

## 2023 ANNUAL REPORT TO MSO

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The 2023 Iowa Society of Orthodontists (ISO) meeting will be held October 22-23 in Iowa City. Sunday's agenda includes a lecture by Dr. Robert Trujillo entitled "Clinical and Practical Pearls for Avoiding Orthodontic Burnout" as well as an update on on-going research within the University of Iowa, Department of Orthodontics. On Monday, Dr. Won Moon will be speaking about "Comprehensive Application of Micro-Implants in Orthodontics with Special Emphasis in Biomechanics Specific to Micro-implant Orthodontics, and Overview of Maxillary Skeletal Expander".

The Iowa Mission of Mercy (IMOM) is being held October 13-14, 2023, in Waterloo. Last year the 13<sup>th</sup> annual IMOM held in Des Moines served 1,009 patients who received 6,732 procedures totaling \$1,013,537 worth of free dental care.

The top priorities of the Iowa Dental Association (IDA) during the 2024 Legislative Session include:

- Exploring proven, non-legislative solutions to funding dental Medicaid in Iowa and
- Defending against measures that threaten the quality and integrity of the dental profession and compromise the dental care Iowans receive.

During the 2023 Legislative Session, the introduction of different licenses and the expansion of scope for dental hygienists were discussed as a solution to the Medicaid access to care issue. Additionally, there was a bill that would have taxed dentists on all dental revenues at 1.5 percent. These bills were not signed into law.

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