Greetings from San Antonio!

Time seems to fly ever faster; it is hard to believe that it is once again that time of year to give you an update on your Department of Endodontics.

Although many things in life change, our mission is steadfast: delivering superior endodontic training and cutting-edge research. One of our major goals is to create and maintain an outstanding residency program. There are four key factors in attaining this goal: talented faculty, motivated residents, state-of-the-art equipment, and generous support. You are certainly one of our keys to success. Without your continued support, San Antonio would not be where it is today. If I don’t see you in San Diego to give you my thanks, please take this note as my gratitude for your continued support. Tracy Clark has volunteered to develop an alumni drive to provide a legacy of endowed support for the residency program. Please see his column for details in this issue of the Newsletter.

Our Graduate Program continues to evolve. Fabricio Teixeira joined us in 2008 from the Department of Endodontics at UNC. He is an Associate Professor in our Department and assumed the position of Deputy Director of the residency program in 2010. Fabricio is an outstanding colleague, teacher and clinician. He has quickly adopted our educational philosophy and richly leavened it with his own experiences and expertise. Stay tuned for continued growth! We have also expanded our program from 24 to 26 months. I believe we are among the first residencies in the country to formally extend our training in order to incorporate regenerative endodontics. This starts with the preclinical intro course, extends into several lit reviews and includes sufficient time for treating clinical cases. We have also conducted several studies on regendo and I invite you to listen to Tyler Lovelace’s and Yoav Shiloah’s presentations at the upcoming AAE meeting. [Of course, I would be remiss if I did not also invite you to attend Ryan McNamara’s presentation on bone healing of MTA and Callie Cosby’s and Marc Pacheco’s table clinic on a new method of non-surgical periapical curettage. All are simply great!]

Our undergraduate program has also continued to grow. Anibal Diogenes joined the Department as a full time faculty member in 2009 and teaches in both the predoctoral and residency programs. In addition, Jim Gilles has announced his intention to retire in August 2010. Jim has been with the Department for nearly 30 years, and, needless to say, has literally taught generations of clinicians. Jim is an extraordinarily gifted teacher. Since I arrived in 1997, in every single year the dental students provide written feedback stating that endo is the best course that they take. This credit belongs to Jim, his teaching style and his team of faculty. We are now interviewing candidates for this position and I hope to have news for you in the next few months.

All of these changes just mean that tomorrow is coming ever faster. There is a continuing need for us to develop and adopt new technologies and new science into our practices. I hope you agree with me that our Department is helping to lead the way. As a member of the San Antonio Family of Endodontists, we hope that you share our pride in contributing to that effort.

I hope to see you at our Alumni Reception on Thursday night at the AAE meeting (6:30-9:30 pm in the Manchester Ballroom A of the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel). This is a great time to see old classmates, meet new alumni, and to learn what’s new in your endodontic family.

See you then,

Ken
As Ken’s letter attests to, our Department of Endodontics continues to lead the way in its commitment to producing excellent clinicians and research. I’m sure you’d agree that it is with a special sense of pride that we tell others we are San Antonio Alumni. If it is a reality that the value of one’s diploma is often measured by the current standing of his/her conferring institution, then we can feel confident that we are represented by one of the finest Endodontic programs in the nation.

Financially, we have all been challenged by the uncertainties of today’s unstable economy, and dental education, particularly at the graduate level, is no exception. In our own Department of Endodontics, funding needed to retain and attract educators and provide the next generation of practitioners with up-to-date equipment and training is at risk. And while we cannot control budget cuts or the economy, we can help ensure that the great things that are happening in our program don’t end.

Faculty and Staff Changes:
Several things have happened in the department and I would like to share a few with you. In January of the present year, Dr. Hargreaves reassigned the daily responsibility for our residency program to me. I am pleased to engage in this work, which was superbly conducted by the past program directors. We are moving forward with our goals on education, patient care and research. As Dr. Hargreaves mentioned, Dr. Anibal Diogenes, former resident of our program, has accepted a position as Assistant Professor in our department. We welcomed Dr. Diogenes on his new position in June 2009. He has been actively involved in both the teaching and research levels since then. We are looking forward to working with him as our program continues to improve.

An additional modification in the department took place with the departure of our clinic manager, Erica Rodriguez and other staff members. We are thankful for all their hard work in our clinic and wish them the very best. I’m delighted to report that we have welcomed our new staff, including the new Clinic Manager of the Graduate Program, Ms. Sandra Lopez. Sandra has had the opportunity to work with us in the past and she has limitless experience as clinic manager, patient coordinator as well as a dental assistant. She has enthusiastically accepted numerous challenges of this position and all of us appreciate the outstanding job she has performed. We also have two new dental assistants and a new scheduler working with her to provide assistance to our residents (see photo).

