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**AADR Awards 2010 Neal W. Chilton Fellowship in  
Clinical Research to Dolphus Dawson, III**

**Alexandria, Va.** – The American Association for Dental Research (AADR) has announced Dolphus Dawson, III, as the 2010 AADR Neal W. Chilton Fellowship in Clinical Research recipient. He will be recognized at the AADR Annual Meeting & Exhibition in Washington, DC, March 3, 2010.

Currently, Dawson is the assistant professor of periodontics and associate director of the Delta Dental of Kentucky Clinical Research Center, in the College of Dentistry at the University of Kentucky, Lexington. In addition, he serves on AADR's Ethics Committee.

The Neal W. Chilton Fellowship will support Dawson in the biostatistical analysis of a dataset from the Effects of Periodontal Therapy on Preterm Birth (OPT study). The analysis will determine if clinical measures, microbiology and serum inflammatory markers are associated with the outcome of preeclampsia in the OPT study population.

Sponsored by the Task Force on Design and Analysis in Dental and Oral Research and established in memory of Neal W. Chilton, the late executive director of the Task Force on Design and Analysis in Dental and Oral Research, a clinician and statistician who made major contributions to the advancement of clinical research in dentistry, the Neal W. Chilton Fellowship was designed to enable dental clinical faculty to obtain training in clinical research. The Fellowship provides a \$5,000 stipend and an additional \$1,500 for travel.

**About the Task Force on Design and Analysis in Dental and Oral Research**

The Task Force on Design and Analysis in Dental and Oral Research is a group of biostatisticians, clinicians, epidemiologists, and basic scientists with experience in oral health research and clinical trials. The membership includes individuals from universities, private research centers, government, and industry. The Task Force has its origins in the 1968 Dental Caries Conference co-sponsored by the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) and the American Dental Association, which established a standardized methodology for conducting clinical trials, testing the efficacy of products designed to prevent dental caries. For 30 years, Dr. Neal Chilton, trained in both dental research and biostatistics, almost single-handedly guided the Task Force as its executive director. His vision and dedication had a seminal influence on the development of the Task Force into its present role as an impartial leader in the design and analysis of oral health clinical research.

**About the American Association for Dental Research**

The American Association for Dental Research (AADR), headquartered in Alexandria, Va., is a nonprofit organization with nearly 4,000 members in the United States. Its mission is: (1) to advance research and increase knowledge for the improvement of oral health; (2) to support and represent the oral health research community; and (3) to facilitate the communication and application of research findings. AADR is the largest Division of the International Association for Dental Research (IADR).

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