Greetings from San Antonio! It is still hard to believe that the AAE annual session is coming back to San Antonio. We are gearing up for it and look forward to seeing you on the Riverwalk.

This has been a remarkably complex and challenging year for our Department. Although Texas was late coming to the recession, it certainly arrived in 2010. Our Dental School received a substantial budgetary reduction resulting in the collapse of ten departments down to five. Endodontics remains one of the independent departments. However, the budgetary reduction resulted in our loss of the part-time faculty position for Bill Schindler. As you know, Bill is an amazingly talented educator who has made major contributions to our Program and to the entire specialty of Endodontics at the national level. He is truly missed. At the same time, the VA program withdrew its stipend support. Yikes!

To respond to these dramatic changes, we have spent this year revising the graduate program and recruiting the expertise of additional faculty members. We have combined Lit I and Lit II into one integrated program that runs for one year. Residents will take the combined Lit in their first year, and then deepen their expertise of the endodontic literature as they repeat the course in their Senior year from the perspective of increased clinical knowledge and skills. This is similar to several other programs and greatly integrates all of the topic areas. In addition, our faculty do not need to simultaneously staff both the clinic and the seminar, helping to streamline our workload. Moreover, Anibal Diogenes has taken over the Current Lit course and John Suchina provides both clinical coverage and participates in Case Presentations.

Over this year, I have spoken with several Program Directors and many practitioners, and have come to realize that nearly all of us have had to adjust to the new realities of our economy. I believe that our planned academic changes actually improve many aspects of our curriculum while increasing teaching efficiency.

However, not all was doom and gloom; 2010 also saw many new initiatives come to fruition. We completed a much needed renovation of the graduate clinic that placed staff support next to the grad operatories; thus, patients can be conveniently scheduled for their next appointment while collecting their payments. In addition, we opened a new faculty practice operatory (with windows!). In November, we received a grant from Kodak that resulted in the installation of a new Kodak 9000 CBCT. Our residents have increasingly used CBCT over the last few years and the acquisition of our own machine will only increase their expertise in the proper application and interpretation of these lovely images. As mentioned in earlier Newsletters, we are one of the first endodontic residency programs in the country to formally expand the program (from 24 to 26 months) to include training in regenerative endodontic procedures. Our residents have developed wonderful skills in performing regenerative procedures and this is reflected not only in their clinical expertise, but also in an increasing number of research projects. During all of these changes, our core mission has remained steadfast: delivering superior endodontic training and cutting-edge research.

There are four key factors in developing an outstanding endo residency: 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 Antonio to give you my thanks, please take this note as my gratitude for your continued support. Tracy Clarke has volunteered to develop an alumni drive to provide a legacy of endowed support for the residency program. Please see other parts of the Newsletter for more information.

Our undergraduate program has also continued to evolve. Jim Gilles retired in August 2010, leaving a legacy as a simply outstanding and gifted educator who has trained literally generations of dentists. Anibal Diogenes assumed the role of Director of the Predoctoral Division in September. We recruited John Suchina to fill the faculty position that became available from Jim’s retirement. John is a Diplomate with a distinguished career as both an educator and practitioner. Please make sure to say hello to him at our Department Reception.

I hope to see you at our Alumni Reception on Thursday night at the AAE meeting (6:00-9:00 pm in the River Terrace Room). 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 one of your fellow Alumni, I continue to say that our Department of Endodontics continues to lead the way in its commitment to producing excellent clinicians and research. With this year’s upcoming AAE meeting coming “back home”, I’m sure you’d agree that it will be with a sense of pride that we tell others we are San Antonio Alumni. It is a reality that the value of one’s diploma is often measured by the current standing of his/her conferring institution, and we can feel confident that we are represented by one of the finest Endodontic programs in the nation.

In Texas, like everywhere else in the nation, we have all been challenged by the uncertainties of today’s unstable economy, and education budget cuts have been severe. You can imagine that monies appropriated to advanced dental education are low on the public’s awareness scale and are dramatically at risk. 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 faces its biggest threat to date. And while we, as practicing Endodontists, cannot control budget cuts or the economy, we can help ensure that the great things that are happening in our program don’t end.

