

**Department of Pediatric Dentistry**  
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Dr. Arwa Owais was recently inducted as a new Fellow of the International College of Dentists (ICD). The convocation was held in Denver, CO on October 20. The ICD USA section is part of the preeminent honor society for dentists worldwide. Fellows are nominated and selected by a rigorous review process. Core values of the ICD include Integrity, Leadership, and Service. Congratulations, Dr. Owais, on this distinguished recognition!

On October 21, the department sponsored the Arthur J. Nowak Distinguished Visiting Professor Lecture in Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. Johan Aps, DDS, PhD, MS from the University of Washington, Seattle, presented a full-day continuing education course entitled “Diagnostic Imaging in Dentistry: Intraoral and Extraoral Techniques, 2 D Versus 3 D, Ionizing Versus Non-Ionizing Radiation.” The purpose of the Arthur J. Nowak Distinguished Visiting Professorship is to bring top scholars to the University of Iowa’s College of Dentistry to interact with residents, faculty, and practicing dentists. Dr. Ap’s three-day visit included several opportunities for residents and faculty members to meet with him in small groups or individual settings. An evening social gathering was also held at Dr. Weber-Gasparoni’s home.

On Friday evening, October 28, the Pediatric Dentistry Student Group participated in an outreach event held at the Iowa Children’s Museum. Several dental students, two pediatric dentistry residents and two pediatric dentistry faculty members provided dental education, screenings, and fluoride varnish to 76 children. The outreach event was in cooperation with the Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children, the Iowa Children’s Museum and the College of Dentistry to promote awareness of ages and

stages of child development. After obtaining parental consent, dental students examined the infants, toddlers and older children for obvious dental decay and provided the parents with a results letter and list of resources of dental providers and programs. Fluoride varnish was applied to the children's teeth and the children also received goody bags filled with educational materials and oral hygiene supplies. The event was well received by the children, their parents, and the crew involved.

On Saturday November 5, Mrs. Gayle Gilbaugh and Drs. Matt Geneser, Ursula Diehl and Kaitlin Hoogeveen participated in a Hemophilia Outreach Clinic for the Amish community. The clinic was held at the Covenant Clinic in Oelwein, IA. As a member of the University of Iowa Regional Hemophilia Treatment Center, the pediatric dentistry staff provided screenings, education and referrals for children and adults with hemophilia. This outreach activity always provides a unique cultural experience for everyone involved.

Our first-year residents traveled to Phoenix, AZ for the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD)'s Sedation Course November 4-6. It is a didactic and hands-on course that allows the residents to learn more about alternative sedation techniques outside of those that we use here at the University of Iowa.

Dr. Kecia Leary attended the National Network for Oral Health Access (NNOHA) annual conference in Denver, CO November 6-9. She served on a panel entitled "Fundamentals of Leading a Health Center Oral Health Program." She was also appointed to a three-year term as a member of the NNOHA's Board of Directors' team.

Congratulations to Dr. Matt Geneser for being the recipient of the 2016 James H. McLeran Faculty Award! This endowed award was established in 2002 through

memorials and a campaign to honor Dr. McLeran's commitment to patients, students, and faculty. This is a very prestigious award and is intended to recognize a faculty member who has shown a commitment to dental education through excellence in teaching and an emphasis on patient-centered care. The award was presented at the annual Dean's Club dinner on November 11. Congratulations to Dr. Geneser on this well-deserved recognition!

**(PHOTO):** Some of the crew who helped at a recent dental outreach event at the Iowa Children's Museum: Seated from left to right, Dr. Kaitlin Hoogeveen and Dr. Brandy Kleinheksel, second-year pediatric dentistry residents. Standing from left to right, Casey Goetz, D4, Madeline Stead, D2, Kali Hildebrand, D2, Sarah Lindblom, D2, Amy Mayse, D1, Flora Yen, D1, Amanda Phan, D2, and Ashley Scarrow, D2.