

DENTISTRY *...in general*

Winter 2019

2020 IAGD Annual Meeting & Mastertrack Weekend • March 6-8, 2020

“Oral Surgery for the General Dentist: Easier and More Predictable”

with Dr. Karl Koerner & Dr. Andrew Drollinger

LECTURE

Friday, March 6, 2020
7:45 am to 5:15 pm

Many extractions look easy but can soon become difficult, time consuming, and lead to complications. This course reviews the best techniques and instruments to remove “surgical” extractions easily and quickly while conserving bone. From that primary emphasis, Dr. Koerner branches to other related surgery subjects that use many of the same instruments and principles.

These include:

- The most common suturing techniques and materials,
- avoiding sinus problems,
- predictable socket grafting techniques (without company hype),
- ridge preparation for immediate dentures,
- bleeding management during surgery,
- a review of moderate third molar impaction essentials (anatomy and step-by-step guidelines).

COURSE OBJECTIVES

As a result of attending this course, the dentist will be able to:

1. More easily do “surgical” or difficult extractions that frequently occur in general practice.
2. Be more proficient at ridge preparation for immediate dentures.
3. Select appropriate socket grafting

- cases and have the knowledge to do them successfully.
4. Prevent and/or manage bleeding problems that can occur during oral surgery.
5. Better understand patient selection and risks of third molar surgery.
6. Perform oral surgery according to current standards of care.

HANDS-ON TRAINING

Saturday, March 7, 2020

8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Sunday, March 8, 2020

8:00 am to 1:00 pm

This workshop builds on the Friday lecture. It applies the surgical principles covered already – to use on life-like dentoform models.

The following procedures will be done on the models:

- full-thickness mucoperiosteal flaps (envelope and triangular),
- suturing (interrupted/surgeon’s knot, cross-suture, continuous-lock)
- surgical extractions (multiple root-top removals with several different methods),
- Alveoplasty,
- Socket grafting (bone graft and barrier membrane)
- Moderate third molar impaction (mesioangular),
- Excisional biopsy
- Incision and drainage
- Anxiety control for apprehensive surgery patients

- I & D in general practice, discussion of antibiotic usage
- Incisional/excisional biopsies
- Bisphosphonates
- Other discussion as time permits

COURSE OBJECTIVES

In addition to the course objective on Friday, the dentist will also be able to:

1. Control patient anxiety related to oral surgery.
2. Correctly perform I & D’s on the less-invasive abscesses.

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Hello again! I hope the fall season is going well for you. I want to take this opportunity to update everyone on what is happening with Iowa AGD. First, we had a great Mastertrack continuing education weekend in Omaha, during which both Iowa and Nebraska AGD members came together to learn about practice management, special care, and

pharmacology. It was a big hit with many positive comments and a great opportunity to network with other dentists. Our next Mastertrack session is scheduled for March 6-8. This one is going to be great as we are bringing back a very popular speaker, Dr. Karl Koerner. The topic for the weekend will be Oral Surgery. The last time Dr. Koerner presented for the Mastertrack was a huge success, and I expect this time to be great as well. If you have not already signed up, then do so soon because we expect this session to sell out.

In the last newsletter, I mentioned that we were going to have a STAR visit where several facilitators come from National AGD and help us with our goals and strategic planning. I am pleased to say that this meeting went very well. It was held on September 27th and was well attended by almost all board members. We covered a lot of ground that day, but one of the things that we are most excited about is starting a student chapter at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry. Our membership

committee has teamed up with several faculty at the College and plan on hosting a student event in the near future. We will share more details about this project as they emerge.

Another project we are excited about includes providing free oral cancer screenings at the upcoming IDA meeting in Des Moines on April 30th and May 1st. This is a great opportunity to spread the word about the importance of oral cancer screenings and be screened yourself by a colleague.