Now, in its third full year, Ensure the Legacy is the capital campaign aimed at increasing the Carlos E. Del Rio Distinguished Professorship 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 equipment and training faces its biggest threat to date. And while we, as practicing Endodontists, cannot control budget cuts or the economy, we can help ensure that the great things that are happening in our program don’t end. Many of you have returned an Ensure the Legacy packet with a new or increased commitment. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and is being put to its most effective use. If you haven’t received an Ensure the Legacy packet, please give the department a call and one will be sent out to you. They will also be available at the Alumni reception, April 14th at the AAE meeting in San Antonio. 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 “back home” in San Antonio!

Tracy

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**Physical changes:**

Several things have happened in the Department and I would like to share a few with you. The dental school has given our residents, in the last few years, the opportunity of having more colleagues attending our Alumni reception this year. You will be able to interact with staff members and former residents that regularly cannot attend the reception. Please look at important updates and current actions associated with your residency program.

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**Faculty/staff changes:**

At the end of December of last year, the full-time and part-time faculty members of our department had the first annual retreat at Paesanos restaurant. Following Dr. Hargreaves remarks and my presentation of the residency’s current status an outstanding lecture entitled: “Teaching Endo Residents in the Implant Era”, was ministered by Dr. Rick Schwartz. A good discussion was generated and the goals of the meeting were achieved. We had a magnificent opportunity for collaboration of our teaching group and it was great to see the interaction. We look forward to having this opportunity once a year. Thanks for all attending faculty members and in particular our academic program coordinator, Donna Harris!

We would like to welcome Dr. John Suchina on his new position. He has joined us as a faculty member and has already been actively involved with teaching since then. We are looking forward to working with him as the program continues to grow.

Our new clinical manager in the graduate clinic, Mrs. Sandra Lopez, has devotedly 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.

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**Notes from the Graduate Division**

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We have scheduled next fall’s Alumni CE day for Saturday, September 10, 2011 at the Marriott Northwest where Dr. Mahmoud Torabinejad will be our featured speaker.

Dr. Mahmoud Torabinejad is a Professor of Endodontics and Director of Graduate Endodontics at Loma Linda University, School of Dentistry in Loma Linda, California and practices two half days in Upland, California.

As a researcher and international lecturer on dental and endodontic issues and procedures, Dr. Torabinejad has made over 200 national and international presentations in more than 40 countries. In addition to co-authoring two textbooks in non-surgical and surgical endodontics he has authored over 300 publications on various endodontic and dental topics.

Dr. Torabinejad received the Ralph F. Somers Award of the American Association of Endodontists in 1986, the Louis I. Grossman Award of the American Association of Endodontists in 1993, and the Philanthropist Award of the AAE Foundation in 1997. He is the 1998 recipient of the Louis I. Grossman Award of the French Society of Endodontists. Also, Dr. Torabinejad received the Loma Linda Vanguard Award for research in 2006 and the Dental School Distinguished Research Award in 2008.


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Dr Fabricio Teixeira, Deputy Program Director and Dr. Christine Sedgley, Guest Speaker

Drs. Raison Boxe, Eric Brown and Riyadh Althumairy

Drs Christine Sedgley, Guest Speaker, Anu Bhalla Blake Ishikawa, Julie Berkhoff and Adali Velez

Drs. Rich Howard, David Holden, Michael Koch Charlie Stewart and James Jespersen

Drs. Ken Hargreaves, and Angela Montellano

Drs. Jack Martin and Chris Bates

Our Graduation Dinner was held June 25, 2010. We had an excellent presentation by Dr. Clara Spatafore, President of the American Association of Endodontists. Her talk entitled “Acquiring, Training & Retaining Qualified Staff” was terrific and resulted in a good starting point for our Graduation day. I would like to congratulate Drs. McNamara, Shiloah and Lovelace for their accomplishments. We wish you the best!!

We have already scheduled next year’s Graduation day for August 26, 2011 at the Oak Hills Country Club. Dr. Bill Johnson will be our featured speaker. Dr. Johnson is the current Chairman of the Department of Endodontics at The University of Iowa.

