

## Alumni Involvement and Education

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### Something to Chew On...

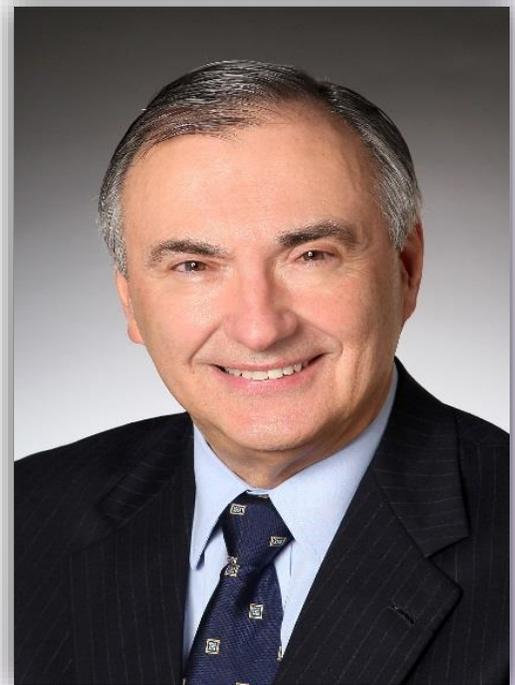
By Dr. Ashley Kauffman

**A**s we move past the new beginnings of our 2017-2018 Residency group, a clear path has been paved by our chairman and program director, Dr. Jim Benz. This path is giving back to you! Our program cannot progress without the involvement and charitable contributions from our alumni, faculty, staff and friends. However, what we are striving to do is make this rewarding for you and all those considered. This year AIMMC Dept. of Dentistry hosted several notable speakers from UIC College of Dentistry and The American Dental Association to encourage engagement and involvement. Thank you to everyone who completed our engagement survey; your comments and feedback help us to continue to grow our Alumni Outreach into a meaningful and gratifying experience.

### **Alumni Continuing Education coming November 17<sup>th</sup> !**

**F**riday November 17<sup>th</sup> – the Dept. of Dentistry will be hosting the first all-day continuing education event at no cost to attendees. Dr. James Rutkowski will present on a variety of topics ranging from pharmacology, PRF and PRP. The program will be from 8AM – 5PM in the Center for Advanced Care Conference room of the main hospital, 836 W. Wellington.

Dr. Rutkowski, DMD, PhD graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine in 1976 and earned his PhD in Pharmacology from Duquesne University in 2008. Jim is a General Dentist in Clarion, PA with a practice concentrating on implant dentistry and treating medically compromised patients. He is a Fellow of the AAID, Diplomate and Past President of the ABOI, and Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Oral Implantology (JOI). He is Adjunct Faculty for the SUNY Buffalo School of Dental Medicine, and Loma Linda University School of Dentistry.



Lecture topics include significant epinephrine related drug interactions; effective non-opioid analgesic protocol; when and how to safely use glucocorticosteroids in oral surgery; how to manage patients taking oral anticoagulant, antithrombotic, and antiplatelet agents; the recognition and management of systemically prescribed medications that affect bone health and healing; current prevention and treatment protocols regarding monoclonal antibody- and Medicine-Related OsteoNecrosis of the Jaw (MRONJ); the science and rational use of Platelet Rich Plasma (PRP) and Platelet Rich Fibrin (PRF); how medically prescribed sleep apnea treatments impact oral health and dental treatments

## Resident Outings and Fundraising

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### CDS New Dentist Summer Rooftop Event



Residents take a selfie at the CDS New Dentist Networking Event in August at Trump Tower.



*Become a part of our future*

It is our mission as an elite training program to offer the most up to date and modern dental learning environment for our residents at AIMMC. This past year the department has worked tirelessly to bring many changes to advance in this arena. Our next fundraising endeavor is to obtain a digital intraoral scanner for the clinic. However, we face many challenges as part of a large hospital system serving many underprivileged patients. We urge you to consider charitable involvement in order to help us grow further. For more information, please contact Dr. Ashley Kauffman at [masonicgpralumninews@gmail.com](mailto:masonicgpralumninews@gmail.com)

## Clinic Updates and GPR Candidates

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### Department of Dentistry Goes Digital

Dr. Emily Carley

If you have not been to the Dental Center in the last year, you will be amazed with the newly acquired equipment. The developing and fixing solutions have finally been eliminated from the Clinic, as we have moved on to digital radiography. The new Schick sensors have improved our diagnostic capability and decreased our patient's exposure to radiation. And for our special needs patients we can use our ScanX Phosphor Plate digital imaging system. The plates are reusable, economical and integrate seamlessly with our Patterson software.

One of the largest additions to the Dental Center has been the installation of the Instrumentarium OP300 Maxio where the ancient panoramic machine once stood. In addition to now being able to take consistent, readable digital panoramic images, the OP300 can take CBCT and cephalometric images. Intraoral cameras have also been added to the enhanced imaging capabilities at the Dental Center.

