

College of Diplomates of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry Study Group Report

Background

At the Annual Session of the Academy, a program was sponsored by the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. Attendance was limited to members of the College and each participant paid a fee.

Following the annual breakfast meeting, a lecture was presented by Dr. Gerald S. Samson. His presentation was entitled *Early treatment for the Class II pediatric dental patient*. Dr. Samson, a graduate of Marquette University Dental School, completed a pediatric dental residency at Emory University and an orthodontic residency at Northwestern University. From 1981 until 1987, he was an assistant professor at Emory University with teaching responsibilities in the Division of Craniofacial Development in the Department of Orthodontics. He presently is director of the Bioprogressive Education of the Southeastern United States and also serves as a dental consultant to the United States Army in the Division of Pediatric and General Practice Residencies. Dr. Samson maintains a private practice in orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics in Marietta, Georgia.

After the lecture, three groups of Diplomates met in workshop sessions for the remainder of the morning. Each of the workshop groups was led by a clinician actively involved in the management of the

young pediatric patient. Members of the College served as recorders for each of the workshops.

The workshops were organized around the following themes: etiology of Class II discrepancies, supervision for Class II patients, and corrective methods for Class II patients. Each workshop participant had previously registered for a specific topic area and was sent a literature reading list. All participants were asked to review the literature and come prepared to participate in the discussions. This special report includes the Samson lecture and reports from the three workshops.

Several years ago, Dr. Samuel D. Harris, a past-president of the Academy, made a major gift to the College of Diplomates, specifically to fund such programs. Continuing gifts from Dr. Harris and other members of the Academy, plus a registration fee paid by the Diplomates made this special annual program of the College possible without expense to the Academy. It is important to note that the text of the keynote lecture and the workshop reports published herein are now available to all members of the Academy and dental libraries throughout the world.

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