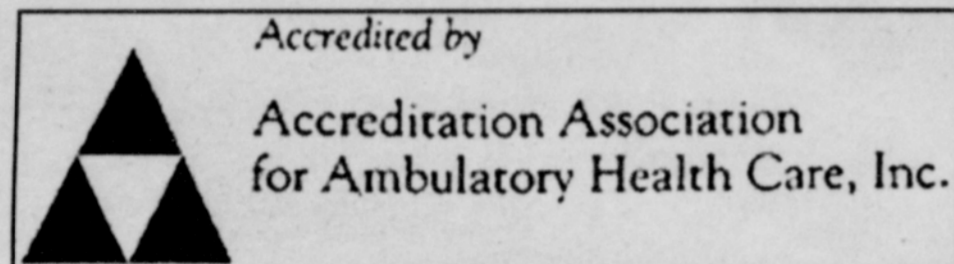




Notice of Accreditation Survey

The Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc. (AAAHC) will conduct an accreditation survey of the Siletz Community Health Clinic, located at 107 S.E. Swan Ave., Siletz, Ore., on June 17 and 18. The survey will be used to evaluate the organization's compliance with AAAHC standards for ambulatory health care and to determine if accreditation should be retained by the organization.

Through an emphasis on education and consultation, the ultimate purpose of



the accreditation process is to improve the quality of health care delivered by this organization. The Siletz Community Health Clinic has

voluntarily requested this survey as a means of assisting its own efforts to improve the delivery of quality health care.

Members of the general public, patients, and individuals on the staff of this organization, believing that they have pertinent and valid information about this organization's provision of health care for compliance with AAAHC standards, may request an information presentation with AAAHC surveyors at the time of the survey for the purpose of presenting such information, or may communicate

such information in writing or by telephone to the AAAHC. All information received from identified individuals at or prior to the survey will be considered in making the accreditation decision. The information presented will not be debated with the reporting individual.

Requests for presentation must be received at least two weeks prior to the survey in order to allow sufficient time to schedule the presentations. Requests for public information may be communicated in writing or by telephone to AAAHC at the following address and telephone number:

Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc.
3201 Old Glenview Road, Suite 300
Wilmette, IL 60091
Telephone: 847-853-6060
Fax: 847-853-9028

This notice is posted in accordance with AAAHC requirements and originals posted in the clinic on May 6, 2002, will not be removed until after the survey. Questions regarding accreditation survey activities can be forwarded to Erin Kirk, administrative/quality improvement coordinator, at the Siletz Community Health Clinic. She can be reached at 1-800-648-0449 or 541-444-1030, ext. 663.

Sealant Project Helps 113 Children

by Linda Kreutzer, RDH

During our recent sealant project at the Siletz Community Health Clinic, three dental hygiene students from OHSU worked hard to help us provide sealants to 113 kids from Siletz School. The Dental Department placed 312 sealants in three days, saving these newly erupted molars from tooth decay.



OHSU student Barb Cook places sealants on one of the students.

A sealant is a white resin painted on new molars to keep decay out before it can begin. It needs to be checked annually by a dentist to make sure it's still intact.

A sealant can last five to 10 years on a tooth, preventing decay of molars in children. Sealants can only be put on teeth that have never had decay or a filling. They are painted into the grooves of molars (won't stick to smooth surfaces of teeth) and no drilling or needles are used.

The Siletz Clinic has served as a host clinic for six years to dental hygiene

students from OHSU on Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) rural rotation to Lincoln County. During a two-week rotation, the students work in private practice offices and the clinic. The other offices are Dr. Gregory Herkert in Toledo and Dr. John Palmer in Newport.