The new equipment does not stop with digital imaging; KaVo handpieces have replaced the outdated inventory leading to more efficient treatment for our patients. Intraspin system has also been added to allow for PRF membrane usage in our surgical protocol. And with the high volume of patients seen at the Dental Center, we recognized that it was necessary to upgrade our autoclaves for quicker instrument turnover.

Our next, exciting addition will be Electronic Dental Records. The transition from paper charts to electronic records is in the works, and we look forward to it being implemented soon.

All of this new equipment and technology has enabled us to improve patient care and enhance the patient experience at the Dental Center. We hope you stop by soon to see the new changes.

Interview Day for **2018-2019** GPR Candidates for Illinois Masonic was October 15<sup>th</sup> .

We are happy to announce that our 9 residents have been selected!

Congratulations to the Incoming Residents!

**Laurel Frausto** University of Illinois- Chicago

**Josh Philip** Howard University

**Gabija Revis** University of Illinois- Chicago

**Colleen Shandley** Marquette University

**Danielle Silva** University of Pennsylvania

**Edward Starr** Louisiana State University

**Troy Steinhilber** Case School of Dental Medicine

**Michael Subtelny** Midwestern University - Illinois

**Robert Wertke** University of Kentucky

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Resident Monica Waclaw practicing her intravenous line insertion skills on Resident Erika Forbes under the guidance of Dr. Ken Kromash.

### Dr. Eric Basta

*Originally from Rochester, NY, Dr. Basta moved to Milwaukee, WI to pursue his goal of becoming a dentist at Marquette University. While in Milwaukee, Dr. Basta grew to love the Midwest and the people who live there. In his free time, Dr. Basta enjoys playing guitar and spending time with friends. After completing dental school, Dr. Basta decided to stay in the Midwest and move to Chicago. Dr. Basta really enjoys the sights that the city has to offer and looks forward to meeting all the patients, instructors, and employees at the Advocate Dental Center!*



Resident Eric Basta working on Program Coordinator Steve Swanik.

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### Dr. Abigail Stern

Resident Dr. Abigail Stern grew up in Western Springs, IL and knew she wanted to be a dentist by the age of 5. She earned a Bachelors degree in Molecular and Cellular Biology at the University of Illinois and went on to study at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry. She became interested in Masonic's GPR program due to its emphasis on community health dentistry and medically complex patients. After completing her GPR this year, she hopes to continue to practice in Chicago. In her free time, she enjoys reading, cooking, spending time with her husband and family. She and her husband are raising a variety of tropical fruit and coffee trees in their apartment, at least a few of which they hope will bear fruit in 3-20 years (fingers crossed).



## Featured Alumni

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# Congratulations Dr. ALEXA KEEGAN



Dr. Alexa Keegan finally took the plunge and bought a practice from a retiring dentist in Glenview. Alexa is a graduate of Northwestern Dental School and a Masonic Alum. The skills and connections gained from the experience at Illinois Masonic have been priceless during this big step forward!



Pictured above Dr. Keegan's Glenview Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting ceremony with husband Scott and daughters Tierney (17) and Tristan (15).

## Featured Faculty Dr. Jairo Patino

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### *Welcome Dr. Patino*

Dr. Jairo Patino joined our clinical and didactic teaching faculty at AIMMC in May of 2017.

Dr. Patino is originally from Colombia, born in Armenia, a small city located in the coffee region. He graduated as a General Dentist in 1988 and as a Prosthodontist in 1993 in Bogota, Colombia. He worked in Colombia as a Clinical Assistant Professor from 1994 to 1997. Dr. Patino joined ATLANTIS Components from 1999 – 2004 working with the engineering department to help develop new software which would generate custom made abutments to restore dental implants.

In 2007, Dr. Patino completed his DDS degree from UIC and remained as a Clinical Assistant Professor at UIC 2007- 2009, then continued back in 2014. Dr. Patino recently moved back to Chicago and we are grateful to have him as an addition to our attending faculty.



## Featured Staff- Bertalina Rodriguez

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**Bertalina Rodriguez** has worked at Advocate Illinois Masonic for 29 years! Berta started as a receptionist in the dental department in 1988, then briefly moved to medical billing in 1994 but missed dentistry and moved back to this department in 1998 where she accepted a new position as the biller.

In her time with Advocate Illinois Masonic Dentistry she has been fortunate to see the department grow, care for some of the most amazing patients and watch the development of new programs; the dental van that travels to 17 sites caring for those who are not always financially able to afford basic care and the special needs program which provides valuable services to patients who are not always equipped to care for themselves.

Bertalina is passionate about her work. "To say these programs are fundamental is an understatement. What I have come to know and love about my department is that we don't just provide services we provide compassion and understanding; something I am very proud to be a part of."

As a biller, she is responsible for accurate record keeping, filing and following up on claims, monthly reports; educationally supporting our residents and navigating the nuances of insurance and Medicaid along with a myriad of other responsibilities. She takes great pride in her work!

"In my 29 years, I have experienced many professional and personal milestones, I have raised two amazing children and now have two beautiful grandchildren, and I look forward to the rest of my career in the department that I love."