We are looking forward to implementing many other projects and ideas that were discussed at the STAR visit. I want to thank everyone that helped put it together and everyone that participated. Our future at the Iowa AGD is bright! As always, if you have any suggestions or questions, please feel free to reach out to me at drroberto@gentlefamilydentists.com

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3. Do easier third molar impactions.
4. Perform oral surgery according to the current standards of care.
5. More easily and quickly do “surgical” or difficult extractions that frequently occur in general practice.
6. Be more proficient at ridge preparation for dentures following multiple extractions.
7. Prevent and/or manage complications that can occur during oral surgery such as bleeding, sinus problems, and tuberosity fractures etc.
8. Perform predictable socket bone grafting.



Karl R. Koerner, DDS, MS

Dr. Koerner is an Adjunct Professor in Oral Surgery at Roseman University of Health Sciences, College of Dental Medicine in Utah and the Co-founder of the Koerner Center for Surgical Extractions (KCSI). He has presented hundreds of didactic and participation oral surgery courses in the U.S. and around the world -- speaking about twice a month at dental meetings both large and small. Dr. Koerner is the author of many articles on various aspects of oral surgery for the general dentist and has authored or co-authored

four books on oral surgery. In addition, he has made several surgery DVDs with Dr. Gordon Christensen. He is past president of the Utah Dental Association and Utah Academy of General Dentistry. Though not an oral surgeon, Dr. Koerner received surgery training in the U.S. Army where he completed a general practice residency. He was given the National AGD's Weclaw award for his contributions to dentistry and dental education and the Utah Dental Association's Distinguished Service Award. He conducts regular dental humanitarian projects in various parts of China

Andrew G. Drollinger, DDS

Former full-time oral surgery faculty at Roseman University College of Dental Medicine, Director of Utah Oral Surgery Services, and one of the instructor with the Koerner Center for Surgical instruction. Dr. Drollinger has presented didactic and participation oral surgery courses for dental societies, AGD meetings, and private group practices. His hands-on courses use life-like models on which participants do several different surgeries. Though not an oral



surgeon, he has practiced oral surgery for the majority of his career. Dr. Drollinger recently relocated to Houston where he has a practice limited to oral surgery and sedation. He previously completed a one-year oral surgery internship, a two-year AEGD residency, and a two-year orofacial pain & dysfunction residency.---all at the University of California Los Angeles. He received his dental degree from the University of Maryland.

General Information

Friday, March 6, 2020
Lecture will be held at the
Hilton Garden Inn
8600 Northpark Drive, Johnston, IA
515.270.8890

Immediately following the course, please join us for a cocktail reception from 5:15 – 6:15 p.m. This event is sponsored by **McFadden Insurance Services, Inc.**

**Hands on Course
Limited Space Available**

Saturday, March 7, 2020
8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 8, 2020
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The hands on portion will be held at
Patterson Dental Supply
955 SE 28th Street, Grimes, IA

7:15 a.m Registration
7:45 a.m Course Begins
11:45 – 1:15 p.m Extended Lunch Hour
(A chance to visit the exhibitors AND IAGD members will be honored!)
1:15 p.m Course resumes
4:00 p.m Exhibits close
5:15 p.m Course adjourns
*** Coffee breaks and lunch will be provided in the exhibit area*



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COURSE FEES:

LECTURE ONLY

AGD Dentist \$350 _____

(Register by January 2nd and receive a \$50 member only discount: \$300)

Non-AGD Dentist \$650 _____

2 DAYS (LECTURE & HANDS ON)

AGD Dentists \$1,850.00 _____

(Register by January 2nd and receive a \$200 member only discount: \$1,650)

Includes materials, meals and books. Lodging not included.

Non-AGD Dentist \$2,500.00 _____

Includes materials, meals and books. Lodging not included.

