



## First Friday.....October Edition (October 5, 2012)

The fall semester is well underway, and we have recently completed a successful Fall Teaching Conference at Turkey Run while our staff enjoyed a robust professional development program. Investing time in professional development for both faculty and staff has been an institutional value of IUSD for over 40 years and it pays dividends. We enter October with renewed energy as we advance the Vision of IUSD to make *Indiana University School of Dentistry one of the best dental schools of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.*

- **Credentialing.....Why It Matters**

As professionals, we have responsibilities to our patients, society and the health profession. I am committed to enhancing our understanding of compliance and credentialing so that all faculty have demonstrated compliance with the wide assortment of requirements we have at IUSD. Times have changed. It used to be that all a dental faculty had to have was a valid dental license and they were “compliant” or “credentialed” to teach and practice dentistry. Today, in addition to a valid dental license, we must demonstrate compliance with HIPAA training, TB testing, infection control training, criminal background checks, and immunizations to name a few. Taking a page from our physician colleagues, they understand that clinical and hospital privileges are tied to timely and accurate completion of a series of requirements. Below are a few characteristics of credentialing important for IUSD adapted from the HC Pro website.

1. [Credentialing](#) is primarily performed to protect patients. It is one of the most effective controls in health care today and probably ranks right up there with residency training as a key to quality.
2. Credentialing is also performed to protect the clinical and health staff in case a patient is (or believes he/she has been) injured. Corporate negligence legal cases often allege that a clinical facility (hospital) did not perform the credentialing function well - such as allowing non-compliant faculty/clinicians to operate in a clinic. Good credentialing practices allow IUSD to easily demonstrate that we have dotted all of the i's and crossed all of the t's. There's no question that if a clinical entity or hospital and its credentialed personnel do their jobs well, it becomes very difficult for a plaintiff attorney to demonstrate negligent practice.
3. IUSD needs credentialed faculty to manage risk. The federal government requires it, as does the JCAHO, and state laws. If our various clinical operations or faculty fail to uphold our credentialing obligation, we potentially face loss of Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement, and accreditation status not to mention potential harm to patients. Message delivered.

## First Friday...IUSD Dean's Update for October (October 5, 2012)

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- **IUPUI Higher Learning Commission Accreditation Site Visit Nov 5-7,2012**

As the dental school community continues to prepare for our Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) self-studies and our upcoming September 10-12, 2013 site visit, the entire IUPUI campus has submitted its campus-wide self-study to the Higher Learning Commission. Every ten years, our campus must conduct a self-study review and submit it to our accrediting body, the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). Accreditation is required for our students to qualify for federal student loans and for their credits/degrees to be fully recognized by other accredited institutions for admittance to graduate programs or further degree completion. On November 5-7, the 12 HLC site visitors will be conducting a comprehensive campus visit and will potentially visit every school. You can access reports, view the chancellor's self-study video and the rest of the IUPUI accreditation web site at <http://www.iupui.edu/2012/>.

- **IUSD on a Wave Across the IUPUI Campus**

- **United Way 2012...IUSD Tipping Our Way to Victory**

The dental school celebrity servers dominated the kickoff of the **IUPUI 2012 United Way Campaign!** On September 18<sup>th</sup> the dental school did it again to set a high bar. Generous dental school donors "tipped" liberally to bring in one-thousand-one-hundred-and-eighty-nine big ones! \$1,189.00!!! Thanks to all who participated and associate servers Pam Shaw & Chris Guba.

- **Paddling Our Way to Victory...[Regatta 2012](#)**

Congratulations to the Dental School Kavity Killas, who rowed themselves into the IUPUI Regatta record books as the overall winners for 2012 with the fastest team in the finals heat (7:13.300 minutes). Trailing behind the Killas by only 18 seconds in the finals were the Dental School Darting Drillers – their time of 7:31.100 earned them honors as Regatta 2012's second place winners. IUSD had 6 canoe teams out of the total of 112 entries. See the [video](#) here.

- **Word is.... Project: VOIP UniCom Lync Deployment is Coming**

The [UniCom project](#) at Indiana University is a plan to replace all legacy telephone systems and devices on all campuses with an enterprise-ready unified communications platform (Voice over Internet protocol-VOIP), specifically Microsoft Lync that works through our computers. Stay tuned...projected completion date for IUPUI campus is 2014.

- **IUSD First Friday Factoid (Source: Dr. Karen Yoder email dated 10/3/2012)**

The first year of the IUSD Student Outreach Clinic activity will put a smile on your face..... 196 dental students have volunteered 1,928 hours in 20 Saturday 4-hour clinical sessions at People's Health and Dental Center. The students averaged 9.8 hours per volunteer since SOC began on 9/24/11. **BRAVO!**

- **Kudos & Tidbits**

- Kudos: Dr. Martinez-Mier – award of \$1M HRSA grant for state preventive dentistry program
- New coffee machines (2) now installed in 1<sup>st</sup> floor redecorated lobby
- ADA IUSD Reception San Francisco Friday October 19th – Marriott Marquis Hotel

Activities both within and outside the dental school demonstrate our collective commitment to IUPUI. I appreciate your involvement, dedication and support of the Vision and Mission of IUSD. I'll be back next month with another edition of *First Friday...Dean's Update*.



-John

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