Drs. Anibal Diogenes, Tim Kirkpatrick, Guest Speaker, Clara Spatafore, Fabricio Teixeira and Ken Hargreaves

Drs. Raison Bouse, Marc Pacheco and Callee Cosby, first year residents and the “stars of the night”, Drs. Yoav Shiloah, Ryan McNamara and Tyler Lovelace.
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. Riyadh Althumairy, King Saud University, BDS in Dentistry; King Saud University, Dental Internship Program
• Dr. Julie Berkhoff, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, BS in Biology; University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine, DDS
• Dr. Nikita Ruparel, Khalsa College, Mumbai, India; BS Microbiology & BS Neurobiology; UTHSCSA, PhD, Cellular & Structural Biology & DDS

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

• Capt Matthew Dietrich, Iowa State University, BS Biology; University of Iowa College of Dentistry, DDS; Langley AFB, VA, AEGD
• Capt Allen Pratt, Brigham Young University, BS Biology; Case Western University School of Dentistry, DDS; Nellis AFB, NV, AEGD

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. Ryan McNamara, Tyler Lovelace, and Yoav Shiloah. Congratulations to Ryan, Tyler and Yoav. Please give them a pat on the back for their outstanding accomplishments the next time you see them, hopefully in San Antonio.

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 Antonio Reception! Presentations! Awards!

For those of you who will be attending the AAE Annual Session in San Antonio, please plan to join us for our Annual Alumni Reception on Thursday evening, April 14th. The reception will be held from 6:00-9:00pm at the Marriott Riverwalk, River Terrace Room. 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.

Wednesday April 13th

10:00 am – 10:15 am Dr. Callee Cosby – “The Use of Biosensors to Detect Toll-like 4 Receptor Activators in Root Canal Systems”
11:15 pm – 11:30 pm Dr. Raison Bose – “Comparison of Two Different Scaffolds Used in the Regeneration of the Pulp-dentin Complex”

Thursday, April 14th

10:00 am Dr. Steve Schmoldt – “Reinforcement of Simulated Immature Roots Filled with Composite, MTA, Gutta-Percha or a Fiber Post after Thermocycling”

2010 AWARD WINNERS IN ENDODONTICS!

The American Association of Endodontists Foundation partnered with Dentsply International to recognize student excellence in research at the 2010 Annual Session of the American Association of Endodontists meeting in San Diego, California.

Drs. Ryan McNamara won 2nd place for his Oral Research Presentations in the AAE/Dentsply Resident Award Contest. His topic: “Biocompatibility of Accelerated Mineral Trioxide Aggregate in a Rat Model” and Dr. Tyler Lovelace won 9th place for his Oral Research Presentations in the AAE/Dentsply Resident Award Contest. His topic: “Evaluation of Clinically Delivered SCAP Cells in Regenerative Endodontic Procedures”.

Thanks to Volunteer Faculty!

Thanks also to our volunteers who generously give up their free time to share their endodontic knowledge and clinical experience on a regular basis in the Graduate Endodontics Clinic. Drs. Bill Walker, Scott Janse, Aaron Vaughn and Richard Schwartz add immeasurably to the residents’ clinical experience as evidenced by the overwhelmingly positive resident course/faculty evaluations. Once again, thanks to everyone for your terrific support!

I hope to see you all at our reception at the Marriott Riverwalk on Thursday Night!

Best Regards,

Fabricio Teixeira
An Unusual Case of a C-shaped molar in conjunction with a Supernumerary tooth
Treated by Dr. Marc Pacheco, 2nd-Year Resident

Background: C-shaped molars were first described by Cook and Cox and have a prevalence rate of 2.7-8% for the general population. Supernumerary teeth especially in the posterior mandible are very rare, with a prevalence rate of 0.1-3%. This particular case provided difficulty for a number of reasons, the anatomy of the C-shaped canal configuration, the supernumerary tooth, the large, long standing apical lesion, and the periodontal component to the lesion. Ricucci and Siqueira showed that lesions of greater than 10mm diameter in size have an intracanal biofilm present 100% of the time. Rotstein and Simon described the problems associated with treatment of combined periio/endo lesions. Therefore, these complications cause an impact on the outcome.

Case report: A 13 year-old female was referred to the Department of Endodontics at UTHSCSA for evaluation and treatment of tooth #30 due to incomplete root formation, a radiographic periapical radiolucency, and “peculiar” anatomy. The patient’s chief complaint was “I have a small tooth growing behind my other tooth.” She had no symptoms upon initial examination. The history of the present illness included a recurrent sinus tract in the mandibular gingiva lingual to tooth #30, which was currently present. She denied any thermal sensitivity, pain upon mastication, or previous trauma. The medical history of the patient was not remarkable.

