



Miami VA Healthcare Service Center

Dental Service

AEGD Residency Program

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**ADVANCED EDUCATION IN GENERAL DENTISTRY
RESIDENCY PROGRAM
BROCHURE**

STATEMENT OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This indicates that **I have read the** Advanced Education in General Dentistry **Program Manual in its entirety** and understand the information, guidelines, rules and regulations contained in its content. I agree that I am responsible for all information in this manual and that I will abide by it throughout my entire term in the program.

Name of Resident

Resident Signature Date

Program Director's Signature Date

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

I. BACKGROUND

The Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency Program at the Miami VA Healthcare System Center is a one-year program, accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association and the Miami VAHCS is accredited by The Joint Commission Accreditation of Health Care Organizations. The objectives of this program are to provide advanced training in general dentistry, correlate and manage dental care of medically compromised patients, and to gain familiarity with hospital procedures, protocols, and treatment of hospitalized patients. The curriculum is designed to broaden the experience of the general dentist; and to enable the practitioner to extend his or her field of practice to more advanced and challenging procedures beyond the level of pre-doctoral education.

II. BASIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- A. Graduation from an ADA accredited dental school,
- B. Proficiency in the English language,
- C. United States Citizen,
- D. Permanent United States Resident
- E. All applicants must pass INBDE and be eligible for state licensure **prior** to the start of the program.

Decisions regarding the selection of applicants are made without discrimination for reasons of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, physical or mental handicap, sexual orientation, or gender status when the individual is qualified to do the work required.

III. THE MEDICAL CENTER

The Miami VA Healthcare System, with an estimated veteran population of 285,000, serves veterans in three South Florida counties: Miami-Dade, Broward, and Monroe. The Miami VA Medical Center is located on 26.3 acres in the Health District. The VA has an attached four – story Community Living Center (Nursing Home). The facility opened in 1968 and provides general medical, surgical, and psychiatric services. It serves as an AIDS/HIV Center, a Prosthetic Treatment Center, Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitative Center, and Geriatric Research, Education, and Clinical Center. The Miami VA is recognized as a Center of Excellence in Spinal Cord Injury Research, Substance Abuse treatment, and Chest Pain treatment. It is a tertiary referral facility for the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center and provides open-heart surgery to other VA facilities in Florida.

Miami VAHCS is responsible for two major satellite Outpatient Clinics located in Sunrise, FL (Broward County) and Key West (Monroe County); six Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) are located in Homestead (Miami-Dade); Key Largo (Monroe); Pembroke Pines, Hollywood, Deerfield Beach, and Coral Springs (Broward). The Outpatient Substance Abuse

Clinic (OSAC) and Healthcare for Homeless Veterans Center is located about one mile from the Medical Center in Downtown Miami. Two Readjustment Counseling Centers (Vet Centers) in Miami and Fort Lauderdale work in partnership with the Miami VAHS.

At the Miami VA Healthcare System our mission is to honor American's Veterans by providing exceptional healthcare that improves their health and well-being.

The Medical Center maintains an on-line computerized medical library service available for use by all researchers and medical staff. The Medical Library also has a complete selection of audiovisual materials and periodicals for staff use.

IV. RESIDENCY PROGRAMS

The Miami VA Healthcare System Center is affiliated with the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine and has accredited residency programs in Advanced Education in General Dentistry, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, General Medicine, General Surgery, Pathology, Psychiatry, and Radiology. In addition, there are accredited residency programs in the subspecialties of Gastroenterology, Cardiovascular Disease, Dermatology, Infectious Disease, Nephrology, Oncology, Thoracic Surgery, Neurosurgery, Plastic Surgery, Anesthesiology and Radiation Therapy.

V. DENTAL SERVICE

The Dental Service is located on the second floor of the hospital and consists of 21 operatories, a radiology suite, an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery suite, and a dental laboratory. The equipment is modern and is constantly being upgraded as technology advances. The clinic has a Periodontal Laser, Endodontic Microscope, CEREC Prime Scan and an MCXL milling station. In addition, there is a satellite dental operatory located in the Nursing Home Care Unit. The Dental Service maintains one-satellite outpatient clinic with 7 operatories, located in Sunrise, FL (Broward County).

VI. TRAINING PROGRAM

Appointment to the Advanced Education in General Dentistry Program begins July 1st. The period of training is for one-year (not less than 50 weeks). During the prescribed course of training the resident is required to attend all scheduled conferences and seminars; present literature reviews and case presentations as scheduled; and be on-call as required. The normal tour of duty is Monday-Friday (7:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.). However, residents are expected to handle emergencies and remain in the hospital until all patients are cared for each day. Off-service rotations will have different daily schedules, and the resident will adhere to those schedules. All residents are required to present an extensive scientific paper at the end of the academic year on a topic agreed upon between the resident and his/her mentor.

VII. OVERALL GOALS & OBJECTIVES

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The goal of the program is to expand the scope and depth of the residents' knowledge and skills in general dentistry and to teach them to provide comprehensive oral health care.

