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2. **Nate Buckner and Brian Cope - Class of 2012**

Special Presentation: International Outreach by CWRU Dental Students

We traveled to Peru with in a group of thirteen students and four faculty and were able to treat 300 people in four days. We plan to improve our program and return annually to continue offering dental care to people in severe need.

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7. Vellzar Petrov - Class of 2014

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Scott Sieg and Dr. Aaron Weinberg -
Department of Biological Sciences

*Beta-defensin 3 and Cathelicidin-mediated Chemokine Induction in
Monocytes and Macrophages*

I investigated the ability of two antimicrobial peptides to modulate molecule expression and chemokine production by monocytes and macrophages in vitro. Results support a role for both hBD-3 and, to a lesser extent LL-37, influencing expression of peptides that regulate immune function.

Graduate Students Poster Presentations

1. Ahmed Alzahrani, DDS, MSD - Periodontics Class of 2012

Changes in Systemic Inflammatory Markers After Treatment of Chronic Gingivitis

This study evaluates changes in the levels of the tumor necrosis factor α (TNF- α) and C- reactive protein (CRP) in gingival crevicular fluid (GCF) after treatment of chronic gingivitis, in otherwise healthy subjects.

2. Thomas R. Bigelow D.M.D - Endodontics Class of 2013

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Andre Mickel, DDS, M.S.D. - Department of Endodontics

Influencing Factors in Endodontic and Implant Litigation: A Descriptive Study

This project utilizes the Westlaw Database to analyze lawsuits regarding dental implants and endodontics. This information was used to determine if dentist's are at a greater legal risk by placing dental implants vs. performing root canal therapy.

3. Karl A. Cunningham, DMD

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Gerald Ferretti - Department of Pediatric Dentistry

Oral Rehabilitation Under General Anesthesia – A Review of 50 Cases

A retrospective review of 100 charts of patients who received oral rehabilitation under general anesthesia in 2010 was done. Data describing patient characteristics including gender, age, behavior rating and ASA physical status was analyzed. Patient compliance with post-operative follow-up, recall appointments and additional dental intervention was also assessed.

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4. Tracey E. Davies, DDS - Pediatric Dentistry 2012

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Gerald Ferretti - Department of Pediatric Dentistry

Achieving a Predictable Result Through Diagnostic Wax-Up for an Orthodontic Patient with Congenitally Missing Teeth

This is a case report of a 19 year old male patient with clinically and radiographically missing and malformed teeth. Using a pre-orthodontic diagnostic wax-up technique will provide proper guidance for restoring form and function in a patient with congenitally missing and malformed teeth.

5. Mark W. Galsterer, DMD - Endodontics Class of 2012

Faculty Mentor: Andre K. Mickel, DDS, M.S.D. - Department of Endodontics

Extraction of Salvageable Teeth Without Endodontic Consultation: An Alarming Trend

This project examined teeth that were extracted within the dental school and replaced with implants/ FPD's/RPD's and looked for endodontics role in consulting and treatment planning.

6. John Gerstenmaler, DMD

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Gerald Ferretti - Department of Pediatric Dentistry

Enhancing Esthetics and Reversing White Spot Lesions with a Non-Invasive MI Paste Protocol

The purpose of this study was to improve the esthetics of young permanent teeth that had been altered by fluorosis and other white spot lesions.

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7. Haley Goldberg

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Gerald Ferretti - Department of Pediatric Dentistry

Age Appropriate Dental Prosthesis in a Child with Ectodermal Dysplasia

To restore the esthetic appearance and function of a 10 year-old female who presents with multiple congenitally missing and malformed teeth, and a bilateral posterior open bite.

8. Masahiro Helima, DDS, PhD - Class of 2012

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Gerald Ferretti - Department of Pediatric Dentistry

*Are Parents Struggling or coping with their Children's Dental Fear?
Orthognathic and Facial Cosmetic Surgery from Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons*

This research is a cross-sectional survey study about how low income African-American parents struggle with dental fear in their children.

9. Neema Jahdi, DMD - AEGD Class of 2012

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Fady Faddoul - AEGD

A Review of Impression Techniques for Crown and Bridge

This project sought to review some of the major impression techniques for the final fixed restorations reported by two surveyed sample groups of practitioners (new graduates vs. practitioners with greater than five years in practice). Overall, packing cord was the most favorable method reported by both groups though new graduates utilized more options available to them.

