Hargreaves is recipient of ADA Gold Medal Award

Endodontic educator and Journal of Endodontics Editor in Chief Dr. Kenneth M. Hargreaves has been awarded the ADA's Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Dental Research. According to the American Association of Endodontists, Hargreaves' accomplishments have had a profound effect on the endodontic specialty. As a prolific researcher, Hargreaves' focus areas — pain management and regenerative endodontics — are changing the way endodontists treat patients and introducing cutting-edge treatments that not too long ago were not even possible.

The Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Dental Research is sponsored by the American Dental Association together with Church & Dwight Co. Established in 1966, is the philanthropic arm of the American Association of endodontists. The Gold Medal Award was created to recognize individuals who, through generous contributions, have provided resources and funding for research, education, public awareness and access to care. More information about the foundation for Endodontics is available online at foundation.aae.org.

The AAE Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the American Association of Endodontists. (Photo/Provided by AAE)

A three-year term as a member of the AAD's Council on Scientific Affairs. Hargreaves will be recognized with the honor on Oct. 18, during a ceremony at ADA 2018 in Honolulu.

“Dr. Hargreaves is among the most well-known and respected endodontists in the country and a much sought after speaker, drawing standing-room-only crowds at lectures around the world,” said AAE President Dr. Patrick E. Taylor. “A diligent steward of the AAE’s scientific journal, Dr. Hargreaves leads the Journal of Endodontics with extraordinary skill, managing a tremendous workload with great care and efficiency.”

As a dedicated educator, Hargreaves has served as chair of the department of endodontics at University of Texas Health Science Center for more than 20 years, molding UTHSC San Antonio into a leading endodontic and research institution.

Throughout his career, Hargreaves has edited five textbooks, contributed to 33 textbook chapters and published nearly 400 papers, abstracts, reviews and editorials. With more than 13,000 citations of his papers in Scopus, he is one of the most prolific and influential authors and researchers in the history of endodontics. His research has received more than 595 million from sources that include the National Institutes of Health, the Foundation for Endodontics and the Department of Defense.

According to the AAE, Hargreaves' research on pain management not only is changing the way we manage patients' pre- and post-treatment pain but also influencing pain management in other areas of medicine. As a result, clinicians are able to rely less on opioids, a step in addressing overprescribing and addiction, the AAE said.

Hargreaves is a leading researcher in regenerative endodontics, currently managing a $17 million multi-center clinical trial to study regeneration of pulp-dentin development in teeth with necrotic pulps and immature roots. Recently, UTHSC San Antonio learned it will receive a five-year, $24 million research grant from the NIH for its Clinical and Translational Science Award Program, which helps to speed the translation of research discovery into improved patient care. Hargreaves is one of the grant's co-principal investigators.

“I can think of no one who more embodies the spirit of the Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Dental Research than Dr. Ken Hargreaves,” Taylor said. “His research contributions extend beyond endodontics and dentistry to the larger medical community. His academic influence is evident in the accomplishments of his students and will be realized for generations to come.”

(Source: AAE)
Irritrol is named a top product for 2018

Irritrol has been recognized by The Dental Advisor as one of the Top 2018 Dental Products. Available from Essential Dental Systems (EDS), the endodontic irrigator Irritrol is designed to eliminate the need for separate-step irrigation of EDTA and CHX irrigation. According to EDS, independent testing showed that Irritrol had a disinfection rate of 99.99 percent. Years of clinical use have provided dentists with removal of the dentinal smear layer, effective disinfecting and keeping the dentin more intact than EDTA alone in causing less demineralization of the dentin, the company said.

The green color of Irritrol helps a dentist identify and differentiate it from other irrigants. One of The Dental Advisor consultants stated, “During irrigation with Irritrol, an amazing amount of debris is eliminated from the canal. I could see it bubble out and no waiting period to work.” More information about Essential Dental Systems and Irritrol is available online, at www.edsdental.com.

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