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**FACULTY PRESENTATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA:
"COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY OFFICE OF IOWA PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES"**

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Executive Summary: This presentation will highlight the Iowa Practice Opportunities Office in the College of Dentistry and Dental Clinics. The presenter will be Dr. David Johnsen, Dean of the College of Dentistry.

The Office of Iowa Practice Opportunities serves as a free resource to any community, student, practitioner, or alumni. The Office engages in the following activities:

- ⇒ Maintains an internet-accessible database listing practice opportunities within the state of Iowa.
- ⇒ Hosts an annual practice fair allowing students and graduates to meet with community representatives and practicing dentists who have practice opportunities.
- ⇒ Sponsors presentations for dental students providing information on available resources and highlighting the advantage of practicing in Iowa.
- ⇒ Offers assistance to communities and dentists in the development of approaches to promote their opportunities.
- ⇒ Facilitates communication between students and those offering practice opportunities.
- ⇒ Works with the Iowa community Chambers of Commerce, the Iowa Department of Economic Development, Iowa Department of Public Health, Delta Dental of Iowa, Iowa Dental Association, and the University of Iowa Dental Alumni Association members to identify communities seeking dentists.

An advisory committee which includes representatives from the Iowa Department of Public Health, Delta Dental of Iowa, Iowa Dental Association, and the College of Dentistry and Dental Clinics meets semi-annually to strategically discuss activities of the Office.

Dr. David Johnsen received his DDS degree from the University of Michigan in 1970 and his M.S. in Pediatric Dentistry from the University of Iowa in 1973. He became board certified in Pediatric Dentistry in 1978. Professor Johnsen has been on the faculty of the following universities - West Virginia University from 1974-80, where he received the Outstanding Teacher Award in 1976; Case Western Reserve University from 1980-95, where he served as Department Chair, intermittently as Director of the Residency Program, and as Interim Dean in 1993; and the University of Iowa from 1995 to the present, serving as Dean of the College of Dentistry.

Professor Johnsen's research has focused in two main areas, both with federal funding: innervation of teeth as an indicator of capacity to transmit pain sensory impulses and early childhood caries/caries patterns in preschoolers. The latter area included demonstration projects or consulting nationally in the Women, Infant, and Children's (WIC) Program and the Head Start Program. He has also published on a variety of clinical and educational topics.

Dr. Johnsen's professional service has included the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Board of Directors, 1988-91 and Child Health (legislative) Advocate, 1992-95, where he received the Distinguished Service Award in 1996. Dr. Johnsen received the Achievement Award from the Ohio Dental Association in 1992. He served on the American Dental Education Association Council of Deans Board, 1998-2001 and as ADEA Council President, 2002-2003. He received the Jack Hein Public Service Award from the American Association for Dental Research in 2010. He served on the National Advisory Dental and Craniofacial Research Council (NIH) in 2010-2013.