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Thirty-five endodontic residents from Baylor, Louisiana State University, the University of Texas at Houston, the University of Texas at San Antonio and Wilford Hall attended the Quad Schools Meeting in San Antonio, TX on February 27 and 28, 2009. The Quad Schools meeting is an annual gathering of the four graduate programs and has recently included the Keesler and Wilford Hall Air Force Programs, both of which are affiliated with the LSU and UT San Antonio Programs, respectively. The four programs rotate the hosting of this meeting.

The 2009 program included lectures from Dr. Bill Schindler – Roadmap to Diplomate Status and The Open Apex Tooth – Apexogenesis to MTA Barriers, Dr. Ken Hargreaves – Regenerative Endodontics, Dr. Bruno Azevedo – CBCT and Endodontics, Dr. Gary Carr – Designing and Equipping the Modern Endodontic Office / Ergonomics, Dr. John Schoeffel – Endodontic Irrigation with the EndoVac System, Dr. Parvin Dinyarian – Practice Management, and Dr. Karl Keiser – Cellular and Molecular Aspects of Tooth Root Resorption.

Dear Alumni,
I hope this message finds you and yours in good spirits and health. We enjoyed a fairly serene coldness in the last couple of weeks in south Texas. However, things are warming up around here and we are thrilled to inform you that our Newsletter is back! Please look at important updates and current actions associated with your residency program.

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Back Row from left: Sandra Lopez, Clinic Manager, Laura Hernandez, Dental Assistant, Front Row from left: Vanessa Perez, Outpatient Appointment Scheduler and Valerie Valenzuela, Dental Assistant

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Ensure the Legacy is the capital campaign initiated last year aimed at increasing the Carlos E. Del Rio Endowment in Endodontics to the $1,000,000 level. This level will provide the funds to keep our program “ahead of the curve” in terms of faculty, facilities and residents. Many of you have received an Ensure the Legacy packet outlining the specifics of the campaign; if you haven’t please give the Department a call and one will be sent out to you. They will also be available at the Alumni reception, April 15th at the AAE meeting in San Diego. I hope you’ll read it and take time to consider the tangible benefits a strong program brings to its alumni, current residents, faculty, and the specialty of Endodontics itself. Returning the pledge form, with any level of support, will be greatly appreciated. Thanks in advance for all you are doing to help us remain on top!

See you in San Diego,
Tracy
While you're at the meeting, make a note to drop by and support our individuals entering our program.

Welcome New Residents:

This year we had more than 65 applicants for our 3 resident positions and I'm pleased to report that all 3 of our top choices accepted the invitation to join our program. The competition for resident slots is very intense and we're indeed fortunate to have these exceptional individuals entering our program.

Welcome to:

- Dr. Blake Ishikawa, University of the Pacific, BS in Biology; University of Missouri at Kansas City, DDS
- Dr. David Martin, Brigham Young University, BS in Biology; UTHSCSA, DDS
- Dr. Phuong Quang, University of California, Berkeley, BA in Biochemistry; University of California, San Francisco, DDS and PhD in Oral and Craniofacial Sciences

They will be joined this summer by two new Air Force residents to form an outstanding first year class:

- Capt Eric Brown, Bowling Green State University, BS in Biology; The Ohio State University, DDS; Wright Patterson AFB, OH; AEGD Program
- Capt Nick Schulte, University of Nebraska, DDS; Offutt AFB, NE; AEGD Program

Progress Toward ABE Certification – Congrats!!!!!

Please join us in recognizing the following residents that have successfully challenged the written board examination prior to graduation: Drs. Jay D. Simonton, Anibal Diogenes, Ernesto Trevino, and Fabricio Teixeira. Congratulations to Jay, Anibal, Ernesto and Fabricio. Please give them a pat on the back for their outstanding accomplishments the next time you see them, hopefully in San Diego.

We are especially pleased to see our senior residents and graduates become involved in the board process and would love to help any of our alumni prepare for the board case portfolio and oral examination portions of the board certification quest. We would be happy to coordinate recall appointments to help you complete your board case write-ups; please let us know if we can assist you in the process.

AAE Annual Session – San Diego Reception! Presentations! Awards!