Staff Member/Assistants/Hygienists..\$75.00 _____

Dental Students \$35.00 _____

Lab Techs.....\$125.00 _____

Total Amount Paid _____

If you attend the entire 3-day weekend, you will receive 24 hrs. AGD Oral Surgery Participation Credit – IDBE pending final approval. 24 additional hours of participation credit may be earned by presenting a clinical homework assignment after the course and presenting in October of 2020. There is an additional fee.

A block of sleeping rooms have been reserved at the Hilton Garden Inn for \$109 until February 12, 2020. Ask for the Iowa AGD rate. To make reservations, call 515-270-8890.

Please mail registration form and payment to: IAGD, 2244 Stockwell Street Lincoln, NE 68502. Registration can be taken over the phone with a credit card. **Register by February 20th to avoid a \$50 late fee!** A \$40 processing fee will be applied to all persons requesting a refund (lecture only) or \$85 processing fee will be applied to all person requesting a refund (3 days). No refunds will be issued after that date. You will receive an email confirmation when your registration is processed. Questions? Contact the IAGD Office at 402.438.2321 or email julieberger50@gmail.com

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Phone (If different from above) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Region 10 Regional Director's Report

Fall is here, school has begun, football is in full swing and the annoying presidential commercials have started. As an American, I do



Chad Wagener, DDS, MAGD

believe it is our right and our privilege to vote for who will lead our country. Leadership comes in many forms, and the AGD has many leadership opportunities. The following is a list of the different types of leadership

opportunities from council and committee members to public information officers: Budget and Finance Committee, Communications Council, Constitution, Bylaws & Judicial Affairs Council, Credentials and Elections Committee, Dental Education Council, Dental Practice Council, Examination Council and Committees, Group Benefits Council, Legislative & Governmental Affairs Council, Membership Council, Program Approval for Continuing Education (PACE) Council, Scientific Meetings Council, Self-Instruction Committee. You don't have to run

any kind of annoying ad campaign to serve on these committees. For a more detailed explanation on these committees log into the AGD website; go to Home, About Us, Leadership/Governance, Leadership Opportunities. The AGD needs your leadership!

I had the opportunity to attend the IAGD STAR visit a few weeks ago. It was a great goal setting session and very productive. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to email me or give me a call!

Chad Wagener, DDS, MAGD
Region 10 RD

My Report On Laboratory Robotic Plaque Removal: *An Etch a Sketch® Concept*

Recently I have been drawn like a magnet to an article about magnets and dental plaque. In explaining this concept, my dental assistant remarked, “This reminds me of how we used to trace lines with an Etch a Sketch®!”

I replied, “Good comparison,”

It does help to grasp how several

authors developed a plaque busting robot, even to submit a patent, whereby tiny magnetized particles were moved magnetically to clean bacterial biofilm surfaces. The results? These excerpts are from the abstract: “unprecedented ability to eradicate biofilms,” and “biofilms were precisely, efficiently, and controllably killed degraded and removed,” and “magnets harmlessly penetrate most biologic and synthetic materials.”

It was not a periodontics department, but an orthodontic department that helped write and publish a research project on robotic plaque removal sponsored by the National Institutes of Health. Yet, after reading the fine print and credits, I learned that this orthodontic department is part of a larger biofilm research lab, the Biofilms Research Lab Levy Center for Oral Health, Department of Orthodontics, School of Dental Medicine, University of Pennsylvania.

This unique concept needs some introduction so that I will tell the



names of the publication later, hoping to catch your attention using common concepts. “Plaque being totally removed and gone for good,” I said to myself, “now that sounds pretty good don’t you think?”

Yet, I feel humbled grasping all the authors accomplished, I am unfamiliar with the terminology and I wish I had years of experience in this field to report on it fairly. Now, with that apology, my IAGD readers can touch base with my comments on this concept, and perhaps go to the original article “Catalytic Antimicrobial Robots for Biofilm Eradication” published in the April 24th edition of Science Robotics, and appreciate and understand it all the more.

The authors developed “catalytic antimicrobial robots” (CARs) capable of performing multiple tasks. My next paragraphs will deal with these three components.

