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- A. To urge the extension and improvement of measures for the control and prevention of oral disorders;
- B. To encourage qualified persons to consider a career in dentistry so that dental health services will be available to all and to urge broad preparation for such a career at all educational levels;
- C. To encourage graduate studies and continuing educational efforts by dentists and auxiliaries;
- D. To encourage, stimulate and promote research;
- E. To improve the public understanding and appreciation of oral health service and its importance to the optimum health of the patient;
- F. To encourage the free exchange of ideas and experiences in the interest of better service to the patient;
- G. To cooperate with other groups for the advancement of interprofessional relationships in the interest of the public;
- H. To make visible to professional persons the extent of their responsibilities to the community as well as to the field of health service and to urge the acceptance of them;
- I. To encourage individuals to further these objectives, and to recognize meritorious achievements and the potentials for contributions to dental science, art, education, literature, human relations or other areas which contribute to human welfare — by conferring Fellowship in the College on those persons properly selected for such honor.