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NEXT MEETING :
Thursday, November 6

Dr. James Abrahams
Department of Neuroradiology, YNHH

**“Dentascan: Implant and
non-implant implications”**

Please come see this pioneer in Dental Radiology
speak on a most timely topic for us all.

New Haven Country Club
Cocktails: 6:00 pm
Dinner: 6:45 pm
(a buffet will be served)
Speaker: 7:30 pm

Reservations are required - please call Dr. Joe Tagliarini
at 624-5515 before Tuesday, November 4 at 12 noon.
A jacket and tie are required for men.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,

Dentistry has grown up! Forty years ago (not so long, if you think about it), the quality of science and research in dentistry was juvenile, at best. Studies were poorly controlled and their strength was based more on the personalities of the researchers than the quality of the science. When the "big names" used to speak at national meetings, their presentations were mostly anecdotal in nature. Their comments were more often "it works well in my hands," than based on the quality or depth of research. Shouting matches replaced data, and humility was a rare finding. Two giants in the field of periodontics, Irving Glickman at Tufts and Henry Goldman at BU were often involved in heated arguments about the relative efficacy of a gingivectomy versus osseous surgery. Reportedly, Glickman (the GV proponent) was once asked the difference between a GV and osseous surgery; he wryly replied, "...\$500".

Procedures, conditions and syndromes were often named after the person who first proposed them, and sometimes the personality of the individual was so strong, that humor entered the clinical arena. Have you ever heard of Schluger's Syndrome: advanced periodontal treatment with no financial resources to pursue treatment (named after Saul Schluger, originally from New York who went on to head the perio program at the University of Washington, in Seattle, a true giant in periodontics).

Fortunately, science and technology have improved dramatically, and our profession has truly benefited. We now have a good scientific basis for much of what we do. Our techniques are based on sound biologic principals and our materials and instruments are technologically sound and ever improving. While some procedures, materials and techniques are still named after their developer, there is much more humility in our profession.

Our speaker this month, Jim Abrahams, is one of those special people who has made a significant contribution to our profession. Jim is a neuroradiologist at Yale who helped develop the DentaScan --- a CT Scan of the maxilla or mandible which allows us to accurately identify an individual's basic anatomy, thereby allowing us to place dental implants with precision, plan orthognathic surgery or identify pathology. Jim is one of those people, who, in his quiet way, has changed the course of our profession and made us more effective as clinicians. Join us on November 6th, out of respect for his contribution and to be part of our future.

See you soon!

Avie

THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW...

The board received this communication last month, and we felt you should read it.

Whether you've served on the NHDA board or not, you can assume that we carefully evaluate the potential impact that each of our decisions may make on the lives of others. Sometimes we underestimate the impact and achieve even better than the intended result, as evinced below.

The gratitude expressed belongs to all of you (roughly speaking, it cost each of you about \$5.00 of your component society dues!) Enjoy!...

September 22, 2003

Dr. Avrum Goldstein, President
New Haven Dental Association
419 Whalley Avenue
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Dear Dr. Goldstein and Association Members,

It is with great pleasure that I accept the New Haven Dental Association Scholarship awarded to a student enrolled in the Dental Hygiene Program at the University of New Haven. It came as a wonderful surprise and reward for the tremendous efforts I have put forth over the past year.

This scholarship not only helps to offset my educational expenses; it serves as an inspiration for my ongoing success as a student and in my future as a professional. I hope that, over time, you will know of my continual achievements and how much your gift always will be appreciated.

It is not only for me, but also for the faculty and staff of the UNH Dental Hygiene Program that I thank you. Their efforts have created a program of professional excellence of which I have been the fortunate recipient, and my success is their success as well. I can say with confidence that your support of this program is truly well-placed.

Again, thank you from my heart for your great generosity.

Sincerely,

Christina Lander, SDH

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Don't forget to mark your Holiday calendar for **Tuesday, December 9** for our NHDA holiday party at the New Haven Country Club. Bring your significant other and your holiday cheer for a festive night out!
- We are **EXTENDING** our "five for four" meeting deal (sorry, only open to those of you who made the October meeting). Please contact Dr. Joe Tagliarini at 624-5515 to reserve all remaining four regular dinner meetings (Nov, Feb, March, April) for the price of three dinners (\$102).
- WANTED:** A pole-mounted dental chair light unit. Please contact Ms. Angie Macolino, Eli Whitney Vo-Tech Dental Assisting Department, 397-4031, x344.
- MANY** thanks to our home talent night volunteers! We now have our three presenters; anyone still thinking about speaking is encouraged to call back next year.



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