

## **GENERAL DENTISTRY Residency Program**

The General Dentistry Program at OU MEDICAL CENTER sponsors two full-time first year and one full-time second year residents who serve for a period of 12 months, beginning July 1 of each year. Resident responsibilities include dental care at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Everett Tower, and The Children's Hospital. Patients eligible for dental care have concomitant medical disease, are behavior management problems or require emergency dental care. These 'special' patients present a unique challenge to the dentist and require treatment in the hospital environment. This program is designed to provide the recent graduate in dentistry an opportunity to become proficient in all areas of hospital general dentistry.

## **THE SETTING The Campus**

OU MEDICAL CENTER – The Children's Hospital, Everett Tower and the Veteran's Administration Medical Center are located in Oklahoma City in the Oklahoma Health Center, a complex of public and privately owned institutions with the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center as its nucleus. The OUHSC includes the College of Dentistry and the Colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health and the Graduate College. Other facilities included in the Oklahoma Health Center are Oklahoma Blood Institute, Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, Dean A. McGee Eye Institute, Dermatology Clinic, Oklahoma Allergy Clinic and the OUHSC Campus Library.

## **The Hospitals**

The Children's Hospital is the only hospital in the state devoted exclusively to the care of persons under age 21. It is a state wide and regional referral center for infants, children and adolescents, offering many areas of specializations as well as expertise in the treatment of the ordinary childhood diseases.

Everett Tower provides inpatient services for the acute medical needs of adults and newborns, and outpatient care in more than 40 clinics. Everett Tower is major tertiary care center serving the entire state.

The Oklahoma City Veterans Administration Medical Center is a modern medical, surgical and psychiatric treatment for 600 to 800 patients daily from the various modules, totaling 1600,000 per year. About 25 percent of the patients come from a distance greater than 50 miles.

## **The Dental Clinics**

Patients who require sophisticated methods of care are referred to The Children's Hospital Dental Clinic by dentists and physicians from communities throughout Oklahoma. Children with leukemia, hemophilia, cardiovascular disease and kidney disease require special attention to their oral needs. Physically and mentally handicapped patients and patients who present as behavior management problems require unique modalities of care. The staff is well qualified to handle the dental problems of these special patients. Behavior modification, sedation and general anesthesia techniques are utilized routinely.

General dental care for adults is performed in the same Dental Clinic facility. A separate area in the clinic is designated for adult

care. Patients are referred here for dental care because of a concomitant medical condition or physical/mental handicaps. Strict referral guidelines are followed for this clinic.

Residents also rotate through Veterans Administration Medical Center Dental Service, a 13 chair newly remodeled facility. This three and half month rotation amplifies ample opportunities to provide the dental treatment for medically compromised adults and geriatric patients.

**Note: Applicants must be from accredited U.S. or Canadian schools.**

## THE PROGRAM

### The Curriculum

#### Program Goals and Objectives:

Residents will be able to:

1. Provide comprehensive dental care for all patients.
2. Perform medical risk assessment on each patient and evaluate the need for special precautions prior to dental treatment.
3. Answer and obtain appropriate medical consultations.
4. Understand the process and provide competent dental care in the operating room.
5. Understand the process of admitting and discharging patients from the hospital.
6. Understand and participate in the various community agencies providing indigent dental care.
7. Participate in didactic seminars and incorporate knowledge into clinical dental care.
8. Understand and perform the various conscious sedation techniques and pharmacology of drugs used.

A complete list of goals & objectives can be obtained with the application packet.

Every effort is made to expand and amplify the basic principles learned in dental school and to apply them in the treatment of patients requiring the hospital setting. The residency curriculum includes training and didactic programs in anesthesiology, pharmacology, oral surgery, orthodontics, fixed and removable prosthodontics, endodontics, pedodontics, periodontics, and operative dentistry. The resident will practice hospital dentistry in the various dental clinics and in the

operating room at The Children's Hospital and Everett Tower.

Sedation techniques are practiced daily and full-mouth rehabilitations in the operating room under general anesthesia are completed weekly. Rotations in Anesthesiology (2 weeks), Emergency Medicine (one week) are a part of the program as well as the rotations at The Children's Hospital, Everett Tower and the Veterans Administration Medical Center Dental Clinics. During these periods of rotation, the resident is directly responsible to those departments.

The concept of total patient care, full-mouth rehabilitation, prevention, and the use of expanded duties of auxiliary personnel are some of the basic philosophies practiced.

Residents are responsible for call to handle dental emergencies that present to the emergency room. The residents also assist the Oral Surgery residents in the emergency call.

#### The Benefits

A competitive salary is paid to each resident in accordance with prevailing rates, as confirmed by contract. Health and life insurance are provided for each resident for the program year. A 15-day vacation period is also a benefit to be enjoyed.

Applicants must have received a dental degree from an accredited dental school in the United States or Canada.

Additional information regarding residency application should be addressed to:

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