Dentists and the law:  
Headlines we’d rather not see

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Objectives
• Appreciate media’s role with professions’ reputation
• Know story behind dentists’ unsavory endeavors
  – Menace to society
  – Drug dealing
  – Torture
  – Murder
  – Desecrating bodies
  – War crimes

AIDS Patient Infected by Dentist Dies

• Dr. David Acer
  – Full-blown AIDS 1987 (died 1990)
  – 6 patients contract AIDS
  • 1st pt: Kimberly Bergalis – extractions Dec. 1987
  – 2001: CDC – transmission unclear

Defrocked Dentist In Semen Suit

– John Hall: injected semen into 7 women’s mouths
– Lost his license
– Jail-time

UK Dentist Struck off for Offering Female Genital Mutilation

“...conduct fell short of the standards expected of a registered dental practitioner...performed intimate exam...and talked with her about and planned to perform FGM on two children”

Pediatric patients forcibly restrained
- Red marks on head “allergic reaction”

Dr. M. Jerome Holmes

Florida Dentist Arrested After Fighting 85 Year Old Patient Over Her Dentures

– 85 y/o for routine RPD fitting
– DDS arrested: false imprisonment, grand theft and battery

Ms. V. Graham

“Being a service-oriented professional like a dentist, a fight in your office is probably not the way to get those good Yelp reviews.”

Dr. Hammonds

Al Qaeda’s Dentist

• Dr. Sohail Qureshi
  – Terrorist training in Pakistan
  – UK for fundraising
  – Convicted in 2008

Dentist Jailed After Terrorist Material Found on Computer

• Dr. Umer Farooq pleaded guilty
  – 14 charges: possessing material useful in terrorism
  – Convicted: 2 years in jail (2012)
Dental school graduate: 1981
Drug ring: Larry Lavin & “Yuppie Conspiracy”
   — Cocaine syndicate (1978-1984)
   — 20-yr term, fines & a 5-year probation
   — Gov’t seized: $20M value cocaine
Guilty (1986)
   — Operating criminal enterprise
   — Conspiracy w/ intent to distribute
   — Tax evasion

Non-hospital recoveries w/o consent
1,077 bodies dismembered
Parts in 10,000 surgeries (bone, skin, heart valves)
   — Recipients : HIV, Hep-C, syphilis and septic shock
Charge: body stealing, unlawful desecration of human remains, conspiracy & abuse of bodies
18-54 year jail term
Forfeit: $4.68 M

From day one, everything was forged; everything, because we could. As long as the paperwork looked good, it was fine…

Graduate Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery 1872
Killed two men and shot eight
Arrested four times; attempted extradition to AZ

I found him a loyal friend and good company. He was a dentist whom necessity had made a gambler; a gentleman whom disease had made a vagabond; a philosopher whom life had made a caustic wit; a long, lean blonde fellow nearly dead with consumption and at the same time the most skillful gambler and nerviest, speediest, deadliest man with a six-gun I ever knew.”

— Wyatt Earp

2002: struck husband, running him over multiple times
   — Having an affair with their former receptionist
1st-degree murder w/ finding of “sudden passion”
Fined: $10,000 and 20 year jail term
Dental license revoked

2009

Papuan student from the highlands killed by two dentists
War Crimes

Concentration camps
- Sachsenhausen (30,000 died)
- Buchenwald (56,000 died)
- Mauthausen (119,000 died)

Extermination camps
- Auschwitz II (Birkenau) [1,125,000 died]

Dr. Hugo Blaschke (Brigadier General)
- Responsible for dental treatment for SS, police & Gestapo
- Treated Hitler, Goring, Goebbels, Borman and Himmler
- Charge: exploitation of dental gold extracted from the dead
- 10 years imprisonment but released 1948

Dr. Hermann Pook (Colonel)
- Heads dentists in concentration camps
- Ordered to gather dental gold
- "On the feasibility of the re-using the gold from the mouths of the deceased" (Doctoral thesis of dentist Wiktor Scholz 1940)
- Sept 1940 - extract gold from "corpses & teeth that could not be cured"
- Decree reinforced Dec. 1942
- "Profit" of about 4,000,000 reichsmarks annually
- Ten years prison time (pardoned 1951)

Dental Gold

- Buchenwald: 182-504 grams every month
- Mauthausen: 25 Kg
- Treblinka: 8-10 Kg/week
- Auschwitz-Birkenau*: 6 tons (up to 12Kg/day)
- Oranienburg-Sachsenhausen: 80,000 teeth found on in boxes after liberation

- 5 teeth extracted/individual
- 3 gms. 22 carat gold/tooth

Wilhelm Henkel
- Mauthausen: 61% mortality rate
- Trial at Dachau: March 1946 (US. vs. Hans Altfulldich, et al)
- 61 former camp personnel and prisoners
- "Common Design" criminal charge
- Charge: "violation of the laws and usages of war," as well as with subjecting foreign nationals to killing, beating, torture, and starvation
- Execution: hanging May 1947

Torture and murder of allied nationals

"Return Unwanted"
(Class B camp)
"To make the work more rational, a cross was marked on the chest of those who had gold dental work."

"After the execution, the S.S. dentists, Capt. Henkel and Franz Jutmann, removed the gold teeth."

"...dentists pulled out the golden teeth and golden crowns with pincers and hammers."

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**Yugoslavia**

- **Dr. Willi Frank (Lieut.)**
  - Trial held 1963-1965
  - SS Dentist Auschwitz II (Birkenau)
  - "Hungarian Action" (summer 1944)
    - Selection >6,000 for gas chambers
  - Canisters of Zylon B poison gas
  - Sentence: 7 yrs. imprisonment

- **Dr. Milan Babic**
  - Ethnic cleansing, murder, torture & eviction
    - Pleaded guilty; indicted in 2004 at the Hague
    - Commits suicide - 2006

"The U.N. plan to send... peacekeeping troops to Croatian trouble spots has won... support from all parties to the Yugoslav conflict, except for one bespectacled dentist who controls the angry enclave of Krajina."

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**Virginia Dentist Sentenced for Scheme to Over-bill Medicaid and Insurance Companies**

"A dentist who authorities say was practicing without a valid license was arrested."