

STIPEND AND BENEFITS

The annual salary of a non-career general practice resident is established by the Department of Veterans Affairs Central Office and varies according to geographical location (West Palm Beach: First Year Resident \$39,000 — Second Year Resident \$39,500). The benefit package includes: uniforms, laundry, malpractice insurance, parking, 12 days of sick leave, 10 days of annual leave, and health insurance at a low premium.

GENERAL INFORMATION

A certificate of training will be awarded to the resident upon completion of all clinical and educational requirements of their program. There is no obligation for the resident to remain in Government Service after his/her residency years. This General Practice Residency Program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

TO APPLY

All applicants must be graduates of a Dental School accredited by the American Dental Association, and be physically and mentally fit to perform all the duties required of the residency. Candidates must be able to demonstrate proficiency in the English language and be a U. S. citizen.

The following is necessary information for the application:

- *VA Form 10-2850b, Residency Application and Appointment Information
- *Three letters of recommendation, one of them from the dean of your dental school
- *Results of National Board Examination
- *Official transcript from your dental school
- *Copy of dental diploma
- *Curriculum Vitae

Participation in PASS program is highly encouraged.

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Residents must hold a full, unrestricted license to practice in a State, Territory or Commonwealth of the United States or in the District of Columbia.

For more information about the
West Palm Beach VA Medical
Center General Practice Residency
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THE PROGRAM

THE GENERAL PRACTICE RESIDENCY IN DENTISTRY

is a 1 year, with optional 2nd year, educational program designed to provide clinical, didactic and hospital experience at the postdoctoral level. It will prepare the resident to manage total oral health by providing instruction and experience in the delivery of care to a wide range of ambulatory, hospitalized and nursing home patients. After completion of this program the dentist will have the knowledge, skills and confidence to pursue his/her career goals and/or enter into any available practice setting in dentistry today.

The program is designed to provide advanced education and experiences in all phases of dentistry (limited clinical experience in orthodontics), with special emphasis on the treatment of medically compromised patients. The medical center philosophy is based on primary care concepts, treating the patient as a whole, thus stressing an interrelationship between the dentist and other health care professionals regarding the patient's overall health status. The resident will become highly proficient in medical risk assessment through formal didactic presentations and supplementary off -service rotations in Medicine, Anesthesiology, and Emergency Room. Residents will be trained in the management of dental inpatients from admission through discharge, including treatment in the operating room. Residents may have the opportunity to be certified in advanced cardiac life support during their first year. This experience will enhance their training in Intravenous Sedation and Anesthesiology.

Around seventy five percent of the resident's time is spent in clinical, direct patient care activities. Seminars, lectures, literature review and hands-on presentations are scheduled throughout the program to supplement and guide clinical experiences.

Weekly, residents will present assigned patients to attending staff to discuss diagnosis, treatment planning, clinical techniques and medical management. Residents are also able to attend various pertinent medical center sponsored activities.

If the resident decides to stay for a second year, they will have the opportunity and allotted time to serve as Chief Resident, and treat more complex cases involving surgical periodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery, implantology, and comprehensive oral rehabilitation. In addition to this, there are elective rotations in pathology, imaging, otalaryngology, cardiology, dietetics, psychiatry and physical rehabilitation. Clinical supervision and guidance is provided by full-time experienced attending staff.

THE VA MEDICAL CENTER

The VA Medical Center, West Palm Beach, Florida officially opened on June 26, 1995. We are proud of our fine facility and view it as an excellent environment to support a General Practice Residency in Dentistry. It is our opinion that this Dental Service has all the components in place to help train dental residents.

The medical center is a primary hospital facility with an attached 90 bed Nursing Home Care Unit.

There is a large workload of high priority eligible outpatient dental patients.



LOCATION AND AREA ATTRACTIONS

The Medical Center is located on 70 acres of beautifully landscaped Northern Palm Beach County. The grounds include 7 acres of man-made lakes, mile-long jogging trail and parking lots. It is conveniently located close to Palm Beach International Airport, shopping centers, restaurants, residential areas and the beaches. An average year round temperature of 75 degrees is one of the most obvious and pleasing qualities of Palm Beach County. The county offers a full range of educational, cultural, and recreational activities in conjunction with theaters, colleges, museums, sports and fine dining.

DENTAL FACILITIES AND STAFF

This medical center represents the state of the art in medical and dental equipment. Its imaging and diagnostic services provide the latest and most modern of equipment. The residents will function in an environment which is totally electronic, as the facility is the first totally "paperless" medical center in the VA system. The Dental Service has the most modern equipment available today: including Digital Radiography with monitors in every operatory and office, Lasers, Digital Intraoral Cameras, and an endodontic microscope. There are 16 general treatment

operatories including 2 surgical suites, radiographic room including panoramic and cephalometric machines, centralized sterilization, conference room and a large on-site ultramodern dental laboratory. Each resident will have their own dedicated treatment operatory and will receive supervised training in all of the most advanced dental and oral/maxillofacial equipment.

The Dental Service has the full support of management. Residents are assured of having a dedicated experienced chairside assistant. There is adequate clerical support for the

program and residents are provided all educational support to provide them with a rewarding educational and clinical experience.

The Dental Service is composed of all of the dental specialties: oral and maxillofacial surgery, prosthodontics, periodontics, endodontics, and experienced general dentists. The consultant staff has been carefully chosen to augment the training and services provided by the full-time staff. It is composed of all dental specialties including orthodontics.

The medical staff in the facility is top-ranked. Dental/Medical interdisciplinary protocols are in place for the coordination and safe treatment of our medically compromised patients. All medical staff identified to participate in the training of General Practice Residents look forward to the opportunity of educating residents. The off-service rotations are coordinated by interested, knowledgeable and dedicated medical staff.