The authors knew that antibiotics cannot penetrate biofilms, and neither does saliva, they surmised and tested various methods that showed just how little was accomplished without attacking this slime layer first. However, when they used a mutanase/dextranase enzyme they got the biofilm removed with CARs. Once the enzyme degraded the surface, the exposed bacteria were killed with antimicrobial agent, a 1% solution of every day hydrogen peroxide. Now, the

properties of H2O2 are activated when ions are exchanged with iron particles. “These free radicals, generated from H2O2 via peroxidase-like activity” the authors wrote, “work with the digested extracellular glucans.”

“But, how,” I ask, “does a nanoparticle get on with cleaning this biofilm surface now?”

The authors tested two types of surfaces, one inside a tube and for that matter inside a tooth, and a biologic or inanimate smooth surface. One, a 3D molded CAR, and the other a tiny nanoparticle (NP) size biohybrid molecule.



Biohybrid CARs



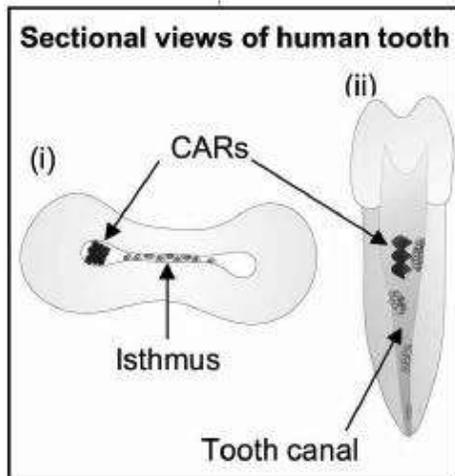
3D molded CARs

The building blocks of molecular biohybrids appear as bristle like

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structures assembled from NPs suspended in H2O2 and the enzymes previously mentioned activated and gathered to battle by a magnet. The article demonstrated in color figures how the solution had no biohybrids until magnet-activated. When they were activated confocal microscopy at 50 μm showed their bristle like form. These particles' bases moved ahead of their unattached heads trailing behind as if catching the wind.

The authors planned to make two types of CARs for inside tubes and the inside of a human tooth capable of cleaning these complex surfaces. They designed a helicoid screw like object, and also a licorice-square long-shaped tube called vanes. [Vanes are part of a fan, or air vent.] They 3D printed these small-scale robots and pre magnetized them with a neodymium iron boron magnet to form 3D molded CARs.



These larger 7 mm CARs were used to clean the long axis of a root canal, and 1.5 mm helicoid shaped CARs were made to get through biofilm clogs seen in human teeth. They showed the CARs going across from the lingual to

the buccal canal through the isthmus, with accompanying iron-bristle-like nanoparticles.

I asked myself, "How long does this take?" The time scale for each figure was from 30 to 300 seconds, with a major cleaning taking place right away as the CARs aggregated and cleaned the surface. The authors also reported that the areas - even given perfect nutrient broth - had no evidence of repopulation of the smear/biofilm within 24 hours.

