

Mercury-free dentistry is feasible and can be implemented everywhere in Africa.

Godwin Toyin Arotiba BDS Lagos, FWACS, FMCDs, FDS, RCSEd (UK), DDCi.h,c. (cub).

Past Dean (2012-2016)

Faculty of Dental Sciences

College of Medicine

University of Lagos

Lagos Nigeria,

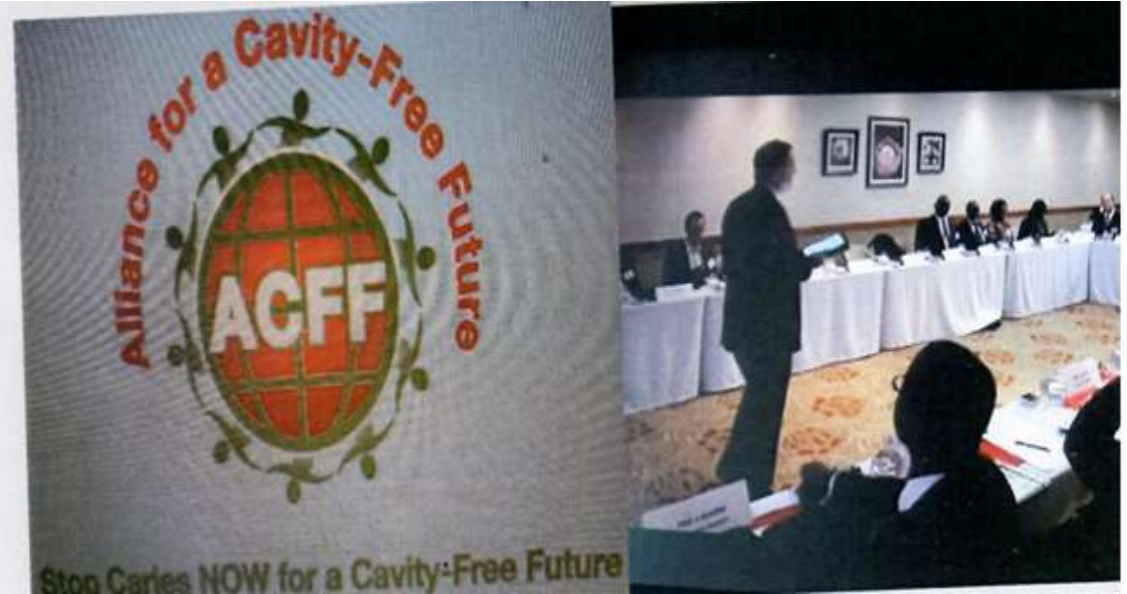
gtarotiba@gmail.com





Deanship of the Faculty of Dental Sciences, University of Lagos -2012-2016

PHOTO REAL OF OUR HUMBLE BEGINNINGS IN LAGOS, NIGERIA. - FROM 2014 TO 2019
Dental Education in Sub-Saharan Africa -Challenges and Prospects-24th-25th April, 2013



Current Concepts in the management of Dental Caries 5th August 2015. Idi-Araba, Lagos, Nigeria.



10th Annual Scientific Conference
"Phase Down of Dental
Amalgam- The Alternatives"
Communique& Action Plan for
Nigeria.





Bangkok May 2018 –vulnerable groups and Dental education



**Mercury
Free
Dentistry**

Global Workshop

Date May 14-15, 2018

Venue CRI Convention Center,
Bangkok, Thailand.

UN
environment
United Nations
Environment Programme



UNEP/WAMFD 2018

- UN Environment, 2018. Workshop report: Promoting Dental Amalgam Phase Down Measures Under the Minamata Convention and Other Initiatives, For Especially Women, Children and, Through Them, Future Generations". United Nations Environment Programme, Chemicals and Health Branch. Geneva, Switzerland.

Outline

5 Steps:

1. Update Dental School's Curricula. ***
2. Remove import duty and taxes on mercury free 21st century restoratives (Glass ionomers, Composites and Compomers).
3. Discontinue insurance payment for dental amalgam (45-55% mercury)
(The Swedish pathway to mercury free dentistry).
4. Ban the import of Dental amalgam
5. Update Oral health policies to integrate the cardinal principles of Minimum Intervention Dentistry(MID) with an "II-PPP-BPOC" framework to enhance the implementation of the Children's amendment. (COP 4.2)





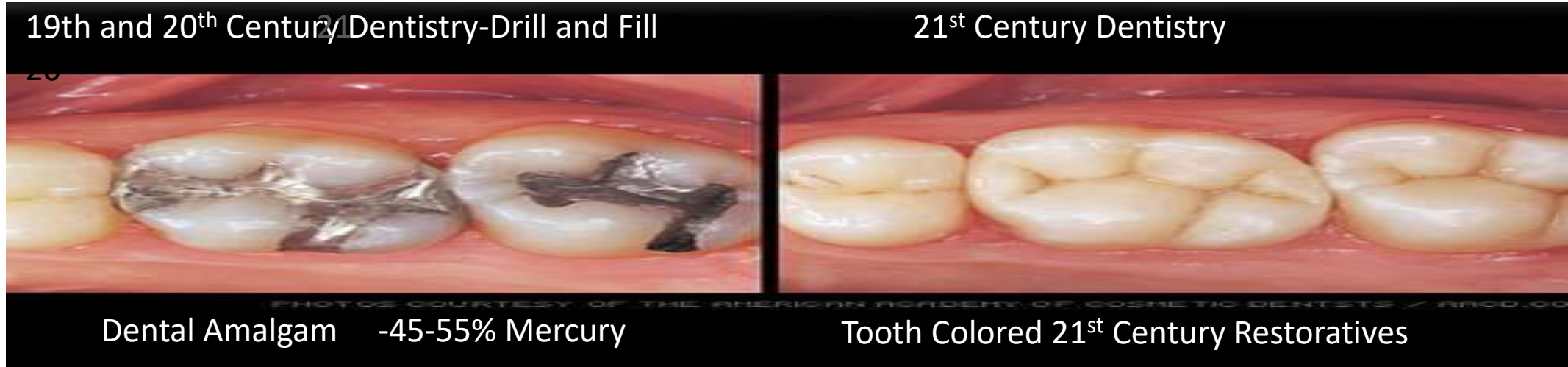
21st Century Dentistry (MID)* ?

- A holistic, evidence based, risk assessment based, patient centered, prevention-focused, approach to management of tooth decay (dental caries) with maximal preservation of healthy tooth tissues.

- MID-Minimum Intervention Dentistry

Arotiba, G T Loto, A O Ijarogbe, O Umesi, D Menakaya I, Awotile OA, Makanjuola, JO and Adenuga-Taiwo, AO:
Implementing mercury-free dentistry (minimum intervention dentistry) in dental education in Africa and developing economies. Oral Health Dental Sci, 2020 .

The difference is clear! ..The choice is yours!!



GrandPa Toothless Gummy Smile!

Keep all your Teeth Healthy and Functional for life