

## **National Museum of Dentistry (NMD): Frequently Asked Questions**

1. What changes have occurred at the National Museum of Dentistry?

As of November 30, 2012, the operations of the National Museum of Dentistry have merged with the University of Maryland School of Dentistry. The School of Dentistry is committed to maintaining the National Museum of Dentistry and supporting its mission to preserve the history of the profession.

2. How have the operations of the NMD changed?

The museum's impressive exhibit portfolio will be maintained and tours will be given by appointment. The museum staff has been significantly reduced.

3. What is the rationale for the NMD's new operating plan?

The new plan is necessary in order to make the museum financially viable, address the budget deficit, and avoid increases in tuition for dental school students.

4. How will museum interests be formally represented?

Drs. John Patterson and Stanley Block, both of whom served on the NMD board, will represent museum interests as members of the School of Dentistry's Board of Visitors. The museum's board of visitors concluded its service on November 30.

5. How will donations to the museum be handled?

The University of Maryland School of Dentistry is dedicated to honoring the intent of every museum donor and continues to accept gifts that will ensure the preservation of dental history. Friends of the museum are encouraged to continue their support during this important transition.

6. How does the new operational plan affect NMD members?

Members of The National Museum of Dentistry will continue to enjoy benefits that include:

- Free admission
- 10% off merchandise from the Museum Shop—on site only
- Invitations to special events
- The latest news and advance notice of programs and exhibitions
- Complimentary issues of MDental magazine