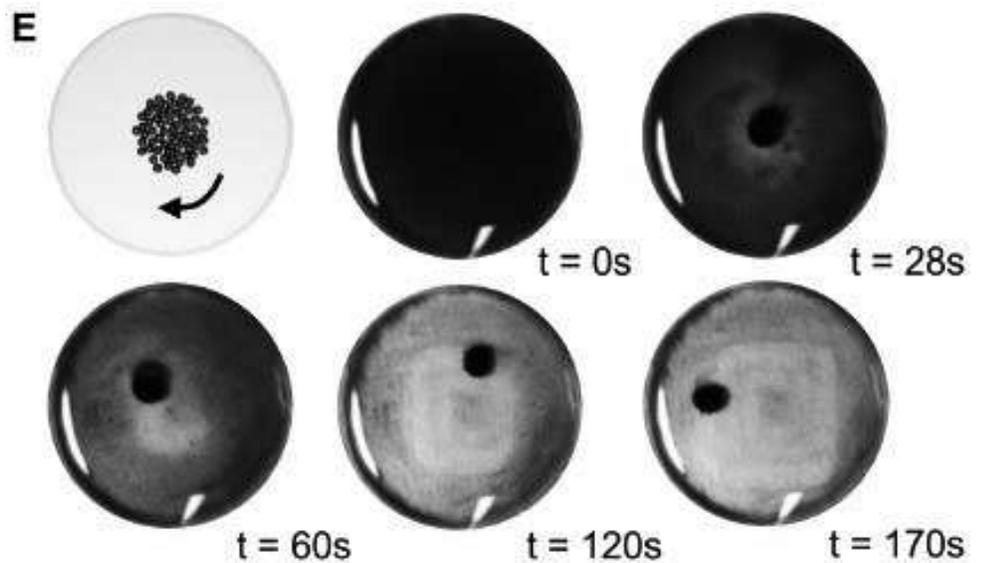
The authors pointed out that this method could some day be used to clean all kinds of things, just think of the industry that needs clean lines. [Dairy, Dental Unit water lines, and Catheters.]

Medical applications include sampling for composition of any biomass, perhaps in detection of cancer cells.

Then, once this complex idea is set in motion, we may some day be telling our patients who have used an Etch a Sketch®, that we are similarly cleaning their teeth and keeping their dental experience a healthy one with clean dental unit waterlines.

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Fall Mastertrack Report

We held the 2019 Fall Mastertrack continuing education in Omaha on October 11-13th. The course comprised of three topics with different speakers.



Jen Butler, CEO of REAL Production Formula

Friday morning, we were the captive audience of Jen Butler's lecture entitled "The REAL Production Formula - Transforming the Way You Achieve Success". Jen, CEO of JB Partners, demonstrated her vast knowledge in how the dental practice can be more productive and profitable. She stressed four Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) which include: Profit Margin, Hygiene Reappointment Rate, Diagnosis %; and Case Acceptance. She stressed that by focusing on these key metrics, you would be able to continue to grow your practice and thrive in today's marketplace.



Dr. Mark Donaldson

The remaining of Friday and all-day Saturday featured, Dr. Mark Donaldson. His lectures were titled "Keeping Medically-Complex Patients Safe: Ensuring good Hemostasis and Being Prepared for Emergencies." and "CAOS! Managing Complex Adult Oral Situations: From Polypharmacology to Appropriate Prescribing." Dr. Donaldson is a clinical pharmacologist who understands the dental world well. He reminded me of the University of Iowa College of Dentistry's Karen Baker and Cindy Marek. Dr. Donaldson has been involved in either writing, or editing a significant amount of the peer reviewed publications through the ADA and AGD that we use in terms of prescribing guidelines.



Dr. Teryn Sedillo, Dr Kelly Huston

Sunday morning Dr. Teryn Sedillo, from Creighton presented "Special Care: The Humanistic Approach to Dentistry." Dr. Sedillo created a hands-on experience for all participants. We learned how to properly position geriatric patients with cushions, how to use a gait belt to lift, proper transfer methods from wheelchairs, and a VR simulator to learn what life is like with dementia. Her curriculum was focused on providing compassion to geriatric populations and provided real ideas for how we could incorporate external visits into our practices

This weekend courses were captivating and enriching. Truly, I felt like I could not leave the room for fear of missing something crucial to my practice. This CE course was exceptional on every level and I would encourage everyone to attend a lecture by these speakers if you have the opportunity.

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IAGD Mastertrack Chair*

AGD Advocacy Conference



Dr. Steve Thies

The AGD held a one-day conference October 25, 2019 on advocacy for dental issues. Here are two photos to introduce my conference colleagues.



