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Focus on Research

In 1984 a small group of dentists who were concerned about the potential dangers of mercury from dental amalgam fillings found themselves equally concerned about the lack of definitive scientific research on the problem. They decided to create The International Academy of Oral Medicine and Toxicology International (IAOMT), a Canadian non-profit corporation.

In an effort to continually examine and compile scientific research relating to the biocompatibility of oral/dental materials, their mission is to accumulate and disseminate scientific information; promote relevant research and education of the public, professional organizations, and other groups; promote funding for research; and promote noninvasive scientifically sound therapies.

Today the IAOMT has nearly 450 active members in North America, with affiliated chapters in fourteen other countries. Through their research, the Academy and its members have demonstrated beyond a reasonable doubt that dental amalgam is a source of significant mercury exposure, and a hazard to health. They have taken the lead in educating dentists and allied professionals in the methods of

safely dealing with amalgam fillings, and safely disposing of the waste, as well as in developing more biocompatible approaches in other areas of dentistry, including endodontics, periodontics, and disease prevention.

The IAOMT has sponsored some of the most dramatic developments in the scientific case against amalgam including the famous "sheep and monkey studies," by Vimy and Lorscheider, which demonstrated that amalgam fillings labeled with radioactive mercury and placed in the animals' teeth quickly disseminated around their bodies. IAOMT members have been expert witnesses before Congress, state legislatures, Health Canada, and other government bodies, and they have testified before regulatory agencies about the environmental effects of dental mercury in wastewater.

Active members enjoy many benefits, including updates on ongoing research and political action, peer support, patient referrals, educational opportunities including a certification program in the basics of biocompatible dentistry, and the camaraderie of a professionals who are genuinely interested in healing.