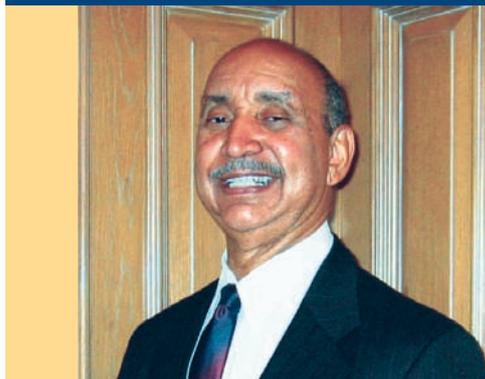


Endodontics News

PROFILE OF DR. UHRICH



Jefferson J. Jones, D.M.D.

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Greetings! It's been a good year in the Endodontics department at the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine, with residents working hard and a bright new group of residents preparing to begin (see back). A special note of congratulations is due to **Jussara Morsani '06**. She continued the department's award-winning tradition by earning an award at the 2006 AAE Annual Session in Hawaii for her poster presentation on "Genetic Predisposition to Persistent Apical Periodontitis."

I would like to take a moment here to offer a special word of thanks to **Dr. Albert "Ace" Goerig '71**, an enormously successful endodontist in Lacey, Washington, who has become a nationally known speaker both on the practice of endodontics and on the business side of running a successful practice. An ardent supporter of the department, Dr. Goerig has, for the each of the past two years, come to CWRU to present full-day seminars on dental practice, dental treatment, and endodontics practice and to share with students his accumulated wisdom from life experience. I am humbled and honored by a very generous gift to the School of Dental Medicine through which Dr. Goerig has single-handedly kicked off fundraising for an endowment fund to create a permanent chair in my name.

Finally, I hope I may look forward to seeing each and every one of you at the upcoming annual meeting. The alumni of this residency program are like a second family to me, and this annual gathering is always a highlight of the year for me.

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For 30 years **Michael Uhrich, D.D.S. '71**, has spent his Wednesdays in the endodontics clinic at the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine. "This is my fun time," he says of his mid-week break from his successful private practice in Euclid, OH. In addition to offering expertise about endodontics, Dr. Uhrich, who is a Clinical Assistant Professor, especially enjoys mentoring younger practitioners. "I enjoy talking to the residents," he says. "And not just about endodontics. They're worried about setting up a practice, being in debt."

Dr. Uhrich got his start as an endodontist in the Army, where he served three years attached to a medical hospital in Landstuhl, Germany. "I was the last guy to rotate onto the base," he recalls. "So the colonel said, 'You're going to do all the endodontics for 90,000 Americans.' The more I did it, the better I got."

The experience of caring for such a large patient base is part of what drew Dr. Uhrich to pursue endodontics as a specialty once he got out of the Army. "I like the character of the practice," says Dr. Uhrich, who completed his residency at Northwestern University. "I enjoy taking care of a lot of people."

His greatest satisfaction is "taking care of a patient who's been up in pain for two or three nights and you know you can get him comfortable. You get a lot of hugs for that," he says, adding, "That's the real reward."

In addition to his work with residents in the clinic, Dr. Uhrich is an instructor in the predoctoral endodontics class. One of the highlights this year has been having his daughter, Margaret Uhrich, in class. Margaret, a second-year dental student who is leaning toward general dentistry, enjoys having her father as an instructor. "It's a lot of fun. It's nice to be able to talk to someone who understands the same thing," says Margaret.

When he's not in the office or the clinic, Dr. Uhrich spends his time building functional steam engines with other enthusiasts. "Endodontists are frustrated machinists," he quips.



Dr. Michael Uhrich and his daughter, Margaret Uhrich, a second-year dental student at Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine

RESIDENTS' PRESENTATIONS AT THE UPCOMING ANNUAL MEETING

SHALETHA BOLDEN

An Analysis of Nanocomposites as Prospective Root-End Filling Materials

VIKRAM BRAR (CHIEF RESIDENT)

Implants or Endodontics: What is the true cost?

CRAIG DUHAIME

Implant Survival vs. Endodontic Success Studies: Leveling the Playing Field

GISELLE EITTER

Antibacterial Comparison of 2% Chlorhexidine Gel and Calcium Hydroxide on Enterococcus Faecalis Using Three Placement Techniques

DANIA KAFRI

Role of Polymorphism in Cytokine Overexpression Leading to Persistent Apical Periodontitis

ARSHIA KASRAVI

Case Surgical Cast

VICTOR PERITORE

The Potential Association Between IL-6 Gene Polymorphism and Persistent Apical Periodontitis

DUSTIN WIRIG

Studying Sample Bias in the Implant Literature

BE THERE!

American Association of Endodontics
Annual Meeting – Case Western Reserve
University – Department of Endodontics
Alumni Reception

Thursday, April 26, 2007

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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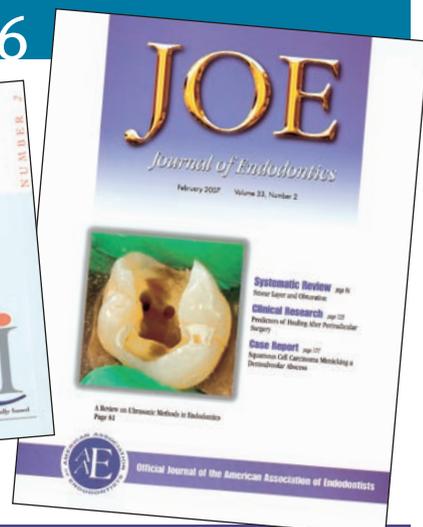
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MEET THE INCOMING CLASS



"I think endodontics is the most interesting and challenging field in dentistry. I have always wanted to pursue my dream to be an endodontist," says **Oday Alhalasa**, a 2000 graduate of the dental school from Jordan University of Science and Technology. Dr. Alhalasa was licensed as a general dentist in California in 2003, practiced general dentistry in San Diego for 3 years, and currently is enrolled in a GPR program at MetroHealth Medical Center. "The endodontics program at Case was my top priority because it is one of the most well known and respected programs in the field. I visited the program many times and every time I could see how enthusiastic and happy the residents were. That was a great encouragement for me to apply."

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Kristina Hopkins, a 2003 graduate from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, is currently a fourth-year dental student at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, TN. She became interested in Endodontics during her preclinical year as a sophomore when she saw the reward of treating patients who were in so much pain. "I decided to do my residency at Case Western Reserve University because of the high standard that they set for their students. The program goals and expectations fit perfectly with my personal goals and expectations. I sensed a close family environment amongst the students and faculty and felt very welcomed during my interview."

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Mahmoud Modareszadeh, a 1989 graduate from the School of Dentistry in Tehran, Iran, completed his two years obligatory military service as a dentist in a military hospital. He was an instructor at the dental school, Department of Restorative Dentistry for three years. He decided to continue his education in endodontics in 1993 and earned his M.S.D. in Endodontics at the Department of Endodontics, Shaheed Beheshti Dental School in 1999. He was a member of faculty in Azad Dental School, Department of Endodontics, Tehran, Iran, from 1996 to 2000 and had his own private practice from 1996 to 2006. "I feel that the excellent endodontic program at CASE is a great opportunity for me to update and enhance my knowledge and abilities,



particularly with regard to the new instruments and techniques in endodontic therapy," he says. "I believe this would enhance the quality of my dental practice and would allow me to offer my patients a higher caliber of treatment."

Sumesh Potluri '07, a 2001 graduate of the College of Dental Sciences, Karnataka, India, believes that endodontics is a challenging branch of dentistry dealing with perfection and perception. He was in private practice for two years. "I did my DMD program at Case and was blessed with inimitable faculty and hospitable department personnel. Case also has excellent research opportunities."



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CLASS NOTES

1996

Between 5 "awesome" kids and a thriving Fremont, California-based private practice which includes three offices, **William Cliff** and his wife Natalie don't have much time for reflection. "We try to pull back," he says. "But we're playing zone defense against 5 kids, and we seem to be getting beat!" Nonetheless, Dr. Cliff says he intends "soon" to get back to CWRU to "share the joy" of endodontics with residents.

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Armen A. Harttonian practices endodontics in Pasadena, California. He marvels that his son, Ara, who was in fourth grade when Dr. Harttonian graduated from CWRU, will attend college next year.

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Sami Chogle has been honored by the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine 2006-2007 Student Council as Best Pre-Clinical Instructor.

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