Dr. Steve Feldman, LGA Council member, Dr. Steve Thies, and Dr. Mike Bromberg, AGD Congressional Liaison



Dr. Neil Gajjar, AGD president, Dr. Connie White, AGD President-elect, Dr. Steve Thies, IAGD Legislative Chair, & Dr. Bruce Cassis, AGD Vice President

The conference goal is to keep membership well informed and active on the issues involving dentistry. It is important that the dentists preserve control over the dental profession. There are many dental issues affecting dentistry, including midlevel providers, McCarron-Ferguson Act, dental student debt, Medicare inclusion of dental care, direct to the consumer (DIY) dental treatment, third party control over fees, Medicaid, and teledentistry.

First and foremost, the most important issue affecting the

delivery of dental care is midlevel providers (MLP's) also known as dental therapists. Midlevel providers are educated in two years to do uncomplicated extractions and filling treatment with or without dentist supervision. The intent is for midlevel providers to expand access to care for the dentally underserved population. Pew and Kellogg foundations have committed financial resources to enact legislation allowing midlevel providers to provide dental treatment in states. Currently, there are 15 states with some type of midlevel provider legislation.

Proponents for midlevel providers give supporting statements that fees will be lowered, unmet dental needs will be treated, lower socioeconomic groups will be treated, the utilization of emergency departments for dental treatment will decrease, and the maldistribution of dentists will be solved. Using the history of midlevel providers practicing in Minnesota, it has been shown that midlevel providers cluster in the populated areas. They do not treat the Medicaid population nor do they practice in the low-income rural areas in Minnesota. The previously stated goals have not been met in Minnesota. The access to care issue is a funding problem not a distribution problem

Dental and health insurance companies are exempt from antitrust actions. The exemption allows health and dental insurance companies to share information, coordinate their activities, and network. Dentists are prevented from sharing information and fee discussions. Health and dental insurance companies are well capitalized, established, and no longer need the benefits of antitrust exemption. The McCarron-Ferguson act will remove the antitrust

exemption. The act has passed the US House of representatives but has not passed in the US Senate.

Dental student debt is burdensome and continuing to increase. Burdensome student debt affects young dentist career choices. For profit dental schools have been established.

Medicare and the inclusion of dental treatment as a benefit is being seriously considered by organized dentistry. Unfortunately, an analysis of Medicare and the medical profession shows the medical profession burdened with compliance documentation and low reimbursements. Reviewing the early history of Medicare shows the slow demise of independent solo or small group medical practices primarily due to the low fee structure. Medicare's history is a preview of the effect on the dental profession should dental treatment be included in Medicare.

Third party payers and in-network/PPO contracts are greatly influencing and controlling treatment decisions and dental finances. Dental insurance contracts often have leased network agreements with other insurance companies and lowest fee provisions within the contract. A very close examination of the contracts is required before signing the contract. Some states have passed legislation placing limitations on the contractual obligation of the dental provider within the contracts.

As a profession, we must be aware of these issues and actively involved in dealing with the negative consequences of these issues. Dentistry is our profession. We must preserve control of the profession.

*Dr. Steve Thies
Legislative Chair*

Editor's Report on the STAR Board meeting

The Iowa Academy of General Dentistry Board met for an all-day meeting on September 27th in Coralville at the Coralville Marriott. The entire board was present for this day of brainstorming and planning.



Dr. W. Mark Donald, Dr. Jon Hardinger

Two main facilitators and corresponding secretary were from the national office facilitating our meeting. I would like to introduce Dr. W. Mark Donald first, because of his also being elected this year to Speaker of the House of Delegates to the American Dental Association. He has also previously served as the president of the Academy of General Dentistry President, and as president of the Academy of General Dentistry Foundation. I personally perked up at that because I attended the AADEJ in San Francisco as well. Dr. Donald's experience with the foundation helped us talk about possible uses for our funds, and the process his foundation went through to accept application for grants. His account of being selected

reminded me of a person who did not actually seek the position, but others encouraged him to try. This reminds me of my colleague Dr. Bob Shirley, who asked me if I would serve as editor before I ever thought of it.