For those of you who will be attending the AAE Annual Session in San Diego, please plan to join us for our Annual Alumni Reception on Thursday evening, April 15th. The reception will be held from 6:30-9:30pm at the Manchester Grand Hyatt, Manchester A Ballroom. We look forward to seeing all of you there for an enjoyable evening.

While you’re at the meeting, make a note to drop by and support our talented and hard-working residents in presenting their research findings in oral, poster and table clinic presentations.

AWARD WINNERS IN ENDODONTICS!

The American Association of Endodontists Foundation partnered with Dentsply International to recognize student excellence in research at the 2009 Annual Session of the American Association of Endodontists meeting in Orlando, Florida.

Drs. Ernesto Trevino, Anibal Diogenes and the Representative from Tulsa Dentsply

Dr. Anibal Diogenes (center) earned 1st place for his research presentation entitled: “A Mechanism for Abscess-Related Pain: How Bacteria Directly Sensitize Trigeminal Nociceptors”. Dr. Ernesto Trevino earned 7th place for his research presentation entitled: “The Effect of Different Irrigation Solutions on the Survival of Stem Cells of the Apical Papilla (SCAP) in a PRP Scaffold in Human Root Tips.”
2009 ANNUAL ALUMNI CE DAY
San Antonio, Texas

Drs. John Nusstein, Guest Speaker, and Rich Howard
Air Force Resident

Drs. Rick Schwartz and Taylor Cotton

Drs. Anibal Diogenes and Ernesto Trevino

Drs. John Calland and John Andrews

Dr. Ryan McNamara

Drs. Jonathan Ee and Marc Pacheco
A 15 year-old female was referred to the Department of Endodontics at UTHSCSA for evaluation and treatment of tooth #10 due to abnormal root formation and a periapical radiolucency on the radiograph. The patient's chief complaint was “I get a bump in my gums.” She was not in pain upon initial examination. The history of the patient was not remarkable.

Clinical findings: Upon intraoral examination the left maxillary lateral incisor (#10) appeared to be intact with a prominent enamel projection and deep groove present on the lingual crown surface (Fig. 1). The color of #10 was normal and no caries was detected. Probing was less than three millimeters in the sextant and mobility of teeth #7-10 was normal. Teeth #7, 8, and 9 responded positively to cold stimulation and EPT, and within normal limits (WNL) to percussion and palpation testing. Tooth #10 did not respond to cold or EPT and was slightly tender to both percussion and buccal palpation near the root apex. There was no swelling or sinus tract present in the maxillary anterior sextant.

Radiographic findings: Periapical radiographs of tooth #10 revealed the presence of a periapical radiolucency, which did not encompass the apex but was shifted toward the mesial root surface. An enamel lined DI was present mesial to the center of the root which extended into the coronal third of the root. The pulp chamber and canal space were enlarged compared to the tooth #7 (Fig. 2).

Diagnosis: Tooth #10 was diagnosed with pulpal necrosis and symptomatic apical periodontitis secondary to DI and nonsurgical root canal therapy was recommended. The patient and her mother were informed of the findings and consent was obtained.

Treatment: The patient was anesthetized and rubber dam isolation placed. The DI was accessed with carbide burs and diamond-coated ultrasonic tips. Small files were probed through the DI tract apically but no reading could be obtained using the electronic apex locator (EAL). A radiograph was taken with a #20 K-file inserted through the DI tract which appeared to enter the main canal. The chamber was then accessed and an EAL measurement was taken. No vital tissue was visualized at any depth in the chamber or canal. Using the dental operating microscope (DOM), tooth structure from the DI could be seen through the access made into the pulp chamber (Fig. 3). The DI was prepared with US diamond tips and the canal prepared with ProFile rotary NiTi instruments to #45/04.

Copious irrigation with 6% NaOCl was performed throughout the procedure. Attempt was made to locate any communication to the PDL space through the DI tract with small hand files, but none could be located. Final irrigation with 17% EDTA and 6% NaOCl were completed prior to drying with paper points and placement of Ca(OH)₂ into the DI and the canal. The accesses were sealed with sterile cotton pellets and Cavit.

A post operative radiograph revealed a large lateral canal in the apical third, corresponding to the PARL along the mesial root surface (Fig. 4).

The patient returned symptom free 17 days later for completion of therapy. Percussion testing of tooth #10 was WNL but slight palpation tenderness remained. Probing and mobility were unchanged, even with forceful probing after local anesthesia. The Ca(OH)₂ was removed and WL was reconfirmed. Separate portals of exit were again searched from the DI tract but none were located. The canal and DI were dried with paper points and obturated with Roth sealer and gutta-percha using warm vertical condensation. The accesses were restored with Grandio and Z-100 composites using Optibond FL (Fig. 5). The patient was placed on six and twelve month recall appointments to monitor clinical signs and radiographic healing.

