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**Portrait of UCSF School of Dentistry Dean John Greene Unveiled at Ceremony**  
*Greene's many contributions to oral health included leading School for 13 years*

**San Francisco, Calif., September 17, 2003** – John C. Greene, D.M.D., M.P.H., who served as Dean of the UCSF School of Dentistry from 1981 to 1994, was honored at a ceremony today when his portrait was unveiled in the Lange Room of the Kalmanovitz Library. More than 100 friends, family, faculty, staff and alumni of the Dental School were present for the unveiling of the portrait, which was painted by Craig Nelson. It will hang in the entrance to the Dental Clinics Building.

During his leadership, Greene transformed the School's negligible research base to its present status as the leading dental research university in the world, with cumulative research funding for the current fiscal year in excess of \$28 million. UCSF has remained the top dental school for the last twelve years. In addition to his significant contributions as Dean to the educational, research, and community service missions of the school, Dr. Greene is nationally renowned as a leader in the area of oral epidemiology, as well as in health policy and health professions education. He began his career at the US Public Health Service, where he served for three decades. He was the first non-physician to serve as Deputy Surgeon General. Prior to that, he served as Chief Dental Officer for the Public Health Service, and Director of the Bureau of Health Resources Development.

Dr. Greene's individual achievements in research have been impressive. Nearly 40 years ago, he conducted leading studies linking bacterial plaque and periodontal disease among the populations of the US, India, and Ecuador. This work included devising the Oral Hygiene Index (with co-author Jack Vermillion), which provided a systematic approach to quantifying bacterial plaque on teeth. The simplified version of this index is still used by the World Health Organization and many countries around the world. He was Co-Principal Investigator of the largest and most comprehensive study of the health effects of smokeless (spit) tobacco among professional baseball players. He has continued his work in this area with major and minor league baseball players, and has played a key role in raising national concern and action about this growing public health problem among young males.

He is an active participant in the National Spit Tobacco Education Program, headed by Joe Garagiola and administered by Oral Health America, which relays information about the harmful effects of tobacco to young males. He was also a member of the National Cancer Institute's Dental Tobacco-Free Steering Committee, and Chaired the International Association for Dental Research's (IADR) Committee on Tobacco. He was president of the American Association for Dental Research (AADR) and also of the IADR.

"John Greene made an indelible impact not only as Dean of the UCSF School of Dentistry, but also by his innumerable contributions through the US Public Health Service and Oral Health America," said Charles Bertolami, current Dean of the School. "He presided over the school during a period which saw a tremendous enhancement of our reputation, and is largely responsible for our position as a premier dental educational and research institution."

**A Career of Service**

John Greene was born in Ashland, Kentucky. He received his D.M.D. from the University of Louisville in 1952 and his M.P.H. from the School of Public Health at the University of California, Berkeley, in 1961. He joined the United States Public Health Service as an intern in Chicago in 1952, and his next assignment was at the Public Health Service Hospital in San Francisco. He served in many capacities in the United States and abroad during his career in the USPHS. He was Chief Dental Officer of the PHS and was appointed Deputy Surgeon General in 1978. Greene retired from the USPHS in 1981 to become Dean of the UCSF School of Dentistry.

Dr. Greene's accomplishments in dentistry, in dental public health, in government and public service have earned him an international reputation and numerous honors and awards, including the Distinguished Service Medal from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, as well as honorary doctorates from three universities. He has been presented with the Award of Merit from the Federation Dentaire Internationale, and the Outstanding Professional Award from the Pierre Fauchard Academy. He is an elected member of the National Academy of Sciences Institute of Medicine. He was named a recipient of the prestigious UCSF Medal in 1999.

Greene received the Distinguished Service Award from the American Association of Public Health Dentistry, and the John Knutson Award from the American Public Health Association. He also has received the American Dental Education's Distinguished Service Award, as well as the Bill Tuttle Award for his work on smokeless tobacco.

It is fitting that the UCSF School of Dentistry's student academic and research career interest group, which includes the activities of the School's chapter of the Student Research Group of the AADR, should be named the John C. Greene Society.

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