

NODA News

MISSION STATEMENT

To establish and maintain a cohesive organization that serves to promote the art, science, and professionalism of dentistry, and to communicate the value of oral health to the community.

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Student Table Clinics

Here's a chance to revisit the dental school and get a glimpse of what's going on in the labs, clinics and classrooms.

The annual NODA-LSUSD student table clinic competition will be held Wednesday, April 5 from 7 until 8:30 p.m. on the fourth floor of the dental school.

Judging will have taken place from 6 until 7 p.m. with the between 50 and 60 table exhibits open for viewing at 7.

NODA, an annual sponsor, will present first and second prizes of \$100 and \$50 in the following categories: dental students, clinical and research; lab technicians, and post-graduate students.

The New Orleans Dental Hygiene Association will present prizes for dental hygiene students.

Dentsply International will present the top prize for dental students, an expenses-paid trip to the ADA Annual Session in Las Vegas next fall.

Crawfish Fest

It's spring and that means crawfish time!

NODA's annual Mudbug Feast will take place Friday, April 21 from 7-11 p.m. at the American Legion Home, 3001 River Road at Causeway Blvd.

It's a FREE party for those who call the Central Office by April 17 for tickets. Without tickets the price at the door is \$10 per couple.

Get out the jeans or shorts because there will be plenty of dancing to the music of Dan McKay and his "Mobile Oldies Sound Show." Between tunes, there will be games and contests that always produce hilarious results from the brave contestants.

The main attraction, of course, will be tables piled with delicious crawfish and other Cajun-Creole goodies, with lots of ice-cold beer and soft drinks to go with them.

So be sure to call in advance for your free tickets. The number is 834-6449.

The party, a highlight of the NODA year, always draws a fine crowd ranging from new practitioners to veterans and their better halves. Get up a party and y'all come!

Don't forget the free dues drawing.

MAY 17 MEETING FEATURES COMPUTERS

Are you up to speed on computer software?

The May 17 general membership meeting will consist of a 2 1/2-hour symposium on computer use and software. It will be held from 7-9:30 p.m. at the LSU Dental School.

Dr. William Davenport will lecture on computer basics. There will be a maximum of 12 exhibits by computer and software companies.

Registration for NODA members is FREE. Non-NODA members pay \$25. Dentists from the E. Baton Rouge, Slidell and Northlake dental associations will be invited.

Don't forget the big drawing for a full year's dues rebate will be held. Refreshments will be served.

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N.O. Dental Conference set for Aug. 30-Sept. 2

"Dentistry on the Mississippi" is the theme of the 46th annual New Orleans Dental Conference Aug. 30-Sept. 2 at the New Orleans Hilton Riverside.

A highlight will be the all-day pre-conference course featuring Dr. Gordon Christensen of Provo, Utah on "Dental Update and Materials." Nationally-known clinicians will present a wide range of programs during the next three days.

The 1993 New Orleans conference drew dentists and related personnel from 33 states. There was no conference in 1994 because the ADA held its annual session in the Crescent City last October.

Dr. Anthea Grogono, general chairman, said, "Dentistry on the Mississippi" offers a

chance to combine continuing education with a Labor Day Week-End in the "city that care forgot."

Other clinicians include:

Dr. Stanley Malamed, West Hills, Calif., emergencies, sedation and anesthesia.

Dr. Joseph Williams, Brookline, Mass., endodontics.

Dr. Jim Jackson, Mt. Pleasant, S.C., finances.

Dr. Barbara Steinberg, Philadelphia, Pa., oral medicine.

Dr. Arun Nayyar, Augusta, Ga., restorative dentistry.

Ms. Risa Pollack, San Bruno, Calif., practice management.

Dr. Gerard Chiche, New Orleans, La.,

prosthodontics.

Dr. Harold Crossley, Cockeysville, Md., pharmacology and drug abuse.

Dr. William Kiloy, Kansas City, Mo., periodontics.

Dr. Udell Webb, St. Georges, Ut., insurance.

Dr. Clifton Dummett, New Orleans, La., pediatric dentistry.

Dr. John Sheridan, New Orleans, La., the Essix appliance.

Dr. Debra Stewart, Stafford, Tex., auxiliary duties.

Ms. Deborah Hardy, Dallas, Tex., sharpening workshop and hygiene.

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NODA PROFILE

Dr. Green: a low-key 'doer'

Looking at Dr. Randy Green, you'd never guess he has 17 years of dental practice under his belt. He's one of those perennially young-looking guys, with an easy smile and an unassuming, laid back manner.