Discussion: The DI was originally thought to be type III due to the history of a chronic abscess along with the radiographic extent of the DI into the root and the lateral location of the periapical radiolucency. A also, the clinical appearance of the crown was more typical of a type III due to presence of a normal crown with a lingual tubercle, opposed to a type II which may have an abnormal barrel shaped crown and usually originates from a lingual pit. During treatment no communication to the PDL was located through the DI tract which ruled out type III configuration. The DI tract opened into the main pulp chamber rather than ending in a blind sac, making this case an atypical presentation of a type II DI discussed below.

References:
The Department's research program remains very active. Research activities continue to focus on pain mechanisms and topics related to clinical endodontics including regenerative endodontics. Our efforts in these areas are only made possible due to contributions from all involved, including important contributions from our past and current residents. The high quality of our resident research projects was again reflected by the awards given to Anibal Diogenes and Ernesto Trevino for their research presentations at last year's AAE meeting. Please be sure to attend the presentations by our current second year residents, Tyler Lovelace, Ryan McNamara and Yoav Shiloah, at the upcoming AAE meeting.

The research efforts have been recently strengthened by the addition of Fabricio Teixeira and Anibal Diogenes to our faculty. Both bring a diverse and successful research background to the Department that will significantly enhance our basic and clinical research efforts in the coming years. Their efforts have especially been fundamental to an expansion in our regenerative endodontic research program, which was initiated by the hard work of our former residents, Todd Geisler and Ernesto Trevino.

We are also happy to announce that Asma Khan, former resident, postdoctoral fellow and Assistant Professor, is now an Assistant Professor at University of North Carolina, Jill Fehrenbacher, a former postdoctoral fellow, is now an Assistant Professor at the University of Indiana, Amol Patwardhan, a former graduate student, postdoctoral fellow and Assistant Professor, is now at the University of Arizona as an Anesthesiology resident, and Songjiang Luo, a former postdoctoral fellow, is now a student in the International Dental program at UTHSCSA. All will be greatly missed and we want to wish them success in the new positions and endeavors. Our current PhD students, Niki Ruparel, Margaux Salas and Phoebe Scotland are doing great and continue to make significant progress on their research projects. Niki continues her research on how marijuana-like compounds alter pain responses while also attending Dental School, Margaux is studying TRPV1 and TRPA1 interactions as an important pain mechanism, and Phoebe is evaluating the role of prolactin in inflammatory pain conditions.

New postdocs in the laboratory include Dayna Loyd, Shivani Ruparel, and Sergei Bialuhn. Dayna is studying the role of serotonergic receptors in peripheral inflammatory pain, Shivani is studying the ability of oxidized linoleic acid metabolites (OLAMs) formed within inflamed tissue to act as regulators of TRPV1 activity, and Sergei is evaluating basic mechanisms that are responsible for sex differences in response to painful stimuli. The OLAM project is especially exciting, since it has identified a novel mechanism responsible for the activation of nociceptors within burned skin. This project was initiated with the help of Amol and resulted in papers that have been published in two different and very highly respected journals. New research assistants in the lab include Mayur Patil, Mei Li and Paul Chen and they join our long-time research assistants, Xiaoling Sun and Gabriela Helesic, and together they help provide the support needed to keep our laboratory running smoothly. Many of our research efforts evaluate human tissues and the much appreciated effort of our clinical nurse, Erin Locke, continues to be critical to the collection of these samples. The collection and analysis of human tissue samples is one of the strengths of our research program and helps to address the "bench-to-bedside" NIH mandate for more clinically-focused research projects. Lola Miranda also continues to play a critical role in our research activities by providing the expertise needed to assist in the grant application process. It is important to realize that the support needed to fund our research efforts does not come from our state budget and is ultimately the result of the efforts of our diverse team of research personnel. Please do not miss the opportunity to hear about some of the exciting research being performed in our department and plan on attending the resident presentations at this year's AAE meeting.


We extend a cordial invitation for you and your guest to attend Your Alumni Association Reception

San Diego, California
Thursday, April 15, 2010
6:30 – 9:30 pm
Manchester Grand Hyatt
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Keep in touch with our department by e-mail

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**Attention Alumni!**

If you have news about yourself that you would like mentioned in our newsletter, drop me a message at harrisd2@uthscsa.edu. Your newsletter can only be successful with your support. Thanks!

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