

ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM DENTAL HEALTH AIDE THERAPIST TRAINING PROGRAM

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Dr. Mark Davis was here instructing on Operative Dentistry, and a picture moment occurred where Dr. Williard was available with our IHS extern, LaShica Young, a senior Dental student from Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry in Nashville, Tennessee along with all the students in our 1st year class. Back row L-R: Dr. Mary Williard, Kate Kohl, Jana Schuerch, Tony Stevens, LaShica Young and Dr. Mark Davis. Bottom row L-R: Trisha Patton, Shannon Hardy and Elsie Patrick.

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Classes this month were:

- Atraumatic Restorative Treatment with Dr. Anthony Bolin
- Operative Dentistry with Dr. Mark Davis
- Stainless Steel Crowns with Dr. Anthony Brusca
- Periodontology and Oral Hygiene with Dr. Todd Smith and Kathy Balasko, RDH, MS

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- Dr. Philip Weinstein, from the University of Washington, provided classroom instruction and one-on-one role playing experiences to help the students manage fearful dental patients. The students were also able to apply what they were learning with scheduled dental patients that self-reported dental fear.
- Jennifer Dobson, ANTHC, Environmental Health Consultant, gave a PowerPoint presentation to the DHAT class on water fluoridation. Ms. Dobson also assisted in making arrangements for the class to tour the Bethel Water Treatment Facility.
- Corrina Cadzow and Chelsea Shoemaker went on village travel to Tuntutuliak with Dr. Anthony Brusca the week of August 16th to provide dental services to the residents of the village.
- Jay Butler, ANTHC, Division of Community Health Services, Senior Director and Dr. Ward B. Hurlburt, Chief Medical Officer, Director, Alaska Division of Public Health toured the YEDTC on Monday, August 30, 2010. Dr. Sarah Shoffstall, YEDTC Clinical Director, was on hand to discuss the second year training program and answer questions.

Profiled this month is Dr. Tom Beckman



Dr. Beckman, is a pediatric dentist that has worked with both our first and second year DHAT students. He has been involved with the program since its inception in 2007. DHAT training has an emphasis on providing oral health care to children; therefore, his guidance has been much appreciated. He is well liked by the students and we all look forward to his visits.

Dr. Beckman is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Dental

School and the Harvard School of Public Health. He completed specialty training in pediatric dentistry at Minneapolis Children's Hospital. He has been the dental director of two inner city clinics and the graduate program director of two pediatric dental training programs. His spouse, Mary Margaret, is a pediatrician in Minnesota and has been very supportive of his passion to support the dental therapy program in Alaska. They have four grown sons. Of all his professional activities, he is the most proud of his activity with the DHAT program and is not reluctant to let his professional colleagues know about it.

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