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# First Friday

Dean's Update to the IUSD Community

## Top 10 2017 JDE

"Should Dental Schools Train Dentists to Routinely Provide Limited Preventive Primary Medical Care? Two Viewpoints" by Donald B. Giddon, R. Bruce Donoff, Paul C. Edwards, and Lawrence I. Goldblatt

Kudos to IUSD's Dr. Larry Goldblatt and Dr. Paul Edwards for their provocative 2017 JDE Viewpoint article (chosen as one of JDE's top 10 articles of 2017) regarding the transformation of dental practice from a predominantly technically based profession with primary emphasis on restoration of the tooth and its supporting structures to that of a more medically based specialty focusing on the oral and maxillofacial complex. While both viewpoints accept the importance of this transformation, Viewpoint 1 argues that in response to a shortage of both primary care providers and access to affordable oral health care, dentists need to be able and willing to provide limited preventive primary care (LPPC), and dental educators should develop and implement training models to prepare them. Viewpoint 2 (Edwards and Goldblatt) argues that the objective of dentists' education in primary care medicine is to help them safely and effectively provide all aspects of oral health care, including appropriate preventive medical care, that already fall within their scope of knowledge and practice.

Access the full article here: [JDE Two Viewpoints](#)

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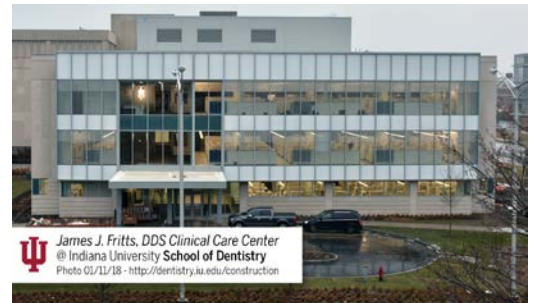
## Happy New Year 2018!

Classes and clinics resumed in full swing this week following a two-week holiday break in which I trust members of the IUSD community enjoyed a respite. This semester holds several major changes for us as we near completion of construction on the Fritts Clinical Care Center and the installation of 125 operatories of new dental equipment. We will continue on with curriculum changes for the D3 students (discipline-based clinical education) and D4 students (comprehensive care-based clinical education); finalize assimilation of the allied dental education programs located in Fort Wayne to IUSD sponsorship (July 1, 2018); open our Evansville dental clinical operation; and finalize plans for our new Community-Based Dental Education (CBDE). The CBDE extramural program consists of two (2) two-week required rotations (total of 4 weeks) for each D4 student, beginning in fall 2018. In all, this will be a very busy semester, but it is a healthy sign of a dynamic organization that is moving ahead. It is by addressing complex issues like these that we advance the Vision and Mission of IUSD to make *Indiana University School of Dentistry one of the best dental schools of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.*

## Fritts Clinical Care Center Progress

It is truly amazing to think back 12 months ago and realize that steel girders and abutments were just going into place at the end of December 2017 on the new Fritts Clinical Care Center. We are now within a few weeks of having all the dental operatories and equipment installed. Don't forget that live action for the project is still available at:

<https://app.oxblue.com/open/indianauniversity/schoolofdentistry>.



James J. Fritts, DDS Clinical Care Center  
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Photo 01/11/18 - <http://dentistry.iu.edu/construction>

## President McRobbie Visits Fritts Center

I had the privilege recently of hosting Indiana University President Michael McRobbie for a sneak peek at the equipment installation in the new James J. Fritts, DDS Clinical Care Center. Clinical equipment was being installed across the building's three floors of operatories. The President will be back at the dental school for the building dedication on March 2.

**YOU ARE INVITED!!!**

**March 2, 2018, 2 p.m.**

**James J. Fritts, DDS Clinical Care Center  
Building Dedication**

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## Oral Health Research Institute Program Review – December 2017

As part of our ongoing analysis of programs, IUSD hosted an external review team to conduct a major program review of the Oral Health Research Institute at the end of December. Consistent with IUPUI processes, [Program Review](#) is a collaborative process designed to bring to bear the judgment of respected colleagues in assessing and improving the quality of academic and administrative units. This process involves staff, students, faculty, alumni, community members, Responsibility Center (RC), campus administrators, and external specialists in the profession in (1) gathering information about a unit, (2) reviewing and analyzing this information during a site visit, (3) synthesizing all available information and making judgments about overall quality and recommendations for improvement, and (4) following up to ensure that the unit is supported in its efforts to address the outcomes of the review. A final report should be issued to IUSD in about 30 days.

## Is IUSD Ready for Diagnostic Codes – SNODENT?

I think a lot about the future of our profession. Several dental schools are using diagnostic codes so why not IUSD? By way of background, an [ADA-developed diagnostic code set](#) was approved as a national standard in 2016. It is designed to capture dental patient information that can be used across electronic health record platforms. SNODENT is the name of this diagnostic code set to help dentists record finely detailed oral health data using standardized terminology that can transcend geography, platforms and care settings. The suggested benefits of using SNODENT include the possibility of better communication among dentists and other health care providers, improved patient care through evidence-based practices, and enhanced data collection to evaluate oral care outcomes. I invite your thoughts and comments about implementation, scheduled for July 1, 2018.

## IU Policy on Sexual Misconduct

With the semester starting, I write to inform the IUSD community that Indiana University does not tolerate sexual violence or other acts of sexual misconduct and will take action to prevent and address these incidents. The IU Sexual Misconduct Policy includes important information on the policies and procedures used by the University and responding to incidents of sexual misconduct. You can read the policy here: <http://stopsexualviolence.iu.edu/policies-terms/sexual-misconduct-policy.html>. Anyone seeking help regarding sexual misconduct or who would like to speak to someone confidentially, please visit <http://stopsexualviolence.iu.edu/help/index.html> for contact information.

## Dentistry is #2 in Best Jobs 2018

*US News and World Report* released its [annual best jobs rankings](#). Once again, dentists, dental specialists and dental hygienists rank high on the lists. Of the top 5 Best Jobs in 2018: 1. Software Developer, 2. *Dentist*, 3. Physician Assistant, 4. Nurse Practitioner, and 5. *Orthodontist*. Click the link above to view all job rankings.

## Coffee & Donuts

Join us this Friday, January 12, 2018, from 7:30 to 9 am for the monthly First Friday school gathering. Complimentary coffee, donuts and fruit will be served in the student lounge.

## Upcoming IUSD Events

- Monday, January 15 – Martin Luther King Holiday
- Saturday-Saturday January 27 to February 3 – IU Dental Alumni Western Caribbean Cruise & CE
- Friday, February 23 – Chicago Midwinter IUSD Reception
- Friday, March 2 – Fritts Clinical Care Center Building Dedication at 2 p.m.



Thanks to each of you for your dedication to 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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