

28th Annual  
*Elfenbaum-Kamen*  
2009 Essay Award Contest



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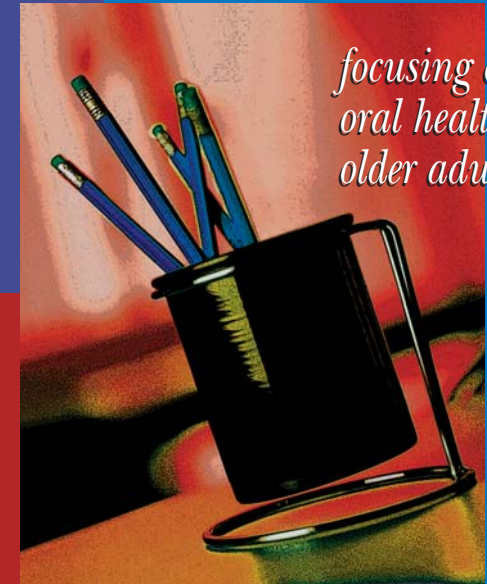
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Your submission should be a well-referenced original work focusing on the **oral health of older adults**.

The topic can address geriatric dental management issues or future research possibilities. The essay should reflect the use of key literature to support the students' position or thesis, and should not be strictly a literature review. The essay should be written clearly with correct spelling, grammar and demonstrate the student's reflection on the topic and familiarity with the topics' primary sources.

The essay cannot have been previously published nor submitted for publication.



## Who is eligible?

- All predoctoral dental students, dental hygiene students and those completing a degree in dental hygiene.
- Up to 2 students may collaborate on one essay entry.
- Students from the U.S. or Canada are eligible.

## What is the format?

- A word-processed document, using a size 10+ font, preferably Arial
- Line spacing: 1.5 lines
- Maximum: 2500 words (excluding title page and references)
- References should reflect the style used in Special Care in Dentistry
- Submissions only accepted electronically
- Personal information should appear only on the title page

## Title page to include:

- Student name(s); Type of program; Year of graduation
- Name, title, telephone number, and electronic signature of Faculty Preceptor
- Dean's/Director's Name and Address of Institution

## Faculty Preceptors

Faculty members must submit an email to Sue Hanacek (shanacek@scdaonline.org) acknowledging their supervision and recommendation of the essay for submission. A maximum of 10 essays from any one faculty will be accepted.

## What are the prizes?

First prize .....	\$1000.
Second prize .....	\$400.
Third prize .....	\$200.
Honorable mention .....	\$50.

## How will it be judged?

An expert panel of geriatric oral health professionals will use the following criteria:  
**Subject:** Originality, significance, clearly deals with the important information.....20 points  
**Organization:** Clear and logical .....15 points  
**Attention to detail:** Coherent development provides details and evidence.....20 points  
**Narrative content:** Shows evidence of review of key resources, helps the reader understand why the topic is important .....25 points  
**Language:** Grammar, punctuation, and spelling .....10 points  
**References:** Appropriate use of others' ideas .....10 points

## Previous winning titles:

- *Managing Elder Abuse In The Dental Office*
- *Periodontal Health And Respiratory Disease In The Elderly*
- *A Softer Smile: Permanent Denture Relines*
- *Parkinson's Disease And Its Implications For Dental Treatment*
- *The Impact Of Mobile Dental Services On Frail Older Adults*
- *Extracting Teeth In Older Anticoagulated Adults*

## When is the deadline?

All submissions must be received by 5pm Central Time, February 2, 2009.

## When will the winners be notified?

Award letters will be sent to the winning student, their dean or program director and faculty mentor by April 20, 2009.