

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

**June 2008 Monthly Report**



Dr. Bolin discussing Cariology

**DENTEX Training Clinic- First Year Activities**

Dr. Anthony Bolin Assistant Professor, and Assistant Director Dental Public Health Residency Program, Baylor College of Dentistry taught courses in Cariology, Atraumatic Restorative Technique and Dental Sealants.

Throughout the quarter, the students have been reviewing and consolidating their basic restorative skills in the clinic on mannequins, and this continued into the month of June. They have also been working on their prevention, diagnostic and treatment planning skills with some live patients in the clinic.

We have developed a group of repeat patients who come for routine exams, cleanings and education. The Williard, Anaruk, Davidson and Odinzoff children are great subjects and some of the cleanest teeth in town.

This quarter also included a visit from Louis Fiset, the curriculum writer for DENTEX at the UW in Seattle and a visit from second year instructor, Dr. Tom Beckman. These visits give the students a chance to learn more about their future training and give feedback to allow continued tightening and improvement of the program.

The students left this month for a much needed break. Several will work in their home or sponsoring regions until summer quarter starts July 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Yuut Elitnaurviat Dental Training Clinic - Second Year Activities



Christopher Evan and Daniel Kennedy leave for Pilot Station

The second year students went out on their first village visits this month. They provided dental services to the residents of Pilot Station. Dr. Anthony Brusca supervised the students during these rotations. Danielle Boston and Sheena Nelson worked in the village the week of June 15, and Daniel Kennedy and Christopher Evan were there the week of June 22. The students enjoyed the experience, and Dr. Brusca stated how impressed he was at the growth in the student's ability to diagnosis and treat caries and their improvement with regard to clinical skills and efficiency.

While half of the class was in the village providing dental services, the remaining students were in Bethel under the supervision and instruction of Dr. Tom Beckman. The students were primarily seeing pediatric patients and the smaller class size allowed for more individual instruction with more complicated procedures.

Dr. Beckman will be working with the students until Summer Break begins on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The students have made their reservations home and are looking forward to the break and spending time with their families.

Ilene McCallson, the Office Administrative Assistant and Dorm Manager will be leaving Bethel on July 7<sup>th</sup>. She is returning home to Easton, Kansas. During this first year of operation, Ilene provided much support to both the students and staff and will be missed.

The students start back to class on August 4<sup>th</sup> with Dr. Anthony Brusca as their instructor. The Yuut Elitnaurviat Dental Training Clinic will be closed from July 14 to July 28, as Kathy Balasko will be out of the office during that time.

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