Dr. Thomas Howley, Dr. Jon Hardinger

Our second facilitator was Dr. Thomas Howley who had directed us to introduce ourselves and what each Board member hoped to get out of the meeting. He facilitated a big part of our conversation in developing leadership and each chair was asked to name a co-chair for this purpose. Each position was also asked to have their "job description" ready and updated. An interesting note about Dr. Howley, is that he is an avid storm chaser. I thought of the summer hail storms, and sudden change in temperature. Then several of us listened intently as his storm chasing accounts. He said we might have seen some of this work, as national news outlets have included his videos in their reporting.



Ms. Seneshia Jones, Manager, Constituent Services

Then our corresponding secretary, Seneshia Jones, who is the Manager of Constituent Services, explained how each chair can access the AGD office web site for templates of their position. After the meeting, I went to this web site and re read notes for editors and this helped me refocus on the key parts of my position. Later, Seneshia Jones submitted a summary of our work with the flow chart of goals in each action item which will be reviewed over the next year.

One of the brainstorming ideas I had was to look into selective targeting dentists to become members using modern tracking methods, which are paid ads. Julie looked into this for me, but it would be a Facebook or Google ad directed by our organization.

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(L to R): Drs. Mark Donald, Tom Howley, Carrie Borchardt, Dona Prince, Jon Hardinger, Lindsey Meyer, Philip Andersen, Carol Moreno, Craig Driver, Roberto Moreno, Eric Recker, Joslyn Slater, Eric Rollman, Steve Thies, Chad Wagener, Ryan Hussong, Deb Oldman and Seneshia Jones.



Julie Berger

Fall is in the air! If you read my Executive Director messages, you'll know how much I love fall! I love the crisp air in the morning and the fall colors. And of course, football season is in full swing! The Huskers had yet another ugly loss this past weekend, but you have to keep the faith! I'm excited for the upcoming game against the Hawkeyes! Well maybe not so much if we lose that game this year. The last time the Hawkeyes beat the Huskers, my phone blew up like a firework! (Fingers crossed!). And we got to celebrate Alice's first birthday! It's hard to believe that she is already 1! She isn't walking yet but she is SOOO close! She just makes my heart melt!

We just finished up our fall weekend which was a joint course with the Nebraska AGD in Omaha on October 11-13th! We had a great turnout. The weekend was a combination of Practice Management/

Special Needs/Special Patient Care/ Pharmacology. We had an awesome social event on Saturday evening of the weekend where we got to watch both the Huskers and the Hawkeyes play. It was a great evening!

Every year, national offers ways for each constituent to be recognized for all of their accomplishments throughout the year. And every year, the IAGD applies for these awards. **I am happy to report that this year, the IAGD has won the Continuing Education Award and Constituent of the Year Award, both in Category 2. (201-799 members). The IAGD also received honorable mention in Advocacy, the ACE Award (newsletter) and the Public Information Award.** Congratulations to all of the IAGD Board members on all of your hard work this past year!

Mark your calendars for March 6-8, 2020 for the IAGD Annual Meeting featuring Drs. Karl Koerner and Andrew Drollinger! We are excited to have both of them be here to lecture. Dr. Drollinger has been lecturing with Dr. Koerner for several years now. We are still working out all of the details but Dr. Koerner will provide the lecture on Friday and part of the hands-on on Saturday. Dr. Drollinger will also be doing some of the hands-on on Saturday and then will speak on Sunday as well. We've had so many requests to bring back Dr. Koerner so this is very exciting for the IAGD! Registration information will be available in the next month. I encourage you to register early and

take advantage of huge membership discounts. This meeting will again be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Johnston.

