

**ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM  
DENTAL HEALTH AIDE THERAPIST  
TRAINING**

April 2009 Monthly Report



Pictured here left to right, back row: Anjanette Norton, Alison Kaganak, Corrina Cadzow, Dr. Rafferty and Erik Linduska, front row: Ferdella Sharp, Bonnie Johnson, Chelsea Shoemaker and Phylcia Wilde.

During April, classes were held on the study of the Development of Head, Neck & Face Anatomy with Dr. Kathy Rafferty from the University of Washington.

Basic Restorative Functions was the next class taught by Dr. Ron Nagel. Students practiced their techniques performing amalgam fillings on their learn-a-preps.

Oral Pathology taught by Dr. Bea Gandara is a favorite with the students as they learned how to use an intraoral camera, to take pictures of oral tissues, and examine patients for lymph nodes and become familiar with doing a Head, Neck & Face exam.

Students are now studying Local Anesthesia, being taught by both Dr. Shoffstall and Dr. Williard. They are spending time both in the classroom and also in the operatories learning how to properly give anesthesia injections on each other.

## ***Yuut Elitnaurviat Dental Training Clinic***

April was a whirl at the Yuut Elitnaurviat Dental Training Clinic. The YEDTC staff office and clinic moved into the Yuut Elitnaurviat Technical Education and Support Services (TESS) Building on the Yuut Elitnaurviat Campus at the end of last month and finalized the move this month. The new training clinic has a reception area, classroom, staff office, sterilization room, clinical laboratory, four open operatories (pictured below), and one closed operatory.



In mid-April, the students started treating patients in the new clinic at the TESS Building. Many patients in treatment prior to the break have been seen at the new building and have commented on how much they like the new building / clinic.

On April 15, the students, Dr. Allen, Kathy Balasko, and Elsie Patrick (Office Assistant) went to the Ayalpik Apartments to provide the elders living there with oral screening exams and preventive

services as pictured below. Working with the elders in the community is Ben Steward's Community Project this year. As with last year, the seniors appreciated the students' visit, and the students enjoyed working with the elders.

Dr. Robert Allen completed his rotation with the students on April 17, 2009. His classroom instruction focused on Oral Pathology. Dr. Anthony Brusca returned on April 16th, and his primary focus has been on Cariology.



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