But he's also a doer, as evidenced by his accomplishments in the field, most recently by his installation as NODA's 77th president. He succeeds Dr. Debra Arnold as head of the 650-member association.

Dr. Randolph Green's leadership ability asserted itself while still at LSU School of Dentistry when he was elected president of Xi Psi Phi dental fraternity.

A graduate of Archbishop Rummel High School, he earned his BS in microbiology from LSU in Baton Rouge in 1974, continuing on to LSUSD where he received his DDS in 1978.

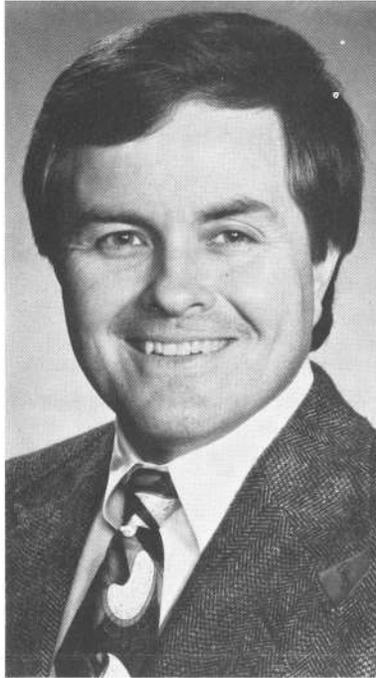
His interest in the dental school continues. He is a past president of the LSUSD Alumni Association.

After four years as an associate of the late Dr. Edgar Arbour in their office on Metairie Road, Randy established his own practice in 1981 in Lakeview. He conducted that office for 10 years, moving in 1991 to his present office at 4141 Veterans Boulevard.

The following year he served as general chairman of the New Orleans Dental Conference. He has also served on the Board of Governors of NODA.

When Dr. Terry Walsh was looking around for a chairman of the important Special Events Committee of the ADA Annual Session, his attention was directed to Dr. Green and his close friend, Dr. Terry Fugetta. They became co-chairs along with their wives, Angela and Cecilia.

It was a monumental job, entailing some 75 volunteers who staffed perhaps the busiest booth at the convention. The two NODA dentists arranged for specialists to make restaurant and other reservations (the



DR. GREEN

lines were constant). The hardworking quartet also directed hospitality activities and other important areas.

Dr. Fugetta, who succeeded Dr. Green as conference chairman, now succeeds him as president-elect of NODA.

Away from dentistry, Randy coaches kid baseball at Galatas Playground in Kenner and roller hockey at the Airline Skating rink.

His wife, the former Angela Grace of Plaquemine, LA, has long been active in the Alliance (formerly Auxiliary) of NODA. She is a past president and currently treasurer.

They are the parents of three children: a son, Blake 10, and two daughters, Courtney 15 and Haley 5.

The new president's goals for NODA are simple. "We want to make NODA more self-supporting and less reliant on the dental conference in order to stimulate more growth and education of our entire membership as they relate to organized dentistry," he explains.

CONFERENCE
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The New Orleans Conference is recognized by the Academy of General Dentistry for MAGD/FAGD credit. Registration for NODA members is **FREE**.

Other conference features are a large, conveniently located exhibit hall with a daily parade of prizes, plus cash prize, and New Orleans style entertainment.

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OPEN YOUR HEART

On Saturday, March 5, 1995 Policeman Ronald Williams II was killed in another senseless murder. This tragedy, however, hits closer to home. Mr. Williams' widow is the daughter of a NODA member, Dr. Daniel Buras.

The New Orleans Dental Association expresses its condolences and sympathy to Dan, his daughter Mary and the entire Buras family. Words are inadequate, but we must attempt in some tangible way to relate our concern, our care and our love. We must convey to the Williams/Buras families that our dental community wishes to go beyond saying "We are sorry."

The Board of Governors of the New Orleans Dental Association has recommended that each and every member pray in his/her own way for these families and to ask their God to bring an end to this bloodshed.

Further, those members who wish to open their hearts and voluntarily contribute to a memorial fund for Mary Buras Williams and her two small children may do so by sending their checks made payable to "The Ronald Williams Memorial Fund" to the NODA office.

These donations can be a tangible expression from the dental community that we care. Please open your hearts and encourage your colleagues to participate.

LUNCHTIME LECTURE

"The Relationship between Diet and Cancer" is the topic of a lunchtime program to be presented by Dr. David V. Schapira, director of the Stanley S. Scott Cancer Center, Thursday, April 6 at 12 noon in Auditorium A of the LSU Dental School.

The LSUSD Faculty Development Committee invites all NODA members to attend.

NODA News is published every month with the exception of June, July and August. Deadline for ads and editorial material is the 10th of the month preceding publication. Ads and news should be sent to Dr. Kristi Soileau, 2820 Napoleon Ave., Suite 470, New Orleans, LA 70115.

Dr. Soileau is editor and chairman of the NODA News Committee. Members are Drs. John Braud, Jr., Steven Collins, David DeGenova, Barry Goodspeed, Frank Herbert, Hector Maldonado and Wallace Serpas III.

DR. DUMMETT LECTURES

Dr. Clifton Dummett, Jr. recently returned from Toronto where he lectured at the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry's annual review course, speaking on "Pulp Therapy," "Traumatic Injury Management in Pediatric Patients," and "Current Concepts of Restorative Dentistry in Pediatric Dentistry."

Pay dues the painless way

Wouldn't you rather pay your 1996 NODA/LDA/ADA dues in relatively small monthly installments instead of one lump sum?

Here's how it works:

Join NODA's Automatic Bank Draft Program (ABD) early in the year (preferably this month) and a monthly amount will be automatically deducted from your checking account through the end of the year.

Then, when January 1996 rolls around, you will be paid up (NODA, LDA and ADA dues) in full for 1996. Easy and painless. No invoices, no checks to write.

You can join the plan simply by writing or calling Mona Whittington at the Central Office (834-6449) and requesting the necessary forms. She'll take it from there.

NODA TOPICS: WHAT'S YOUR PLEASURE?

Please complete survey, clip out, and mail to:

Dr. David Hildebrandt, 1680 Old Spanish Trail, Slidell, La 70458

ANNUAL SURVEY OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

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2. List any speaker you would like to have NODA sponsor: _____

3. List any additional topics you would like to see added to the Scientific Program: _____

OPTIONAL: Name: _____
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HIV/AIDS disputes: A report

(From the ADA)

The United States Department of Justice has settled its second HIV/AIDS discrimination matter against a dentist under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The January 11 settlement is with a Connecticut dental office that allegedly refused to treat persons with AIDS. The office will pay a total of \$29,000, including \$20,000 in compensatory damages to the patient's estate and \$9,000 in civil penalties to the government.

The office has also agreed to no longer discriminate on the basis of disability, publicize its policy of non-discrimination, and train its staff in the appropriate treatment of patients with HIV and AIDS.

The first DOJ suit alleging HIV discrimination, against a Texas dental center, settled for \$100,000 plus other relief. In that case and the recent Connecticut settlement, DOJ's press release stated "There is no medical or legal justification for dentists or other health care providers to refuse to treat people with HIV or AIDS."

DOJ has noted that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Dental Association have policies regarding the treatment of persons with HIV or AIDS, and that both organizations recommend the use of universal precautions to prevent the transmission of bloodborne diseases.

DOJ has publicly stated, and we should expect, that it will bring further cases against dentists who refuse treatment or otherwise discriminate because of a person's HIV status.

The recent settlement is instructive because it was reached during the investigation stage, but *before* DOJ filed suit. The message from the two settlements together is clear. It is best, legally and ethically, for dentists not to discriminate.

If they do discriminate, they may be able to save a significant amount of time, money and aggravation if they settle any claims against them during the investigation phase (as in the Connecticut matter) rather than waiting until after DOJ files a case against them (as in the Texas case).

Of course, whether and when to settle such a claim – and on what terms – is something that a dentist charged with discrimination would need to discuss with his or her private attorney.

Another DOJ suit against a dentist for alleged HIV discrimination is pending. The resolution of that suit, against a New Orleans dentist, may provide some guidance on whether and when a referral of an HIV-

infected patient constitutes an unlawful refusal to treat.

On a related note, this is an opportune time to advise that we continue to get calls from dentists mistakenly inquiring about why HIV is considered a disability when other infectious diseases are not. As you know, any infectious diseases that impair or are perceived to impair a major life function – including HIV, HBV and TB – are considered to be disabilities for legal purposes.

Whether a dentist has a duty to treat patients with such diseases will turn primarily on whether infection control measures will satisfactorily reduce the direct threat of transmission.

Current scientific thinking drives the law in this area, which is why dentists in private practice are generally agreed to have a duty to treat HIV-infected individuals, but not persons with active TB.

If you have any questions about these issues, please call Mark Rubin of the Division of Legal Affairs (ext. 2851).



