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Guide on oral-systemic health debuts

NEW YORK, New York--During the 2010 American Academy of Periodontology annual meeting, Colgate-Palmolive released a new textbook entitled, *Periodontal Disease and Overall Health: A Clinician's Guide*.

A result of a two-year effort that involved renowned authors and editors in the dental field, this textbook features 18 chapters of information regarding the relationship between oral and systemic diseases. Robert J. Genco, DDS, PhD, a professor of oral biology and microbiology at the School of Dentistry at the State University of New York at Buffalo, and Ray C. Williams, DMD, professor and Dean of the School of Dental Medicine at Stony Brook University, co-edited the work.

"There has long been a need for this resource. Distinguished clinicians and scientists worldwide have studied the relationship between periodontal disease and the risk for systemic conditions," said Dr. Williams. "It is our aim that this textbook will help document recent findings and put into context the latest information for students of dentistry and medicine."

Colgate-Palmolive is committed to supporting educational initiatives regarding oral-systemic health.

Periodontal Disease and Overall Health: A Clinician's Guide is being published by Professional Audience Communications, Yardley, Pa., and was funded through an educational grant provided by Colgate-Palmolive. The textbook is meant to serve as a guide to continue the advancement of dental and medical practices and to improve patient outcomes worldwide.

"We are fortunate to have assembled such an esteemed and highly respected group of scholarly clinicians and scientists who provided a contemporary and thoughtful perspective to this book," said Dr. Genco.

Added Fotinos Panagakos, DMD, PhD, director of clinical research relations and strategy at Colgate-Palmolive and the project's manager: "As a leader of oral care, Colgate is committed to supporting the dental and medical professional community. This body of work will help educate future clinicians on the growing importance of the relationship between oral health and an individual's well being."

Periodontal Disease and Overall Health: A Clinician's Guide is available online for dental and medical professionals, and can be downloaded at www.colgateprofessional.com/colgateoralsystemic.

Hard copies are being distributed to dental school deans, academic deans, department of periodontics chairpersons, and directors of dental hygiene education programs. Additionally, CDs of the textbook are being distributed to dental school and dental hygiene program students and faculty.

To learn more about oral-systemic health topics, you can also visit www.colgateprofessional.com.

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