To: UF College of Dentistry,

As I mentioned in last month’s Fast Forward, one of the priorities this year is making enhancements to bolster the overall success of the college’s clinical operations. A key component of our clinical enterprise is UFCD’s Faculty Practice – where many of our clinical faculty provide a comprehensive spectrum of high-quality care.

I am pleased to announce two appointments intended to strengthen and support our Faculty Dental Practice and all of its faculty and staff. Dr. Cal Dolce has agreed to assume the role of director of Faculty Practice and Ms. Jennifer Blackburn will serve as the practice’s manager.

Working closely with the leadership in the Department of Restorative dental sciences and with input from our faculty and staff, Dr. Dolce will be coordinating efforts to identify areas and processes in Faculty Practice that represent opportunities for improving the delivery of care and efficiency, enhancing quality and providing the very best patient experience.

In collaboration with the department chairs involved in our faculty practice, Dr. Dolce will also work on further strengthening interdisciplinary collaboration and communication regarding patient care, both within the practice, and between the practice and other clinics in the college. Finally, he will work with clinic administration, on efforts related to monitoring quality assurance, and other practice-related outcomes. Dr. Dolce will continue in his other roles at the college. He serves as chair of the Department of Orthodontics, program director for the Orthodontics Residency Program, and is active in clinical and didactic teaching, in research and in the faculty practice. In this newly-created role of director of faculty practice, Dr. Dolce will report directly to me.

Jennifer Blackburn will report to Dr. Dolce and working closely with the practice’s staff, provide oversight for clinic staff and many of its business operations. Jennifer joined the college in October 2014, as a manager in the orthodontics area of faculty practice. She has 18 years of experience in general dentistry and managing dental practices, and during her tenure with the college, has helped integrate scheduling and referrals between endodontics, orthodontics and periodontics. I am pleased she has accepted an expanded role. I know I can count on everyone involved to help orient Jennifer to the general dentistry side and to support her efforts toward overall growth and success.

This is just one in a number of steps toward increasing the strength and health of our clinic operations and finances. Other steps include examining recommendations from axiUm consultants relating to streamlining processes, investigating clinical operation innovations, and increasing marketing efforts, among others. If you have ideas or recommendations that relate to these topics, please let me know or contact Dr. Dolce or Ms. Blackburn.

Dean Isabel Garcia
In the Faculty Practice, our faculty provide all general and specialty dental care including endodontics, periodontics, prosthodontics and orthodontics.

The practice includes 31 practicing faculty and 19 staff. During the 2014-15 fiscal year, 11,684 patient visits were completed. In the current fiscal year beginning June 1, 2015, the practice has completed more than 7,300 patient visits.

One of the unique features of the practice is that every dental specialty is represented with Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery located across the dental tower’s lobby. This allows for a level of interdisciplinary care that is unmatched by any dental center in the area. For example, a general dentist can cross the hallway and ask an endodontist, orthodontist or periodontist to consult with a patient onsite.

“We all know that coming to the dentist can be a hard step for some patients. It is very valuable that, once a dentist has established trust with a patient, they can introduce them to another provider, and this is something that happens all the time here,” said Jennifer Blackburn, the new practice manager.

Blackburn also invites everyone in the college to stop by faculty practice and meet the providers and take a tour of the center.

**Endodontics Faculty**
- Dr. Roberta Pileggi
- Dr. James Haddix
- Dr. Kathleen Neiva
- Dr. Uma Nair

**Endodontics Staff**
- Jessie Eddy

**General Dentistry Faculty**
- Dr. Nereyda Clark
- Dr. Larry Cook
- Dr. Alex Delgado
- Dr. Jean François-Roulet
- Dr. Saulo Geraldeli
- Dr. Valeria Gordon
- Dr. Joel Hauptman
- Dr. Richard Kelowitz
- Dr. Susan Nimmo
- Dr. Patricia Pereira
- Dr. Rosalia Rey
- Dr. Bonita Wynkoop

**Orthodontics Faculty**
- Dr. Cal Dolce
- Dr. John Neubert
- Dr. Wellington Rody
- Dr. Tim Wheeler
- Dr. Charles Widmer

**Orthodontics Staff**
- Jennifer Blackburn
- Katie Hanson
- Kayla Roddenberry
- Tina Wilson

**Periodontics Faculty**
- Dr. Ike Aukhil
- Dr. Jia Chang
- Dr. Dora Kompotiati
- Dr. Rodrigo Neiva

**Periodontics Staff**
- Bozena Shiralipour

**To schedule an appointment**
- **273-7954**
  General dentistry or Prosthodontics
- **278-1111**
  Anaplastologist
- **273-7960**
  Endodontics, Orthodontics or Periodontics

**A bonus:**
UF employees can pay for their dental care through payroll deduction.
The SNDA Lingual Grooves

As Valentine’s Day approaches in the UF College of Dentistry, you’re as likely to hear beautiful acapella loves songs as you are to hear dental handpieces. It has become an annual tradition for the members of the UF Student National Dental Association to fundraise by selling singing Valentine’s (plus a side of chocolate). This year the group sold 50 songs and two were for Dr. Garcia. To enjoy a clip from "Fly Me to the Moon," click here.

Thank you to everyone who sent a Valentine message through The Lingual Grooves and thank you to the SNDA members for their lovely performance!

Class of 2016 vs. 2018

On a beautiful January evening, the DMD class of 2016 gave it their all, came back from behind and defeated the class of 2018 3-1 during a high-stakes soccer matchup at UF’s Hume Field.

Because of the loss, Dr. Alex Delgado, faculty advisor for the class of 2018, had to dress up as “Schmearman,” an alter ego created by Dr. Marc Ottenga, faculty advisor for the class of 2018.

For the full story and some interesting photos, visit our website.

Looking for a seminar? Or a good time to schedule an event?

The college has an online calendar where events, seminar, the academic calendar, UF holidays and other important dates are marked.

If you need to find a seminar that you saw an email about or you’re looking for a good time and date to schedule an event, check the online calendar. If you’d like something added to the calendar, email Karen Rhodenizer.