GATT won't affect licensure

U.S. Trade Representative Michael Kantor has assured the ADA that the approval by Congress last fall of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) which includes a General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) will not affect dental or other health professional licensure.

ADA had inquired about the "potential adverse impact" of the trade agreement on behalf of member dentists and professional organizations.

"In fact, nothing in the GATS permits foreign health care professionals to circumvent state licensing and certification procedures," Kantor told ADA in a December 12 letter.

"Furthermore, nothing in the GATS allows foreign professionals to practice a licensed profession, even on a temporary basis, without meeting all applicable licensing criteria and receiving such a license.

"In addition, GATS does not require any changes to state licensing or certification criteria or procedures."

Kantor noted, however, that GATS does require the Council for Trade in Services to develop disciplines to ensure that licensing requirements in all service areas are based on objective, non-arbitrary criteria. Also, "mutual recognitions" involving professional organizations and state licensing authorities with their foreign counterparts will be encouraged by GATS.

CERTIFICATION OF DENTAL LABS

The National Board for Certification of Dental Laboratories has a toll-free number, 800-684-5310, for information on its professional standards program. More than 500 dental laboratories in the country have certification which addresses the laboratory facility, qualifications of personnel and evidence of compliance with health and safety laws. ■

Get Involved!

Do you have a suggestion for a NODA activity? If so, please jot it down for the Board's consideration. We want your views.

My suggestion/complaint: _____

Mail to: Executive Secretary, NODA, 2121 N. Causeway Blvd., Ste. 153, Metairie, LA 70001

Dentists and Attorneys

(Final installment)

Because dentists are called to testify as experts in trials, or otherwise interact with attorneys, NODA News is presenting a series relating to the Inter-Professional Code for Physicians and Attorneys, State of Louisiana. Copies of the Code may be obtained by writing the La. State Bar Assn., 210 O'Keefe Ave., Ste. 600, New Orleans, LA 70112 or by calling (504) 566-1600 or in La., (800) 421-5722.

ADDENDUM - PART IV

There is no justification for an attorney to abuse, badger or brow-beat a physician witness. Likewise, there is no justification for the physician witness to be abusive or discourteous to the attorney.

No judge or other presiding official should tolerate such tactics, but if no action is promptly taken, the physician or the attorney, as the case may be, should inquire of the person conducting the hearing whether they are required to submit to such treatment.

Rarely will an administrator or judge fail to restore the hearing to a proper level after such

a request is made.

When there are conflicts between the testimony of two or more physicians with reference to the same case, a physician can and should explain that Medicine is as much an art as it is a science; that in many situations alternative treatments are available, any one of which may be appropriate; that judgment values are not exact but at best fall within substantial ranges; that certain risks attend a given procedure; that some cases will not have a successful outcome; that many diagnoses are limited by the subjectivity of the symptoms and are complicated by the mental outlook of patients; and finally that diagnosis and treatment must both be evaluated as of the time they occurred rather than in the light of a later day.

The medical witness should remember that his testimony is not intended to impress or edify but to explain. If it does not help explain and does not clarify the issues of a particular case, it has failed in the sense that it is not useful to the determination of the case.

Reports may be furnished to a patient at any

time, at the discretion of the physician. In compensation cases, instructions are often given by the insurance company regarding where reports are to go. Nevertheless, the patient may get a report also, if the doctor wishes to give him one directly.

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Continuing Education Corner

In an effort to keep the membership attuned to available C.E. opportunities at the L.S.U. School of Dentistry, this area will be devoted to informational updates.

DATE	COURSE TITLE	COST
April 21	Alumni Day "Diagnostic Dilemmas in General Dentistry" w/Dr. Henry Gremillion	Dentist \$165.00 Auxiliary \$ 85.00
May 5	American Heart Association Class "C" CPR Re-certification (Limited Attendance)	\$ 60.00
May 13	"Radiology for Dental Auxiliaries" COURSE FULL	\$ 95.00
June 2	F. Harold Wirth Memorial Lecture with Dr. Michael Schuster	Dentist \$165.00 Auxiliary \$ 85.00
	Morning – "The Pyramid of Practice Success" Afternoon – "Helping Patients Make Good Decisions"	
June 3	"Radiology for Dental Auxiliaries" Course Full	\$ 95.00
June 9 & 10	"The Dental Team's Approach to Periodontal Management" with Dr. Raymond Yukna and Ms. Jan Lazarus	Dentist \$ ***** Hygienist \$ *****
July 14-16	"Expanded Duty Dental Assistant" a/k/a "EDDA" Ms. Dorothy Austin	Auxiliary \$369.00

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