The goals of this program include preparation of the resident to:

1. Achieve independent clinical ability in all phases of General Dentistry.
2. Learn to treatment plan and provide complete dental health care for all patients including medically compromised patients.
3. Learn practice management techniques in a health care environment.
4. Function effectively and efficiently in a hospital setting as a member of the health care team, working with dental and medical specialists, and general practitioners. This also includes developing the resident's familiarity with hospital administration, organization, protocol, and interrelationships between various hospital departments.
5. To apply information from literature reviews, lectures, and case presentations to clinical and oral health care.
6. Understand the oral health needs of disparate communities and participate in community service.

VIII. MECHANISMS AND PROCEDURES

Listed below are the mechanisms and/or procedures to achieve the stated goals and objectives of this residency program:

1. HOSPITAL PROCEDURES

The resident will have the opportunity to receive advanced training and experience in admitting procedures. This will entail familiarization with completing hospital admission forms, writing admission orders, progress notes, consults, prescriptions, etc. The resident will be familiar with the management of the dental inpatient from admission to discharge. He/she will follow the patient throughout his/her hospitalization and be familiar with scheduling the patient for operating room procedures, ordering any necessary tests, and writing pre and postoperative orders and discharge orders.

2. RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY

The resident will be proficient and given ample opportunity to work with a variety of materials as well as complex procedures. On occasion, the resident will encounter restorative patients with compromised medical conditions that will need to be managed by intervention of conscious sedation and/or general anesthesia procedures.

3. ENDODONTICS

The objectives are to provide the resident with expertise in treating endodontic emergencies, diagnosis and treatment of endodontic lesions, and restoration of endodontically treated teeth. The resident will become well versed in endodontic instrumentation, medication, materials, obturation techniques, and treatment of complications. The resident will gain competency in the use of rotary instrumentation and techniques. Considerations associated with the restoration of endodontically treated teeth, the indications for endodontic surgery, and the diagnosis of endodontic-periodontal lesions will be covered.

4. PERIODONTICS

Residents will become competent in the diagnosis and treatment of periodontal disease. Emphasis on preventive and maintenance care is stressed. Various surgical modalities will be explored with reference to the dental literature to determine appropriate treatment plans. Proficiency will be increased through the experience of working in periodontal rotations.

5. ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

During this rotation, the resident will receive training and gain experience in the comprehensive management of inpatients, and same-day surgery patients. This will include participation and/or observation in:

- Admitting and discharging patients
- Obtaining medical histories and conducting appropriate physical examinations.
- Develop skills in treating complex oral surgery cases.
- Improve diagnosis and treatment planning in oral surgery patients and decision making when cases are to be referred.
- Completing pre and post operative orders, progress notes and description of procedures.

6. REMOVABLE PROSTHODONTICS

The resident will become proficient in the examination, diagnosis and treatment necessary to successfully restore the edentulous and partially edentulous mouth.

Complete Dentures

Consideration will be given to the anatomic and physiologic requirements of complete dentures as they relate to impression materials and technique. Types of occlusal schemes and their indications will be addressed. Problems encountered in complete denture construction such as atrophic ridges, full dentures opposing natural dentition, difficult jaw relationships and patients with traumatic or acquired surgical defects will be covered. The indications and rationale for use of overdentures and endosseous implants will be addressed.

Removable Partial Dentures

Emphasis will be placed on diagnosis and treatment planning, the indications for crowning and splinting of abutments, use of periodontal stabilization devices, and the prognosis for success. Partial denture design will be stressed. The use and indications of attachments will be covered.

7. FIXED PROTHODONTICS

- The resident's goals and objectives are:
- To increase competence in patient management, examination, diagnosis and treatment planning of fixed prostheses.

- Learn the biomechanical principles of crown, retainer and pontic design.
- Make appropriate jaw relation records.
- Become proficient in temporization, chairside shaping and characterization of restorations.
- Become knowledgeable in the use of various dental materials.
- Become proficient in same day, in house CAD-CAM restorations.
- Become proficient in digital dentures.
- Become knowledgeable in basic laboratory procedures.

8. COMMUNITY SERVICE

The resident will participate in at least four (4) community service events during the year (**1 event is required per quarter** and must be completed before the last day of September, December, March, June). Residents will become aware of the oral and general health needs of disparate communities and will learn some of the various ways they can support these needs. Examples of acceptable events are:

- Participation in public and private school career day presentations.
- Participation in preschool dental examinations in low-income, inner-city schools.
- Participation in charitable fund-raising activities such as run-walks.
- Participation in community health fairs supported by local dental societies.
- Participation in local free public dental clinics (Florida license and malpractice insurance required)

Residents will submit verification of their service after each event.

9. TREATMENT PLANNING

Residents will become proficient in overall treatment planning of patients by:

- Daily consultation with attending dentists
- Formal case presentations
- Participation in monthly treatment planning board.

10. IMPLANTS

Residents will become proficient in implant dentistry by receiving training in treatment planning, surgical, and restorative aspects of implantology. The resident will present potential implant cases to the treatment planning board for approval. This will include evaluation of the patient from a medical, psychological, periodontal, and functional standpoint. Proficiency will include direction in the selection of implants, placing of implant fixtures and restoration of implant fixtures in both fixed and removable cases.