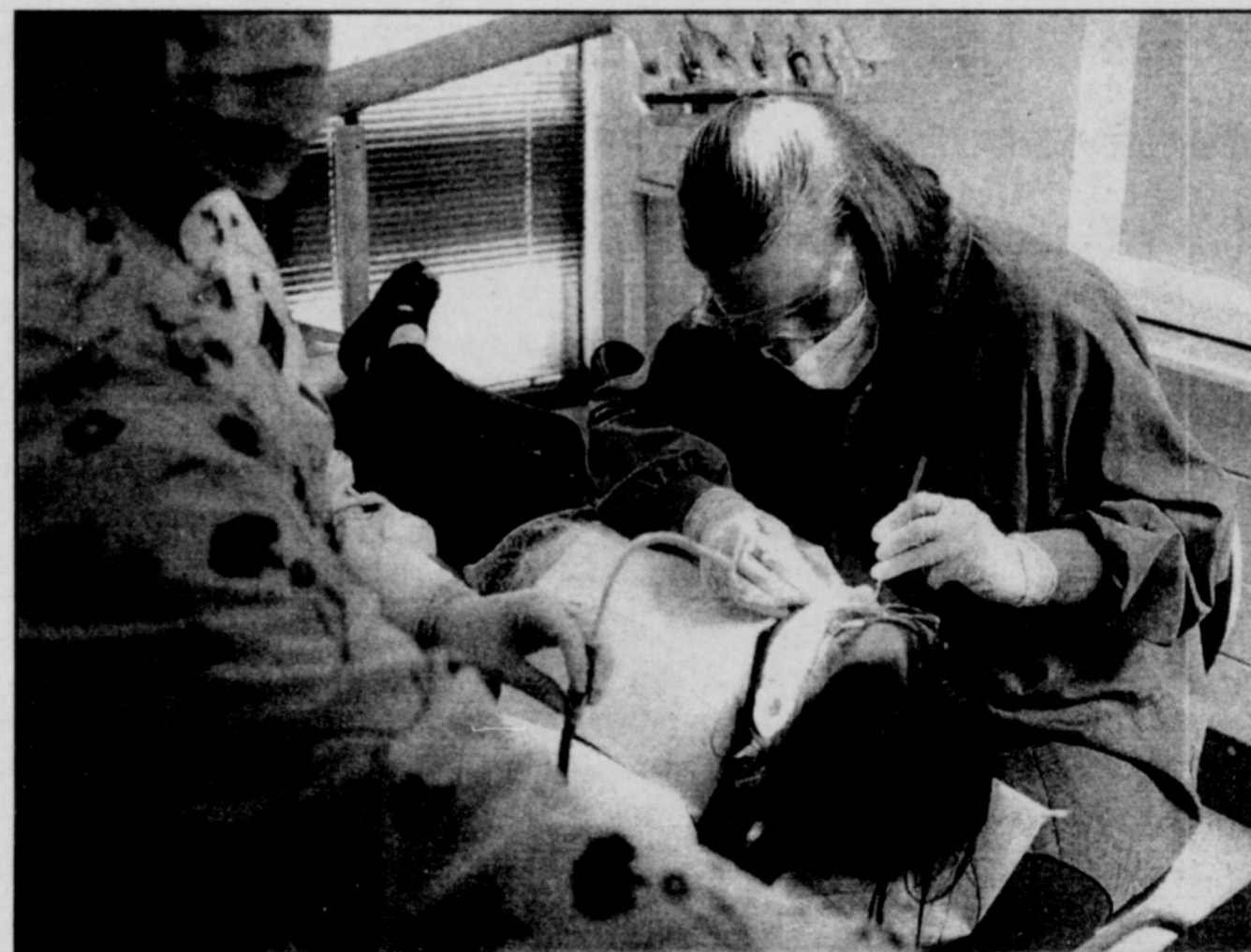
The students also provide dental education to elementary school children and at day care centers in the county. This year, they also gave a career day presentation at Taft High School on "Dental Hygiene as a Career."

OHSU and AHEC sponsor various health occupational students to spend time in rural areas. The idea is to recruit health providers into underserved rural

areas. Most health professionals stay in cities after graduation. AHEC's goal is to promote better distribution in rural areas.

The Dental Department received a lot of toothbrushes through a grant from the Lincoln County Commission for Children and Families.

Those who worked on the sealant project include students Barb Cook, Staci McFarland, and Dion Wilks; Dr. Randy Teich; Dr. Woody Crow (visiting dentist from the Indian Health Service, Northwest area); Lacey Shrock and Diane Tripp, dental assistants; and me, the dental hygienist.



Diane Tripp (l) and Staci McFarland (r) help a student get ready for her sealants.