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10. Sheetal S. Kalokhe, BDS - Endodontics Class of 2012

Faculty Mentor: Andre K. Mickel, DDS, M.S.D. - Department of Endodontics

Pain and Infection Management Regimens for Patients Receiving Dental Implants by Different Specialties: A descriptive Cross-sectional study

The purpose of this study was to evaluate the preferences of postdoctoral program directors (PD's) from different specialties for prescribing analgesics and antibiotics in management of post-operative pain and infection in patients receiving implants. The results of this study revealed that in patients receiving implants, OMFS PD's routinely used NSAIDs + opioids for pain management while others routinely used NSAIDs. In case of postoperative swelling more than 60% of the pDs prescribed antibiotics and performed surgical drainage.

11. Ryan L. Reese, DMD - Endodontics Class of 2012

Faculty Mentor: Andre K. Mickel, DDS, M.S.D. - Department of Endodontics

Endodontist's Recognition of the Influence of Demographics and its Effects on Patient Selection of Endodontic Therapy Versus Implant Placement

This project examined the role of patient demographics on their decision to select endodontic therapy, or implant therapy. Overall, a patient's decision to select endodontics or implants was affected by their demographics.

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12. Madhavi Setty DDS - Endodontics Class of 2013

Faculty Mentor: Andre K. Mickel, DDS, M.S.D. - Department of Endodontics

Decision Making By Patients Regarding Endodontics Versus Implants: A University Based Retrospective Observational Cohort Study

This study focused on how patient's previous dental treatment affected their decision making on future treatment options. Our results indicated that regardless of the initial treatment chosen, patients were more likely to choose the same treatment in the future therefore it is incumbent upon the practitioner to make the initial experience as pleasant as possible.

13. Amberlee Taylor, DMD

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Gerald Ferretti - Department of Pediatric Dentistry

E-Gasket Partial Overdenture Fabrication for a Patient with Ectodermal Dysplasia

The purpose of this project was to fabricate a prosthesis for an 8 year old child with ectodermal dysplasia that provided better retention than his previous conventional overdenture.

14. Brandon J. Webb, DDS - Endodontics Class of 2012

Faculty Mentor: Andre K. Mickel, DDS, M.S.D. - Department of Endodontics

A Five-Year Retrospective Analysis of Dental School Implant Placement: Location, Type and Department Preference

With the continual surge of dental implant placement in undergraduate and graduate programs patients are readily seeking implants. The advances in implantology have led to implant placement by most dental departments at the School of Dental Medicine.

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15. **○. Jeremy Wilde, DMD- Endodontics Class of 2012**

Faculty Mentor: Andre K. Mickel, DDS, M.S.D. - Department of Endodontics

*Incidence of Ailing, Failing and Failed Implants in a University Setting:
A Five Year Retrospective Study*

The project involved the survival and failure rates for dental implants placed in a University, and describe the systemic conditions, and demographics associated with implant failure.

16. **Shweta UJoaney, MDS; Meeyoung Rhee, DMD; Neema Jahdi, DMD; Mahmoud Qabazawd, DDS; Mohamed Othman, BDS**

Sleep Dentistry

This presentation will illustrate the dental treatments and Appliances for patients with sleep apnea.

Undergraduate Students Poster Presentations

1. **Noor Almuallal - Class of 2014**

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Leena Palomo - Department of Periodontics

Does a woman's periodontium respond to exercise like a man's

This project's objective was to research if post-menopausal women who exercise respond to non-surgical periodontal therapy differently than age-matched men who exercise. Although non-surgical periodontal therapy is beneficial for both post-menopausal women who exercise and men who exercise, there was no significant difference between men and women.

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3. **Paul Bermudez - Class of 2015**

Faculty Mentors: Zhimin Feng - Senior Instructor in Biological Sciences and Aaron Weinberg - Associate Dean for Research

Using WHIM syndrome-like cells to study hBD3 induced CXCR4 internalization

Our objective was to determine the effect of hBD-3 on the internalization of WHIM syndrome-like CXCR4 mutants. Results suggest that hBD-3 induced internalization of CXCR4 may occur via a similar mechanism as seen with SDF-1, and that an intact CXCR4 cytoplasmic tail is important in this event.

4. **Nicole Apollon Chirouze - Class of 2014**

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Lance Vernon, Department of Biological Sciences

Receiving Dental Care: A Qualitative Assessment by HIV + Adults

The project examined HIV + adults past and future expectations concerning dental care utilization in order to identify internal and external barriers that may prevent oral health care seeking behaviors among this population. Overall HIV + patients desired more effective communication by dentists.

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Faculty Mentor: Dr. Russell Wang - Department of Comprehensive Care

Quantification of edentulous jaw bones using cone-beam computed tomography (CBCT) images

The purpose of this study was to quantitatively evaluate jaw bone quality by CBCT images. Twenty completely edentulous patients were selected; among them, cortical bone thickness, cortical and trabecular bone mineral density using Hounsfield unit were measured.

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