Clinical findings: Upon intraoral examination the right mandibular 1st molar (#30) appeared to be intact with a supernumerary tooth attached disto-lingually (Fig. 1). Tooth #30 had occlusal caries, probing depths were less than four millimeters, except for a 8mm probing depth in the lingual furcal area. No mobility was detected in the LR Quadrant. Teeth #28, 29, and 31 responded positively to cold stimulation and EPT, and within normal limits (WNL) to percussion and palpation testing. Tooth #30 did not respond to cold or EPT and no pain on percussion and buccal palpation elicited pain. There was no swelling, however two sinus tracts were present lingual to tooth #30.

Radiographic findings: Periapical radiographs of tooth #30 revealed the presence of a periapical radiolucency, which encompassed the entire apex. A supernumerary tooth had longer root structure than the roots of tooth #30, which appeared to have resorption (Fig. 2).

Diagnosis: Tooth #30 was diagnosed with pulpal necrosis and chronic apical abscess. Nonsurgical root canal therapy was recommended. The patient and her mother were informed of the findings and consent was obtained.

Treatment: The treatment plan was to perform NS RCT on tooth #30 and extraction of the supernumerary. The patient was anesthetized and rubber dam isolation placed. Tooth #30 was accessed with carbide burs and non-end cutting EndoZ bur. The pulp chamber revealed a C-shaped canal configuration. Small files were placed into the canals and tentative working length reading for four canals were obtained using an electronic apex locator (EAL). The canals were then instrumented to a size #25 and the working lengths were then reconfirmed using an EAL. No vital tissue was visualized at any depth in the chamber or canal. Using the dental operating microscope (DOM), tooth structure from tooth #30 could be seen through the access made into the pulp chamber. The Tooth #30 was prepared with ProFile rotary NiTi instruments to #40/04 on the DB & ML canals and to #35/04 on the MB & DL canals. Copious irrigation with 6% NaOCl was performed throughout the procedure. Final irrigation with 17% EDTA and 6%

NaOCl were completed prior to drying with paper points and placement of Ca(OH)2 into the canals. The access was sealed with sterile cotton pellets and Cavit. The patient returned 24 days later for completion of therapy, however the sinus tracts remained unhealed. Tooth #30 was then reaccessed and all working lengths were reverified. Calcium hydroxide was again placed into the canals and the access was sealed with sterile cotton pellets and Cavit. The patient returned for a third time after 21 days for completion of treatment, however the sinus tracts remained unhealed. Percussion testing of tooth #30 was WNL but slight palpation tenderness remained. The possible need for extraction of the supernumerary tooth was considered, therefore, a CBCT was taken to verify the relationship between tooth #30 and the supernumerary tooth, as well as to verify if the PARL was also associated with the apex of the supernumerary tooth. Ricucci and Siqueira showed that lesions of greater than 10mm diameter in size have an intracanal biofilm present 100% of the time. Therefore, these complications cause an impact on the outcome.

Discussion: The supernumerary tooth was originally thought to be separate from tooth #30 and its initial vitality testing was unclear due to a false positive response to EPT. The initial question was regarding the etiology, what was responsible for the necrosis of tooth #30 and the supernumerary tooth, since there was only a minimal amount of decay associated with tooth #30 and none found on the supernumerary tooth. The probing depth located at the free gingival margin lingually although it seemed to be very narrow could have been due to a periodontal defect from the supernumerary tooth. Since the probing depth was to the periapical area of both #30 and the supernumerary tooth the periodontal infection could have lead to their pulpal necrosis, which would indicate that the infection was due to a periendo lesion. With no history of trauma and minimal caries present on tooth #30, it would seem that this was the cause of the pulpal necrosis.

References:
Research activities remain high within the Department and include exciting new projects focused on novel pain mechanisms and regenerative endodontics. These activities include important contributions from our past and current residents. Once again, the high quality of these projects was acknowledged by AAE/Dentsply Resident Awards earned by Dr. Tyler Lovelace and Dr. Ryan McNamara at the AAE 2010 Annual Meeting. Please plan to attend the presentations of our current second-year residents, Drs. Raison Bose, Callee Cosby and Mark Pacheco, and the Table Clinic Presentation by Drs. Blake Ishikawa, David Martin and Phuong Quang, our first-year residents, at this year’s AAE meeting. Here is the information you will need to attend their presentations:

Dr. Bose- Comparison of Two Different Scaffolds Used in the Regeneration of the Pulp-Dentin Complex, Abstract # OR 06, Wednesday, April 13, 10-11:30 in Room 206A.

