

# Biography Of David Noel, DDS, MPH

Dr. David Noel recently retired (2015) in his twenty-fifth year as the chief dental program consultant for the state of California.

His responsibilities included advising the Department of Health Services on administration, dental policy, and Quality Assurance for the statewide Medicaid Dental Program (Denti-Cal), which has served an annual maximum of 12 million beneficiaries, with a budget of \$1 billion dollars.

Dr. Noel received the Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from Loyola University School of Dentistry in Chicago Illinois.

His post-doctoral Master of Public Health Degree from the University of Michigan focused on organizational and interpersonal change, and he served on the dental school faculty.

He is currently a faculty member of the University of California School of Dentistry/San Francisco, holds a lifetime appointment with California Community Colleges and is an adjunct professor at San Diego State University.

Dr. Noel has served as an American Dental Association spokesperson, and as a consultant to the ADA Council on Dental Practice.

He was appointed for six concurrent terms as the California Dental Association Public Health representative, and he served on the Board of Directors of the California Dental Association Charitable Trust for seven years.

An author of numerous articles, he was the Contributing Editor for the statewide Dental Wellness Letter for the California Department of Developmental Services, which serves people with disabilities.

A professional speaker, he delivered the keynote address at the 125 Annual Session of the American Association of Dental Examiners, and has been recognized nationally for presentations on how to grow and maintain healthy teeth, tobacco cessation, design and administration of dental programs, health promotion, personal growth, organizational development and baseball.

He enjoys rivers, oceans, baseball, golf and admiring his children and grandchildren. He has also co-authored a 516 page historical novel, THE BEST TEAM EVER, *a novel of America, Chicago and the 1907 Cubs*, by Alan Alop and Doc Noel.