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### ORAL HEALTH KANSAS Weekly Wednesday Update

*Our Mission:  
To improve oral health  
in Kansas through  
advocacy,  
public awareness  
and education.*

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#### New ECP Facebook Page

A new Facebook page about the Extended Care Permit (ECP) for dental hygienists is available. The page was created by ECP hygienist and Dental Champion Patty Martinette in order to connect ECP Hygienists in Kansas and Missouri. The goal of the new page is to share information about how the permits are being used, as well as to establish community contacts to expand the use of the permits.



In 2003, oral health advocates worked together to pass the ECP law in order to establish dental hygiene services in community-based settings such as schools, disability organizations, and nursing facilities. The law has been amended twice over the last 10 year in to expand the populations that may be served by ECP hygienists and to expand the scope of practice for hygienists with a new ECP III permit. The ECP III permit will allow dental hygienists who receive additional training additional training to remove decay, place temporary fillings, and adjust dentures. The first ECP III training will begin this year. 140 Kansas dental hygienists currently hold Extended Care Permits.

Join the [Facebook page](#) and spread the word about this valuable forum to promote the ECP model.



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[Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), or [Pinterest](#).

And be sure to share with your friends.

## Film Critic Roger Ebert Dies

Last week famed film critic Roger Ebert died following a long bout with thyroid and salivary gland cancer. The beloved critic and Pulitzer Prize-winner's tragic illness drew the public's attention to the importance of oral cancer screenings. Learn more about how he coped with oral cancer in this article from [Dr. Bicuspid](#). Read more about his life and legacy in this story from [CNN](#).

Learn about the oral

## Legislative Update



The Kansas Legislature adjourned the regular legislative session on Friday, April 5. There will be a month-long break, and legislators will return on May 8 for a wrap-up session. Watch for a special legislative update newsletter tomorrow for details about the oral health and health issues Oral Health Kansas has been tracking.

## The Science Guy Weighs in on Water Fluoridation



This week Bill Nye the Science Guy weighed in on the debate about water fluoridation currently underway in Portland, Oregon. He says that with water fluoridation, "You will live longer." Watch his statement about fluoridation on a [Portland television](#) interview.



cancer risk factors from  
[Delta Dental of Kansas](#).

## Dental Champions Corner

Thanks to Dental  
Champion and ECP  
Hygienist Patti  
Martinette for creating  
a new [Facebook page](#)  
for ECP hygienists. The  
Extended Care Permit  
Dental Hygienists  
Community  
Connections page will  
provide a forum for  
discussion about  
making the best  
possible use of the ECP  
model throughout the  
state. Thanks to Patti  
Martinette for her  
leadership!

## Dental Assistant Instructor Needed!

Salina Area Technical  
College is seeking a  
Dental Assistant  
instructor starting  
August 2013. This is a  
full-time 9-month  
contract. For more  
information, please  
contact Greg Goode,  
President, at  
785-309-3182 or visit  
"Employment  
Opportunities" on the  
Salina Tech website at  
[www.salinatech.edu](http://www.salinatech.edu).

## SAVE THE DATE!

Join us in

## Katie Couric Learns about Good Oral Health

In her web show "[Katie's Take](#)" last week, broadcaster Katie Couric discussed the importance of good oral health to good overall health with New York City dentist Jonathan Levine.



The two talked about the effects periodontal disease can have on many health conditions, and Dr. Levine offered tips for keeping your teeth healthy, including brushing and flossing daily and visiting the dentist regularly.

## KanCare Troubleshooting Calls

The Department of Health and Environment holds three KanCare stakeholder troubleshooting calls each week. The calls offer opportunities for Medicaid providers and stakeholders to raise issues related to the state's transition to Medicaid managed care. Calls are scheduled from 9 to 10 am Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The conference call number is 877-247-8650, and the conference code is 79687456. Read more about the call schedule on the [KanCare website](#).

## Traveling Drink Display

Currently the Oral Health Kansas traveling library drink displays are on display at the Pawnee County Library and the [Ashland Library](#).

November to  
celebrate Oral  
Health Kansas' 10th  
anniversary at the:

**2013 Oral Health  
Kansas  
Conference**  
Johnson County  
Community College  
November 7-8, 2013

## Did You Know???

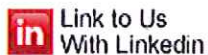
Most oral  
cancers are  
diagnosed  
AFTER age 60.

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If you are interested in having the drink display on display in your area, send an email to [Julie](#).

If you have an idea, story or suggestion for a Oral Health Kansas Weekly Wednesday Update please send an email to [jparnell@oralhealthkansas.org](mailto:jparnell@oralhealthkansas.org)



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