Dr. Cosby- The Use of Biosensors to Detect Toll-Like Four Receptor Activators in Root Canal System, Abstract # OR 02, Wednesday, April 13, 10-11:30 in Room 206A.

Dr. Pacheco- Prevalence of Mechanical Allodynia in Endodontic Patients, Abstract # OR 57, Thursday April 14, 3:30-5 in Room 206A.

Drs. Blake Ishikawa, David Martin and Phuong Quang- Understanding Regenerative Endodontic Treatments: Scaffolds, Table Clinic Presentation, Thursday, April 14, 2-5 p.m. in Exhibit Hall C.

We are also happy to announce funding from the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research at the National Institutes of Health to plan a clinical trial that will evaluate the effectiveness of regenerative therapy in immature and necrotic permanent teeth. This effort is headed by Dr. Hargreaves and in addition to Drs. Diogenes and Henry at UTHSCSA, this planning grant also includes a past resident, Asma Khan, and a former DDS, PhD student (and now endodontist), Jennifer Gibbs. We plan to submit the U01 clinical trial application this summer and so hopefully we have some good news regarding this application in the near future.

Much of the research efforts over the last year have focused on expanding findings from the Hargreaves lab that identified oxidized linoleic acid metabolites (OLAMs) as a new class of endogenous TRPV1 agonists. These findings were published in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences in 2009 and in the Journal of Clinical Investigation in 2010. Many of us are familiar with the critical role played by the activation of TRPV1 in inflammatory pain conditions and this finding suggests the targeting of OLAMs as a new therapeutic approach for treating pain.

Dr. Hargreaves is happy to announce that Niki Ruparel successfully defended her Ph.D. dissertation and she will be receiving her D.D.S. degree in May. We are all very pleased that Niki will be staying here and joining us in June as a first-year Endodontic Resident. Michael Eskander, Dustin Green and Mayur Patil all joined the lab this year as Graduate students working towards their Ph.D. All are busy in the lab and are already having great successes with their projects. Margaux Salas continues to examine TRPV1/TRPA1 interactions and is making progress towards her Ph.D. degree. Our Post-Doctoral Fellows include Shivani Ruparel, studying role of OLAMs in pain, Dayna Loyd, investigating the role of peripheral serotonergic receptors in pain, and Visiting Professor Sergei Bialuhin, who is assisting Dr. Armen Akopian in his functional imaging and electrophysiological studies on neuronal activation. We are also fortunate to have Dr. Jose F. de Almeida joining us as a Visiting Professor/Research Fellow. Jose is an Endodontist and Ph.D., and a faculty member at the University of Campinas in Brazil and will be helping with the regenerative endodontics research program. Jie Li is a new research assistant and joins our other research assistants/associates including Paul Chen, Mei Li and Xiaoling Sun. We are all dependent on the great job done by our research assistants/associates to keep the lab and projects running smoothly. Many of our research projects evaluate human tissues and these projects depend on the amazing effort by Erin Locke, our Research Nurse, to organize the collection of these tissues. All of our jobs continue to be made easier by the help provided by Lola Miranda, our grants coordinator. Lola assists in grant preparation and the management of our ongoing research program. Much of the support needed to fund our research efforts is not provided by state funds, but rather depends on the coordinated efforts of all members of our diverse team of research personnel. We are looking forward to seeing our past residents and friends of the Department at this year’s AAE meeting. Take the opportunity to stop by the Department to say hello when in town and please plan to attend the Residents Oral Presentations and Table Clinic Presentation to learn about some of the exciting research projects ongoing in the Department.

A confocal microscopic image showing the selective differentiation of human stem cells from the apical papillae (SCAP) to an odontoblast phenotype when located adjacent to dentin. Cells in a scaffold were placed inside a human root tip and grown in the subcutaneous tissues of an immunocompromised mouse. The cells of human origin (SCAP) were identified with an antibody against dentin sialoprotein (green), while newly differentiated odontoblast cells were identified with an antibody against dentin sialoprotein (red). Topro (blue) identifies nuclei. This result is based on a project involving Drs. Raison Bose, Anibal Diogenes, Michael Henry, Ken Hargreaves and Mei Li.


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

**San Antonio, Texas**

**Thursday, April 14, 2011**

**6:00 – 9:00 pm**

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