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Dr. Gary Drahos, Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Oral Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences, reports that the entire urgent care process has been relocated to the clinical groups. All urgent care patients arrive for treatment between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily. The patients are registered on the first floor and then escorted to the group practices to have their urgent care needs diagnosed and treated by assigned dental students. Extraoral and intraoral photo-graphs are taken and attached to the Axium computer system (see related article, page 25), to aid in diagnosis and to provide a baseline for future dental treatment.

The student participation in urgent care treatment closely mimics the conditions that a student will encounter after graduation. The goal of the urgent care process is to introduce the student to the patient in pain who needs focused dental treatment. Structured diagnosis of various dental problems is taught and provides a template that the student can use after graduation.

The integration of the urgent care process into the clinics has been successful and well-received by the students, patients, and group managing partners.

Department of Endodontics

Dr. Michael Barrows, Clinical Assistant Professor and Clinical Endodontic Director, was shown in a photo printed in the Fall/Winter 2002 *Bridgehead Sentinel*, a publication of the Society of the First Infantry Division of the U.S. Army, extracting a tooth on field maneuvers in Ft. Riley, KS, circa 1974.

Dr. Mohamed Fayad, Clinical Assistant Professor, gave a four day hands-on continuing



Dr. Michael Barrows (left), holding forceps and a molar he just extracted from the patient seated at center during military exercises 30 years ago.

education course to the Egyptian Association of Endodontists' Second Annual Meeting in Cairo, Egypt in October. The topic was "Micro-endodontics: Utilizing the Dental Operating Microscope from Access to Obturation." Dr. Fayad and **Dr. Christopher Wenckus**, Associate Professor and Head, presented "Evidence Based Evaluation of Current Endodontic Technology" at the American Association of Endodontists annual session in April.

Dr. Robert Hawkinson, Clinical Assistant Professor, served as Session Chair at the annual session of the Motorcycling Doctors Association meeting in June held in La Crosse, WI.

Dr. Brad Johnson, Clinical Associate Professor, was appointed to the Scientific Advisory Panel and Manuscript Review for the *Journal of Endodontics*. Dr. Johnson was re-appointed as Site Visit Consultant for the Commission on Dental Accreditation, and also was appointed to the National Board Test Construction Committee (Part II) of the American Dental Association. In October, Dr. Johnson gave a presentation on endodontics entitled "Clinical Applications of New Technology in Endodontics" to the Peoria District Dental Society and to the McHenry Dental Society.

Dr. Charles Neach, Clinical Assistant Professor, has enrolled in Spanish language lessons in order to better communicate with Hispanic patients at UIC.

Dr. Mary Rafter (endo '95, MS '96); **Dr. Mark Baker**, Clinical Associate Professor; **Dr. Nijole Remeikis**, Professor Emerita; **Dr. Mario Alves**, Clinical Professor; and **Dr. Jon Daniel**, Associate Professor, had Dr. Rafter's research entitled "Evaluation of Healing with Use of an Internal

Matrix to Repair Furcation Perforations" published in the September 2002 edition of *the International Endodontic Journal*. Dr. Rafter is Assistant Clinical Professor in the Department of Cariology and Endodontics at the School of Dentistry of the University of Michigan.

Dr. Martin Rogers, Clinical Assistant Professor, gave a lecture to the Ed Nutting Study Club in San Diego, CA, on "Endodontic Surgery" in January. Dr. Rogers gave a limited attendance clinic entitled "Why Anesthetics Fail" to the Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting. **Drs. Rogers; Johnson; Stephen Weeks**, Clinical Assistant Professor; and **Dr. Wenckus**, once again presented a hands-on course entitled "Taking the Headache Out of Molar Endodontics" at the annual Charles G. Maurice Lecture in May.

Dr. Weeks in March gave a presentation on apex locators to the Will County Dental Society and also spoke to the UIC Pre-Dental Club on the specialty of endodontics. He presented a limited attendance seminar on "Update on Electronic Root Canal Length Measurement" at the American Association of Endodontists Convention in April.

Dr. Wenckus was appointed as a manuscript reviewer for the *Journal of Endodontics*. In April, Dr. Wenckus participated in the "Board Walk" at the annual session of the American Association of Endodontists. Dr. Wenckus is co-author of the seventh chapter, "Obturation with Semi-Solid Materials," of the soon to be released sixth edition of 1957 graduate **Dr. Franklin Weine's** *Endodontics*.

Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

The renovation of the OMFS Clinic is well on its way. Phase II, the construction of five surgical operating rooms and recovery beds, should be completed by June. All are welcome to come by and view the new area.

OMFS residents presented their research in February at the Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting and at the College of Dentistry's Clinic and Research Day.

Dr. Khaled Abughazaleh, Assistant Professor, lectured on complications of osteointegrated implants at King Hussein Medical Centre, Amman, Jordan in July. He presented an abstract, "Giant odontomas: A proposed new classification," at the annual meeting of the Lebanon Dental Association, Beirut, in August.

Dr. Alexandra Bialy, a recently graduated Resident, presented an abstract on prevention of alveolar osteitis formation at the meeting of the

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (AAOMS) in Chicago in October. Co-authors were **Dr. Leslie Heffez**, Professor and Head, and **Dr. Khaled Abughazaleh**, Visiting Clinical Assistant Professor.

Drs. Bialy and Don Johnson, another recently graduated Resident, also presented abstracts at the annual meeting of the American Association of Maxillofacial Surgeons.

Dr. Heffez presented two papers, on vector control principles and transportation osteogenesis, at the European Association of Cranio Maxillofacial Surgeons in September in Muenster, Germany. He also presented two abstracts on similar subjects at the AAOMS meeting. Co-authors were **Dr. Michael Kirton**, Assistant Professor, and **Dr. Donald Johnson**, Resident.

Dr. Heffez also was elected Councilman of the Illinois State Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. He was a speaker on a live videoconference to India on Jan. 26. His lecture, "Pitfalls in Management of Vertical Maxillary Excess: a Surgeon's Perspective," was presented to the sixth Postgraduate Students' Convention of the Indian Orthodontic Society.

Dr. Heffez was interviewed by Channel 11's Elizabeth Brackett in November on the pioneering work of the department concerning transportation osteogenesis, a novel approach to reconstruction of major maxillofacial defects caused by cancer surgery or trauma. The success of this technique, in which the bone is sectioned and stretched a great distance to create new bone, is a significant advancement for patients and decreases the need for major grafting procedures.

Dr. Heffez was presented a "Caught in the Act" citation by the UIC Medical Center. This award was accepted on behalf of the entire OMFS team, whose members were recognized for giving exceptional care to patients.

The department scheduled its Annual Research Symposium for June for residents to present their current research. Guest speaker scheduled: **Dr. Daniel Heffez**, Attending Neurosurgeon, Rush Medical Center, with the topic, "Facial Pain Manifestations of Cervical Stenosis." Dr. Daniel Heffez has appeared on the TV program *20/20* as a pioneer in diagnosing and intervening into these problems.

The new residents accepted to the OMFS residency program for July 2003 are **Drs. Justin Hollar** and **Dr. Christina Oana**, currently OMFS interns at UIC. Also accepted is **Benjamin Lin**, currently completing his D-4 year at the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry.