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**Innovative Ideas Expo
deadline is a month
away!**

The 2010 Oral Health Kansas Conference will feature an Innovative Ideas Expo.

Fire Destroys Virginia Dental Association Office Building

Last week a lightning strike sparked a fire destroying the Virginia Dental Association building. It is such a tragedy, all the supplies that the VDA uses for their Mission of Mercy Projects were lost.

Our thoughts are with the Virginia Dental Association and their staff.



For more information on the VDA fire [click here](#)

New Evidence From NYU College of Dentistry Supports Link

This new element to the conference will offer participants the chance to learn about some of the exciting projects in oral health across the state through interactive poster displays.

If you have a project you would like to share with your colleagues across the state, please [click here](#) to learn more and submit your idea for inclusion in the Innovative Ideas Expo by August 27.

Save the Date!

*A New Decade
for Oral Health:*
THINK BIG

**2010 Oral Health Kansas
Conference
December 2-3, 2010**

**Capitol Plaza Hotel
Topeka, Kansas**

Featuring: Perspectives on
National Healthcare Reform
from Kansas Insurance
Commissioner Sandy Praeger
and Children's Dental Health
Project Executive Director Cathy
Dunham

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Between Gum Inflammation and Alzheimer's Disease

NYU dental researchers have found the first long-term evidence that periodontal (gum) disease may increase the risk of cognitive dysfunction associated with Alzheimer's disease in healthy individuals as well as in those who already are cognitively impaired.

The NYU study offers fresh evidence that gum inflammation may contribute to brain inflammation, neurodegeneration, and Alzheimer's disease.

The research team, led by Dr. Angela Kamer, Assistant Professor of Periodontology & Implant Dentistry, examined 20 years of data that support the hypothesis of a possible causal link between periodontal disease and Alzheimer's disease.

"The research suggests that cognitively normal subjects with periodontal inflammation are at an increased risk of lower cognitive function compared to cognitively normal subjects with little or no periodontal inflammation," Dr. Kamer said.



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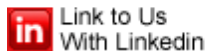
KAMU Taking Calls for Free Dental Care

New federal funding is available for dental services through the Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved.

For more information [click here](#).



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