

Dental Residency Program Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the call schedule?

A: Call rotates between residents every 2 weeks. For example, if there are four residents each resident will be on call for 2 weeks and then off for 6 weeks.

Residents are affiliated with UFCD Oral Surgery

Residents' trauma call and will be called in occasionally when there is facial trauma.

Q: How are medical records and progress notes kept?

A: The VA has electronic medical records. All of the patients' medical, laboratory, pharmacological, and dental history is at your fingertips and can be accessed at any VA in the nation. All dental charting and progress note entry is done on the computer.

Q: Do you have an onsite or offsite lab?

A: Both. We have a fully functional dental laboratory with three certified lab technicians. We also have an offsite laboratory located in Texas. Your laboratory experience will be enhanced by direct contact with our lab technicians with hands on experience. We have a great working relationship with our lab technicians.

Q: What is the implant experience?

A: Implant experience is driven by resident interest and willingness to participate when patients are being treated. There will be opportunities to observe implant procedures and potential exists for implant placement and restoration.

Q: What is the patient population?

A: Our patient population is 100% adults; the majority are males and are medically compromised. Our patient population is comprised of Veterans returning from Gulf War extending back to WWII Veterans. Ages range from 20's to 90's. We also treat Veterans who have recently separated from military service, homeless Veterans, and Veterans in vocational rehabilitation programs.

Q: How much supervision will I have?

A: Your ability to work independently will be determined by your mentors as you progress through the residency. All invasive procedures have direct faculty supervision. Each day, a staff General Dentist who is called the "Mentor of the Day" will be assigned to help the residents with their comprehensive care patients. Each quarter you will also be assigned a 'Primary Mentor' who will be your go-to when the 'Mentor of the Day' is not available. The mentor assigned will review your treatment plans and progress



notes and will help with any clinical matters that arise. Specialists are also available for consultation in their areas of expertise (Perio, Prosth, Oral Surgery).

Q: Will I have an assistant and an operatory?

A: Residents will be provided a fully trained assistant with a fully equipped operatory. Quarterly, residents will rotate assistants when they switch mentors. Some Operatories are setup with digital x-rays and all operatories have computer access to view and type notes.

Q: Will I have any Operating Room experience?

A: OR experiences are multiple with OMFS and with our consultant for special needs patients. There will be ample in-house OR experiences in our own surgical suites with OMFS. There will also be off site OR cases with our special needs/non-Veteran patients.

Q: How many patients do you see in a day?

A: This generally varies but averages around 6-7 patients a day. Some days will be heavier than others as residents help with our emergency patients.