

**VA New York Harbor Healthcare System
Endodontics Residency Program**

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I. PURPOSE: The purpose of the residency program is to develop clinically skilled endodontists who have a sound biological understanding of the field of endodontics. The program is designed to develop proficiency in the specialized field and to provide the educational background for continual development throughout a professional career. The program meets the requirements of eligibility for the American Board of Endodontics and is accredited by the Council of Dental Education of the American Dental Association. The program is two years (24 months) in length. The basic science education is integrated with the clinical training and is presented within the hospital environment. There is also a close working relationship with the endodontic residency program at the New York University College of Dentistry.

II. INITIAL ACTIVITIES:

Orientation: At the beginning of the residency year, a period of orientation will be provided so that each resident will attain a working knowledge of the functions and administration of the Medical Center and Dental Service. The following subjects are included in this period of instruction:

1. Tour of the medical center to visit other services and departments for general familiarization.
2. General policies of the medical center related to resident responsibilities.
3. Standard procedures in the medical center related to patient care, including the use of medical records for recording all clinical and laboratory findings, as well as the treatment rendered.
4. General policies and procedures of the Dental Service, such as patient eligibility and on-call responsibilities.
5. Dental examination room procedures, records and policies.

III. EDUCATIONAL PROCEDURES

A. The advanced educational program in Endodontics offers the opportunity for increasing diagnostic ability and the development of clinical judgment and surgical skills to practice the specialty to its fullest scope as defined by the American Dental Association. Lectures, literature review and treatment planning seminars reinforce the clinical course. Clinical practice comprises approximately 60-70% of the resident's time. The complete spectrums of surgical and non-surgical techniques are presented.

B. RESEARCH: All residents must satisfy a research requirement in accordance with Requirements and Guidelines for Advanced Education Programs in Endodontics as established by the CODA. The research may take the form of clinical or laboratory investigations, surveys, case presentations with applicable literature review, or a critical analysis and synthesis of a selected topic in the scientific literature. This research activity will culminate in the form of an original document written in publishable format as a requirement for completion of the residency program. A certificate will not be issued without completion of this requirement.

C. GUEST LECTURES: Through cooperation with other endodontic residency programs, opportunities are available for residents to attend presentations by guest speakers. Some travel is necessary when speakers are appearing at other facilities.

D. FEES AND STIPEND: There is no application fee to submit an application to VA Medical Center - New York. The Endodontic Residency Program is hospital-based and has no required tuition for clinical and didactic instruction given at the Veteran's Affairs Hospital. Residents are required to purchase some personal study materials. Stipends range from \$60,000 to 72,000 (PGY1-3) and may depend on the number of years of previous post-graduate training (GPR, AEGD, other specialty). The post-graduate academic core courses and literature reviews are given at the New York University College of Dentistry. The resident will pay a stipend to New York University for these courses.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURE FOR RESIDENCY IN ENDODONTICS

A. Graduation from a United States or Canadian dental school which has been approved by the American Dental Association Council on Dental Education

B. A valid, active dental license issued by any state in United States of America

C. Completion of a one-year General Practice Residency or Advanced Education in General Dentistry program or equivalent. Military experience/service may be considered as equivalency.

D. Personal Interview upon invitation

E. United States citizens are given first consideration

The following materials must be forwarded **on or before July 15th**:

1. Three Letters of Recommendation, preferably from endodontists (each letter in a separate envelope, sealed and signed).
2. Application for Health Profession Trainees ([VA form 10-2850d](#)) must be downloaded and completed
3. National Board Scores (forwarded directly from ADA)
4. College/University (undergraduate) Transcripts (in sealed official college envelopes)
5. Dental School Transcripts (in sealed official dental school envelope)
6. Curriculum Vitae and personal statement

All completed application materials can be mailed to:

VA New York Harbor Healthcare System Department of
Endodontics ATTN: Dr. Denise Foran - Dental Service (630/160)
423 East 23rd Street, 2nd Floor New York, NY 10010

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Please note: All applicants who have previously applied to the program must fill out a new application. Previous applications will no longer be reactivated. Application materials will not be returned to the applicant.