If you see a special photo you like, copy down the identifying information and email it to your website editor. We'll send the original file to you as an email attachment. Even *Flickr* was once a small operation.

Advocacy Issues – Members and all others may now view, from the Home Page without checking in to the Members Only, an up-to-date list of *Legislative Bills of Interest* going through the California Legislature along with CSPD's position on each of them.

Opportunities – Those professionals *seeking* or *offering* opportunities have a free means to advertise their needs. Visit this busy section when you decide to work fewer hours for more income by selling your practice and working as an employee.

Latest News – On June 15th all **cell phone numbers were released to telemarketing companies**. If these companies begin calling your cell number, you will be charged for these calls. To prevent us from receiving these annoying calls, we may place our cell phone numbers on a National Do-Not-Call list. Members can find directions on how to do this in the Latest News.

CSPD Professional Opportunities

Have you been thinking about hiring an associate, but just aren't sure where to look? Or are you finishing your residency soon, and aren't sure where you'd like to live and practice? The answer is right on the CSPD website. To look at these opportunities and others, go to <http://www.cspd.org>.

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Your Opinion Is Important!

By: Nhu Tran

Do you agree with the direction and objectives of CSPD? Have you ever had a speaker that you wanted to hear at an annual meeting or CE Course? Has there been a lecture topic that you feel we should be addressing at our annual meetings? Or, would you like to see more online CE Courses offered via our website? Well, here's your chance to have your voice heard!

In the upcoming weeks, you will be receiving an email asking you to fill out a short membership questionnaire via www.surveymonkey.com. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to



have your voice, opinion, thoughts, and ideas heard. You will be asked to comment on different aspects of our organization, including membership benefits, CE Courses/Online CE Courses, Annual Meetings, and a few others. The information gathered will tremendously help the Board of Directors, in the upcoming Strategic Planning Meeting.

It should only take a few minutes of your time, but will help the Board, and our organization for years to come. Here's your chance to become an "active" member—all you have to do is donate a few minutes of your time and answer a few short questions. Thank you in advance for being a part of the 2006 CSPD Membership Survey!



Steve Niethamer, DDS
Website Editor



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Chair, Membership Services

W E L C O M E
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Congratulations to all the incoming postdoctoral students to the California dental schools. The following information was provided for publication by the department chairperson or program director. CSPD is aware that this does not include all of California's incoming graduate students and we hope to be able to publish the names of the remaining students in our Fall Bulletin. If you are a department chairperson or program director, please contact José Polido (jpolido@chla.usc.edu)



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Undergrad. School: Univ. of Denver
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JAREN JENSEN

Birthplace: Boise, ID
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Undergrad. School: BYU
Major: Physical Education
Dental School: Creighton
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Birthplace: Seoul, Korea
Age: 27
Undergrad. School: CSU Northridge
Major: Biology
Dental School: UC San Francisco
Graduation Date: 2006

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Birthplace: Newport Beach, CA
Age: 26
Undergrad. School: UC Irvine
Major: Biology
Dental School: UCLA
Graduation Date: 2006

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Birthplace: Manila, Philippines
Age: 24
Undergrad. School: UOP
Major: Biology
Dental School: UC San Francisco
Graduation Date: 2006



Tiffany Hsu graduated from UC Berkeley in 2000, earning a Bachelor's in Molecular and Cell Biology. After completing her undergraduate work, she studied at UCSF School of Dentistry where she graduated in 2006. Her research interests focus on dental public health issues including the impact of budget cuts on dental health care access. In addition to her research interests, she is an active participant in community service, helping in ASDC, CPHA-N and CHH Dental Screenings and is a CDC Dental Provider. She has been the recipient of awards for her academic and research accomplishments, including acceptance to the Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Honor Society, recipient of 2006 Flemming Award, National Board Scholar (Part I), Newbrun Research Fellowship, and will be acknowledged later this year with the 2006 AAPD Award. Tiffany is in her first year of residency training in pediatric dentistry.

Robert Jones, a 2003 UCSF School of Dentistry graduate, recently completed the NIH supported DDS/PhD program at UCSF. While finishing his doctoral studies, Robert practiced part time in the UCSF faculty group practice as a general dentist. His PhD research, which he completed in June 2006, focused on using near-infrared optical technologies to detect early dental decay instead of using x-rays. While working in Dr. Dan Fried's lab, his research resulted in numerous publications and he was a recipient of the NIH loan repayment program in pediatric research. His future career plans are to pursue an academic career in pediatric dentistry, combining his interest in research and working with children. His wife, Nabby, is a practicing general dentist in Walnut Creek, where they both live and raise their daughter Anna. Robert is in his first year of residency training in pediatric dentistry.



Cassandra Krupansky is a recent graduate of the UCSF School of Dentistry. She completed her B.S. degree in biology from California State University, Fullerton, where she graduated with honors. While at UCSF, she was involved in a variety of community service organizations, including serving as the president of the student chapter of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. She contributed to the third edition of *The Tooth Atlas* at Stanford University. Her husband Paul is a dentist. Cassandra is in her first year of residency training in pediatric dentistry.