Sometimes I feel like a broken record but The IAGD Mastertrack is one of the best benefits we offer! High quality continuing education, all laid out for you in a 6-year program...right in your back yard! And you can start at any time. If you have been considering starting the Mastertrack, give me a call and let's chat. Come to a Friday lecture or attend the entire weekend and see what it's all about! We've had some FABULOUS CE and look forward to seeing you at a meeting in the future!

I've said this before and I will say it again.... get involved! Your input is important and valuable. You have chosen to be a part of an elite organization, one where together we CAN make a difference. If you haven't been to a meeting in a few years, I invite you to join us! We welcome you to join us for a lecture or the weekend course! Please feel free to contact me at any time. You can reach me at 402-438-2321 or julieberger50@gmail.com.

With the holidays upon us, I am especially thankful for the wonderful blessings in my life. Unplug, put your phones away and cherish that time with your families. I hope your holidays are filled with love, peace and joy!

Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Julie Berger, Executive Director, IAGD

Getting Ready for Electronic Prescriptions Part II

As a good will irony, when I see the Iowa Dental Board emails that warn us like this:

Administrative penalties for noncompliance. Violations of the e-prescribing mandate may result in an administrative penalty of \$250 per violation, up to a maximum of \$5,000 per calendar year. Administrative penalties do not constitute disciplinary action. Administrative penalties will be assessed by the provider's professional licensing board. All monies collected from the imposition of administrative penalties will be utilized to fund the continued efforts of the Iowa Prescription Monitoring Program.

It makes me concerned about the Iowa Dental Board fines for noncompliance, even by mistake. I am familiar, being on auxiliary hospital staff, of the carrot and the stick of the administration coaxing the medical doctors to comply. One time I heard the appeal of the physician administrator tell the doctors to please get complaint with legible signatures and timely medical records, saying that the licensing board of hospitals is coming and that any non-compliance takes a second visit and a lot of administrative time. In view of that, being a solo dentist, I've learned to make sure my own office practices comply. I mean, you can't just have a good will effort, it needs to be compliant.

The "stick" penalty is \$250 per violation, for me, seems fair, and it is nice that the monies go to the



Prescription Monitoring Program. But, being I am after the carrot here, this imaginary horse is reaching for the carrot, I thought, "Wait a minute! There is no carrot!" There is no payment back to me for compliance. However, let me moderate any angst or feelings of being taken advantage of by these compliance standards. After all, we are in the business of our individual patient's and the public good, and my resource at the Board of Pharmacy, Mark Mather RPh, Compliance Officer told me in a phone interview in September that a Charles City patient took their printed out narcotic prescription and changed the 16 tablets to 26. Mark's email wrote "This is exactly what electronic prescribing was meant to curtail; it has nothing to do with bad dentists. It is for safety in prescribing across the board in all professions."

The Board of Pharmacy compliance officer, told me that a lot of his work in in his office getting practitioners licenses renewed and when lapsed, updated. It is not possible for them to go out and inspect every pharmacy in the state, or dental

practice. However, Mark was telling me of situations where a practitioner was prescribing, what appeared to be excessive number of sedatives, and would ask the practitioner about this. For a follow up, the Iowa Board Of Pharmacy has a compliance officer over several counties and depending on your location, yours can be contacted through Andrew Funk, the executive director of the Board of Pharmacy. [Phone 515 281 5944.]

Another matter came up since the last newsletter and that is the request of a pharmacy to refill a prescription for a patient. One fax sent to me said, "we have been unable to contact you electronically." So, I contacted my dental software vendor to inquire how I am to be electronically notified, and it became evident that they were unfamiliar with this and no one there knew about it. However, the All Scripts picked up my query and helped me find the task tab pertaining to a refill request. This was in my Veradigm software and I had initiated this with a phone call to 1-877-933-7274. They corresponded with me by email, was given a case number, and was able to log into a communications site created at All Scripts. I plan on using this for questions which arise from time to time.

There have been webinars sponsored by the Iowa Board and Christie Braness at <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1UAUjjZoh7aIqhVxTjj065jt9PxxRAjSK>

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