ADA backs Deamonte’s Law

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Ziemiecki is appointed Interim Prosthodontics Chair

Dr. Thomas L. Ziemiecki has been appointed interim chair of the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry’s Department of Prosthodontics, effective June 30.

Pacific teams up with Special Olympics

Volunteers from University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry provided free oral health evaluations for nearly 150 Special Olympics athletes last month. More than 50 Pacific students, faculty and staff were on hand to conduct dental screenings for the athletes.

NCOHF’s focus on the children

The leadership of the National Children’s Oral Health Foundation discusses its efforts to foster dental care for youths in need.

Recalled to life

Maxillofacial prosthetic rehabilitation has three main advantages: it requires little or no additional surgery, it can decrease hospital stays and often the results are more aesthetically pleasing and less invasive than plastic surgery.

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