IX. ORIENTATION

During the first two weeks, residents will attend orientation through the VA Medical Center and the Dental Clinic. Residents will receive pertinent information on hospital and clinic policies

and procedures and become acquainted with hospital forms and record keeping. The goals and objectives of the program will be discussed.

X. ROTATION ASSIGNMENTS

ONE YEAR	
1.	Restorative Dentistry
2.	Periodontics
3.	Removable Pros.
4.	Fixed Prosthetics
5.	Endodontics
6.	Oral Surgery
7.	Moderate Sedation

XI. OTHER ACTIVITIES

A. Emergency Call

Each resident will take call for one week at a time. The resident on call will be assigned a pager. When on call the resident must be available and be able to arrive at the hospital within 30 minutes of being called.

B. Dental Resident Lectures

The resident will be required to prepare a scientific paper on a subject of their choosing and approved by an attending. The paper will be presented at the end of the of the residency year.

C. Literature Review

Literature review is scheduled on a monthly basis. Articles will be assigned for discussion.

D. Lectures

Lectures will be scheduled throughout the year on a wide variety of subjects. Subjects will include Oral Surgery, Periodontics, Prosthodontics, Endodontics, Implantology, Medically Compromised Dental Patients, Forensic Odontology, Practice Management, Practice Acquisition and Employment, TMJ, Ethics, etc.

XII. HOUR OF DUTY

All dentists and physicians, including residents, are available and responsible for the care of their patients 7 days a week, 24 hours per day. The residents normal tour of duty is from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. however, hours may extend depending on daily clinical duties. During the Oral Surgery Rotation, the residents will be on call with an Oral Surgery Resident. He/she must be within 30 minutes of the hospital and must notify the hospital of their phone number.

XIII. PROGRAM SUPERVISION AND RESIDENT EVALUATION

The Program Directors are responsible for the administration of the AEGD Residency. Written evaluations are completed quarterly on each resident. The Program Director makes recommendations for continuation, separation or remedial instruction and extent of Clinical Privileges to the Chief of Dental Service. In the event of adverse academic and disciplinary actions, the resident will be provided due process according to VA Medical Center rules and bylaws.

XIV. STIPEND AND OTHER BENEFITS

Residents' salaries are established annually. Presently, the stipend with benefits is approximately \$64,937 for First Year Residents (PGY-1). Residents should supply their own scrubs and clinic coats. Residents are eligible to enroll in health and life insurance through the VA Medical Center. They are allowed 13 days of annual leave per year. In addition, a total of 2 days of official leave may be approved to attend professional meetings, continuing education courses, and to take State Board Examinations. Any tuition or travel costs will be the responsibility of the resident. Annual and official leave is granted at the discretion of the Residency Program Director, contingent upon patient care needs. Leave must be requested at least 45 days in advance except in cases of emergency. **If a resident requires time off in the first 45 days of the AEGD Residency Program, the resident MUST notify the program director and associate program director in writing 60 days prior to the start of the residency year.**

XV. APPLICATIONS

- A. This program participates in the Postdoctoral Application Service (PASS)
- B. We **do not** participate in the National Matching Program (MATCH)
- C. Application requirements:
 - 1. Curriculum Vitae
 - 2. One passport size **color** photograph sent directly to the program
 - 3. Current E-mail Address
 - 4. Completed PASS Application
 - 5. **All of the above must be received by September 1st.**

XVI. SELECTION AND ADMISSIONS POLICIES

Applicants are reviewed by the Residency Selection Committee upon completion of the PASS Application. This committee consists of the Program Director and four other faculty members. **Only graduates of a United States dental school accredited by the American Dental Association will be considered.**

After applications are reviewed, qualified candidates will be selected for an on-site, in-person interview. It is important for the applicant to see the facility, talk with the staff, visit the city, and determine that this is the appropriate program that meets the resident's goals. Following the interview process, members of the AEGD Resident Selection Committee rank and select the applicants.

Although the application deadline is September 1st, we encourage all candidates to forward applications/materials in a prompt and judicious manner. This will expedite processing and selection of candidates for interview and allow selected candidates ample time for travel arrangements. Selected candidates for interview will be notified via email. Interview dates will be around the first two weeks of October.

XVII. SELECTION DATE

All resident selections will be made within a 2-week period after all interviews have been completed. A Letter of Acceptance will be sent to those candidates selected to confirm their appointment. The Letter of Acceptance must be returned within the specified timeframe noted in the letter. If the applicant is in the MATCH program, he/she must withdraw immediately from that program, and send a copy of the letter of withdrawal with the letter of acceptance. Candidates who do not officially withdraw from the MATCH program and who do not provide the letter of withdrawal will have their acceptance withdrawn.

XVIII. INQUIRIES

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DENTAL SERVICE STAFF

The VA Medical Center Dental Service staff consists of (12) dentists, (18) Dental Assistants, (1) Laboratory Technician, (4) Dental Hygienists, (2) clerks and (1) Program Support Assistant. The main staff members who participate in the training program include:

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