

I would like to nominate Dr. Kamran Safavi, head of the Endodontic Department, as the recipient of the first Doctor's Day "award given to someone from the dental school. The first thing I would like to mention is his commitment and dedication to the dental school. If a patient is at the front window or calling on the phone with pain, he will make sure that patient is seen and taken care of, no matter how busy the clinic may already be. The dental assistants that work for him now and in the past have a humorous name for Fridays, which is the day he is in the clinic all day, it's called "Safavi Fridays". If you have ever been there you know it can get pretty busy because all the residents like to schedule their surgeries when he is there and the students like to schedule their patients when he is precepting as well because he is so knowledgeable at what he does.

Lastly, I would like to mention his warmth and caring nature, not only to the patients but to his staff and residents. Dr. Safavi treats us all like his family. He is always so concerned if someone is sick, has surgery, has a baby, a family emergency or whatever and then is the first one there to welcome you back and ask how everything is. He does not like attention on himself though, which will be funny if he wins this award. For example, he has quietly paid for the department Christmas party and preferred that no one knows. We have had cake and goodies for his birthday and he will graciously thank everyone and then disappear until the attention is off. Everyone that knows him loves him. He deserves to win the award.

Sincerely,  
Colleen Osterling



# Doctors Day

March 30, 2010



*Dr. Kamran Safavi*  
Honoree



University of Connecticut  
Health Center

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It is with the utmost conviction that we wish to nominate Dr. Kamran Safavi for the Doctor's Day Award. Dr. Safavi meets or exceeds every criteria established for the award and exemplifies what is exceptional about the School of Dental Medicine, the Dental Clinics and the Health Center.

## *Made a significant impact on patient care*

Dr. Safavi is one of the most caring, compassionate, and technically proficient endodontists. He is well respected and held in high regard by providers within the Health Center and throughout CT and the region. He has committed his career to educating students and residents so that they possess a high level of skill to deliver care to patients throughout the nation.

## *Gone beyond the call in a clearly illustrated scenario*

Dr. Safavi treats every patient as if they were his family. His concern for their comfort and well-being is beyond comparison. He has come into the health center at night, on the weekend, even at 2 am to see a patient if they were in pain. Patients, regardless of whether they are Dr. Safavi's own patient in faculty practice, or a student or resident patients, know that they can call Dr. Safavi at home if they have a problem.

## *Demonstrated excellence above what is normally expected*

It cannot be disputed that Dr. Safavi's dedication and service go way beyond what is normally expected. Most importantly, Dr. Safavi is incredibly humble and shy and usually refuses to be acknowledged or recognized in any way. Dr. Safavi is a resource for community practitioners who refer the most difficult and challenging cases because they know he is the best person to manage them

## *Shown commitment to the community served in a way that is significant above the norm*

Dr. Safavi believes it is his responsibility to make sure students and residents receive the best possible experience and training while simultaneously making sure that we provide every patient with the best possible care. Dr. Safavi does not know the meaning of "no" and is often seen running between clinics to give consults, help with a procedure, or meet with a patient who has a concern. He is the epitome of a healthcare professional.

## *Achieved a life-long legacy in a particular arena*

Dr. Safavi has been a member of the faculty and of the endodontic profession for decades. He is a leader at UConn, in the State, and nationally. The endodontics program at UConn has an exceptional reputation because of Dr. Safavi.

Dr. Kamran Safavi is most deserving of being recognized at Doctor's Day. This letter of nomination was authored by a number of Dental Clinic staff, who, like Dr. Safavi, would rather not be acknowledged. We are concerned that if Dr. Safavi learned that we had nominated him, he would want to do something special for us – we believe it is time for us to do something special for him.