

## Secretary Profile

# Dr. Kenneth Hinds “lives and breathes” dentistry

Dr. Steve McNicholas, a Laguna Hills, CA, endodontist, has great respect for the professional accomplishments of his friend and colleague, Dr. **Kenneth Hinds**, who operates a restorative dental practice in the upscale Southern California community of Laguna Niguel. They met 25 years ago while completing degrees at the University of Southern California, School of Dentistry. They have remained friends and often work together on comprehensive patient care.

So, when Dr. McNicholas gets together for lunch with his longtime friend, Dr. Hinds, he’s often anticipating no more than a casual and friendly conversation centered on family, friends, sports and their many common interests. Dr. Hinds, however, invariably arrives with photos of some of the esthetic or implant cases he’s doing or information gleaned during one of his lectures or from courses he’s attended.

“He’s one of the people who lives and breathes dentistry. He spends his ‘free’ time reading professional journals or sharing with others by presenting lectures and courses. It’s fun to work with people like that,” says Dr. McNicholas, who concedes that he occasionally looks forward to time away from his work and profession.

Dr. McNicholas appreciates Dr. Hinds’ commitment to patient care. “He still likes to save teeth when they’re worth saving. He’s reasonable. He treats his patients with incredible care,” Dr. McNicholas says.

Dr. Hinds was born in Washington, DC, and lived in Indiana before coming to Southern California at age six. He grew up in Fullerton and earned a B.S. degree in biology at Utah State University before returning to the University of Southern California for his D.D.S. degree. He worked as a cabinet maker during college and still enjoys remodeling and detailed finish carpentry work.

Dr. Hinds’ wife, Candy, is a registered dental assistant (RDA), who has worked alongside him building the dynamic dental practice they enjoy today. Sasha, their token child (golden retriever), also worked in the office as a pet therapist to comfort patients during treatment. Six other support personnel work in the practice, which provides “aesthetic, implant and comprehensive care” for adults and children.



*Dr. Hinds and his wife, Candy, enjoy visiting community schools to teach the value of good dental hygiene. They would demonstrate by brushing the teeth of their golden retriever, Sasha.*

The practice Website, [www.hindsdds.com](http://www.hindsdds.com), features a philosophy of dental care: “Our office philosophy is dedicated to providing our patients with the most comprehensive dental care possible and to create a relationship, which allows them to attain maximum dental health.” The practice’s com-

mitment, it says, is to “establish a bright, modern, progressive practice, promote a relaxing caring environment, and commit unconditionally to quality care and service.”



*Dr. Kenneth Hinds*

Dr. Hinds has lectured widely on interdisciplinary treatment planning and implant rehabilitation. “Ken has developed a unique lecturing style incorporating the superior use of multiple computers, technology, and graphics. He has developed a teaching program to allow him to mentor countless implant study clubs in the Western United States,” says Dr. **Roy T. Yanase**, prosthodontist practicing in Torrance, CA, who is Dr. Hinds’ longtime mentor and founder of the Osseointegration Study Club of Southern California.

As an early adapter to new technologies, he is well known for his presentations on how to use new technologies in dental practice. In fact, a maxillofacial surgeon with whom he has often collaborated, Dr. **Robert V. Fontanesi**, Orange, CA, first met Dr. Hinds when he attended his presentation on using imaging techniques.

Dr. Fontanesi marvels at Dr. Hinds’ relationships with patients. “His patients just love him. They will say, ‘I see why he (Dr. Hinds) sent me here (to Dr. Fontanesi), because you treat people just as he does. He doesn’t push us into things. He helps us understand why we need treatment,’” Dr. Fontanesi says. He wishes he had 5 or 10 professional partners like Dr. Hinds. “The work that’s done is absolutely excellent.”

Dr. Hinds has written numerous articles in peer-reviewed journals relating to the restorative aspects of implant dentistry. He has served as a consultant for new product development and has published and obtained two patents on complete implant systems. The first patent covers custom healing abutments, custom impression copings and anatomical abutments. The second features an ultrasonic implant drilling system, utilizing anatomical components for achieving optimal natural tooth replication.

Dr. Hinds’ interest in implant dentistry received a boost in 1993, when he attended his first AO Annual Meeting in nearby San Diego. He soon joined the Academy and became active on the Membership Committee in 2002. In 2004, he was elected to the Board of Directors and served as Program Chair for the 2005 Annual Meeting and Annual Meeting Chair in 2006. He will become AO Secretary in March.

He is a former clinical instructor at this alma mater, the University of Southern California, and currently serves as a Visiting Lecturer at the UCLA School of Dentistry. Dr. Hinds is also active in many professional organizations, including the Pacific Coast Society for Prosthodontics, Interdisciplinary Dental/Facial Treatment Seminars, the Osseointegration Study Club of Southern California, and others.