

Curriculum Vitae

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Dental Director
Southcentral Foundation
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**THOMAS J. KOVALESKI D.D.S.
ALASKA NATIVE MEDICAL CENTER
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**

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LICENSURE: Alaska 1991-present
Wisconsin 1978-present

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Alaska Board of Dental Examiners March 2011-present

- Western Regional Board Alaska representative for Dental Exam Review Committee
- Instrumental in reducing backlog of dental complaints
- Only BODE member with expertise on Tribal/Public Health dental delivery
- Promoted increased continuing education requirements for both Dentists and Hygienists
- Leader for the Mission of Mercy Project Anchorage 2014

Western Regional Board Examiner 2005-present

- longest serving active Alaska Board member.
- Served as both Grading Examiner and most recently Floor Examiner
- Served one year on the Typodont Exam Committee

October 1,1999- Present: Dental Director Alaska Native Medical Center/Southcentral Foundation

- Build and staff Valley Primary Care Center Dental clinic 21 chairs 2013
- Expand program to 75 dental chairs and 200 staff.
- Responsible for Statewide referrals for trauma, infections, and pediatric full mouth reconstruction.
- Manage a 22.5 million dollar budget.
- Implement accredited Pediatric Dental Residency for Alaska Statewide shortages
- Build twenty seven chair "state of the art" dental facility Fireweed Dental Clinic
- Remodel and equip a full time dental operating room for Statewide services.
- Enhance dental assistant training program to thirty six students per year.
- Develop efficiency models that remarkably increase production in all clinics.
- Service Center Medical Director in Hospital for Dental responsible for all credentials and quality assurance of professional staff.
- Co-authored white paper with solutions related to Alaska's dental manpower.
- Establish agreement with U of Washington School of Dentistry and University of Alaska for externships in dentistry and hygiene
- Provide general dentistry in hospital and villages.
- Supervise field program to 23 villages
- Western Regional Board Examiner 2006-present
- Adjunct Faculty member University of Washington School of Dentistry 2005-present

Orphanage Work

- Co-Founded East Meets West Dental Clinic Danang VietNam 1998
 - Co-Founded Casa Hogar Manzanillo Mexico 2014-present
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**December 31,1997-Oct 1,1999: Director of Staff Development
Southcentral Foundation**

- Help transition IHS Direct program to Tribal program.
- Facilitate operations of the new twenty-three chair clinic.

**July 91-December 31,1997: Dental Director/ Chief Service Unit Complex
Billet#02HG066 Alaska Native Medical Center
O-6 Anchorage, Alaska**

- Leader in building the new Alaska Native Medical Center 23 chair dental clinic.
- Leader in facilitating the move from the old hospital to the new.
- Supervise an staff of twelve dentists and twenty dental assistants.
- Supervise ADA accredited two year Advanced General Practice Residency Program(AGPR).
- Manage 3.5 million dollar dental budget and 250K contract care budget.
- Provide general dentistry for the Alaska Native Medical Center hospital dental clinic.
- Provide itinerant dental care to five villages in the Iliamna Area,1984-present.
- Team Leader in technical assistance and planning for the new ANMC dental clinic(1996).
- Design and implement an in house dental assisting training program for volunteers.
- Acting Alaska Area Dental Officer
- EvaluatorEmeritus for Clinical Research Associates(CRA), Dr. Gordon Christensen 1981-present

**April 89-July 91: Director, IHS Advanced General Practice Residency
Billet#02HG501 Alaska Native Medical Center
O-6 Anchorage, Alaska**

- Supervise three AGPR dentists, two IHS, and one funded by NHSC.
 - Co-ordinate all rotations and objectives to maintain accreditation for the two year program by the American Dental Association.
 - Provide general dentistry for the Alaska Native Medical Center hospital dental clinic.
 - Village dentist for five isolated villages in Iliamna,Alaska area.
 - Anchorage Service Unit Fluoridation Dental team leader
 - Acting for Chief Anchorage Service Unit Dental Chief Complex
 - U.S. Public Health Service Associate Recruiter, University of Minnesota.
 - COSTEP Program recruiter and clinical supervisor.
 - University of Alaska Dental Programs clinical instructor for hygiene clinic and development of ANMC and village rotations.
 - Co-developed prevention public service announcement videos for Rural Alaska Television Network(RATNET).
 - Author of Dental Chapter of The Community Health Aide/Practitioner Manual.
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1/86-4/89 Director Dental Staff Development Alaska Area**Billet# HGO3788 Anchorage, Alaska****O-6**