William Peña, a recent transplant from Florida, received his BS degree in chemistry and a minor in biology at the University of Miami in 2002. He completed his DMD degree at Nova Southeastern University (NSU) in Ft. Lauderdale, FL in 2006. After his first two years at the NSU's College of Dental Medicine, he decided to pursue a master's degree in business administration to complement his dental education. In addition to his academic endeavors, Will continued his keen interest in community service at NSU by attending a multi-disciplinary medical mission to Jamaica in June 2005. He also regularly attended Broward Children's Center to provide dental service to developmentally disabled children. Will was the recipient of the pediatric dentistry award of excellence and also received an achievement award for his involvement in the endodontic honors program. His fiancé Richelle Garcia is in her last year of training at Nova Southeastern University, pursuing a PharmD degree at Nova Southeastern University. Will is in his first year of residency training in pediatric dentistry.



Joanne Rahman is a native of San Francisco, CA. She earned her B.S. degree in Biological Sciences at UC Davis. After completing her undergraduate work, she spent two years conducting research at the UC Davis Center for Neuroscience. She is a recent graduate of the UCSF School of Dentistry, where she had been involved in a number of campus organizations, leadership positions, and community-service related projects. She was granted an NIH Short Term Research Fellowship after her first year to study the process of osseointegration around implants. She had the opportunity to present her findings at many meetings, where she won several awards for her research. Joanne is in her first year of residency training in pediatric dentistry.

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CSPD SEEKS VOLUNTEER SPEAKERS

— CSPD is putting together a bank of practitioners who are interested in speaking to students at the universities, student groups, or to study groups on subject matter not normally emphasized during their dental training. These practitioners might speak to pre- and postdoctoral students on different career options including pediatric dentistry, dental research, dental education, hospital dentistry, public health, community service and outreach programs. They might help the faculty present topics that they may not have time to include in their lecture sessions. This might include additional topics which interest you such as behavior management, clinical skills, or specific procedures; or practice management and staff issues. If you have an interest in participating in this worthwhile program please contact Oariona Lowe and let her know which subjects interest you. (Dr. Oariona Lowe can be reached

at w.roslo@verizon.net, or (562) 907-4522)

STUDENT RESEARCH AWARDS ARE AVAILABLE — Post-doctoral and pre-doctoral students interested or currently involved in research may apply to the CSPD for a research grant. Please contact your program chairperson or director for more information about this great opportunity. This is a grant funded by the CSPD Foundation, but administrated by CSPD. You may also contact Dr. Oariona Lowe at w.roslo@verizon.net or (562) 907-4522.

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November 10-11 2006: The 14th Annual CSPD Auxiliary Continuing Education Course featuring Dr. Michael Ignelzi presenting *Successful Pediatric Encounters*.

Mar 29- Apr 1, 2007: CSPD's 32nd Annual Session at the Seattle Fairmont Hotel, WA.

April 10-13, 2008 - CSPD's 33rd Annual Meeting at the Rancho Bernardo Inn, San Diego CA.

AAPD

August 29--September 8, 2006: *Live Your Dreams: Creatively Handling Life, Practice Management and Children's Mouths* CDE Mediterranean Cruise via Rome, Italy. For more information, contact Special Event Cruises at (800) 326-0373

September 8-10, 2006:

Comprehensive review of Pediatric Dentistry. Newport Beach Marriott Hotel, Newport Beach, CA

October 27-28, 2006: *Pediatric Emergencies in the Dental Office.* Renaissance Waverly Hotel, Atlanta, GA

October 29-31, 2006:

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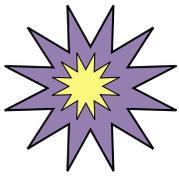
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Attention CSPD Members

**Our "Member's Only"
Practice Material Section
needs to be updated!**

Back in 1999, some of our member's graciously provided a variety of forms for the Member's Only section of the CSPD website. Unfortunately, they are all in JPEG format, which is difficult to download and edit for personal use. Now, with much more storage space at our disposal and increased download speeds, we are asking for your practice's documents - preferably sent in Word or PDF format so they can be modified to suit the needs of our membership. The Practice Material Section is a tremendous benefit for all our members - especially those who are just starting out in practice.

The Practice Material Section contains items in the following areas:

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- Education & Instruction
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- Reports, Thank You, Referrals
- Sedation
- Welcome

Please send your practice's office forms as an email attachment to Gary Sabbadini at garysab@comcast.net. Thank you so much for all your efforts!

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Committee. This would have provided compensation equal to medical anesthesiologists for dental anesthesiologists under the Denti-Cal program. Please review Paul Reggiardo's more detailed summary of legislative activity in this Bulletin. It is important you are aware of what affects your patients and your workplace.

Santos Cortez and the Legislative and Government Affairs Committee are developing a "Red Book." The idea of this publication is to present a publication highlighting CSPD activity. This will then be presented to influential individuals and agencies for advocacy efforts. It will contain color photos of oral conditions such as early childhood caries, dental abscesses, and facial swelling. It will also contain statistics and documentation regarding children's oral health. We are collaborating with CDA and using a format that AAPD developed. This is another example of how our efforts are directed by our strategic plan. The development of this "book" is directed by our goal for child advocacy.

So, good work on your behalf and for the children we care for is on-going. I certainly hope everyone continues to enjoy the summer months, good weather, and good times. Please contact me at anytime should you have questions or interest in issues facing us as pediatric dentists. It is crucial CSPD remains the recognized authority when decisions are being made in California that influences our ability to properly care for the oral health of our children.

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Dr. Gary Sabbadini is a native of the Bay Area. After graduating from the University of California at Berkeley, he attended the University of the Pacific School of Dentistry in San Francisco and received his dental degree in 1995. Upon completion of a two-year pediatric dental residency program at Children's Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio,

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