- Co-ordinate all training activities in the Alaska Area.
- Develop CHALLENGES course agenda and courses for "rookie" dentists in the Alaska 1986-89.
- General dentistry for three isolated villages and the ANMC hospital dental clinic.
- Plan, manage, and coordinate Alaska Area Dental Officer annual meetings.
- Host Indian Health Service Area Dental Officers meeting 1988.
- Teach "Dental Problems" portion of Community Health Aide Program(CHAP) -

1/84-1/86 Advanced General Practice Resident (IHS)**Billet# Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC)****O-4 Anchorage, Alaska**

- Successfully completed all criteria accredited by the A.D.A.
- Nitrous oxide grant funded and project completed.
- Paper presented at "Information Technology in Community Health" conference in Victoria, British Columbia on "Computer Direct Entry of Oral Examination Data in Rural Alaska". 1986
- Conducted quality assurance program reviews of Kodiak Native Association and Tanana Chiefs Native Association dental programs.
- Planned, organized, and conducted the annual Alaska Area Dental Officers meeting.

7/78-1/84 Chief Service Unit Basic**Billet # Lac Courte Oreilles/St. Croix****O-4 Hayward, & Hertel, Wisconsin**

- Provided comprehensive dental care to two P.L.638 tribes 40 miles apart.
- Instituted fluoridated water supplies to five community systems.
- Provided community prevention on the 100,000 watt Public Radio station.
- Developed treatment based puppet show for pre-school children.
- Provided 65 days of dental care in Manua Islands, American Samoa while on annual leave. 1979/80.

6/77-10/77 COSTEP Alaska Native Medical Center**O-1 Anchorage, Alaska**

U.S. Public Health Service Duties

- Director of PHS wide residency program 1986-1991.
- Member IHS Dental national committees in Materials and Infection Control.
- Member IHS national supply and facility design committee.
- Associate Recruiter 1987-present.
- COSTEP recruiter and clinical supervisor.
- Publicity Chairman for the highly successful 25th Annual Commissioned Officer's (COA) meeting in Anchorage, Alaska in 1990.
- Alaska Area Training Co-ordinator (IHS wide) 1986-1991.
- Community Health Aide Program consultant (Alaska) 1986-present.

Awards: PHS

- Nominated Outstanding Service Medal 1993(pending)
- Exceptional Capability Promotion to O-6 nomination 1993.
- IHS National Prevention Award 1991 PHS Citation
 - Unit Citation 1991 Oral Health Status
- Unit Citation 1990 COA Meeting Publicity Chairman.
 - Unit Citation 1990 Dental Fluoride Team leader.
- Achievement Medal 1988.
 - Hazardous Duty Award 1986.

NON-PHS

- Nominated Alaska Federal Employee of the year 1991
 - Eagle Award 1989-94 Combined Federal Campaign
 - Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal 1970.
 - National Defense Ribbon 1967.

Educational Experience

- Clinical Instructor University of Alaska Dental Programs 1986-1992
 - Advanced General Practice Residency, Anchorage, Alaska 1984-1986
- University of Minnesota School of Dentistry 1974-1978. U.S. Public Health Service scholarship recipient 1977-78.
- University of Alaska Aviation School, Private Pilot, Single engine land/sea 1986.
- Hennepin Technical School, Biomedical Electronics 1973.
- Winona State University, 1971-72.
- U.S. Naval Aviation Electronics School, Memphis, Tennessee, 1967-68.

Professional Membership

- American Dental Association 1984-present.
- Commissioned Officers Association 1978-present.
- Alaska Airmens Association, 1986-present.
- Airplane Owners and Pilots Association, 1986-present

Military

- United States Marine Corps 1967-1971, Meritorious Staff Sergeant(E-6).
 - Qualified Crew Chief CH-53A Helicopter.
 - Avionics training and expertise/attached HMX-1 Presidential Squadron 1970-71.
 - Expert marksmanship M-14, M-1, .44, .38.
 - Instructor CH-53A systems & .50 cal. machine gun 1970-71.

- Honorable Discharge 1973.

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Interests

- Volunteer dentistry in 3rd World countries
- Canoeing, worked as a guide for Charles L. Sommers Wilderness Canoe Base, Ely, Minnesota 1966-1972.
- Whitewater rafting and camping.
- Aviation, flying, and repairing aircraft.
- Native village culture, history, and lifestyles.

Personal Data



