

## Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Centers

### **GENERAL PRACTICE RESIDENCY**

#### Program Description and Requirements

##### **I. Introduction**

The Department of Dentistry at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center (Rancho) has long demonstrated a commitment to excellence in training dental professionals to treat adults and children with disabilities and special healthcare needs. The Department's General Practice Residency (GPR) opened in 1980 and is accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation.

Rancho is one of four hospitals operated by the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services which serves a population of approximately ten million. Unique within this health care system, Rancho is the rehabilitation facility for the entire County. Rancho has pioneered the provision of comprehensive. Coordinated care for each patient through its innovative use of multidisciplinary team approach. Rancho is fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. Rancho serves the needs of medically, physically and developmentally disabled. These patients have limited access to dental care in the community or elsewhere within the County system due to their disabilities. The Dental Clinic provides approximately 6000 patient visits per year. Rancho is an exceptional training site for General Practice Residents.

The goals of our GPR are excellence in clinical dentistry, preparation of each resident for a long successful career in dentistry and to serve the community as a resource in the treatment of people with physical and developmental disabilities and chronic medical conditions. Residents are given experiences in providing care for a wide variety of patients; evaluating their medical status; designing and completing appropriate comprehensive treatment plans; and coordinating patient care with medical and dental specialist. In addition to general dentist attending staff, residents have the support and guidance of specialists in periodontists, endodontists, maxillofacial prosthodontists, oral surgeons, pediatric dentists and hospital dentists.

Residents are trained to provide appropriate dental care in a variety of settings. Residents provide dental treatment in the operating room to those patients who are not manageable in the dental clinic. These patients include both children and adults with spinal cord injury, craniofacial anomalies, cerebral palsy, intellectual disability, post-brain injury and neurologic disorders. Residents are responsible for pre-operative evaluation, treatment and management of the patient post-operatively. Residents are responsible for answering inpatient and outpatient consultation requests. Residents are also involved in various

teaching experiences such as providing table clinics, in-service lectures to pediatric and allied health services, and training dental and dental hygiene students.

## **II. Program Description**

### **A. GENERAL DENTISTRY Attending Staff**

Eugene J Schmidt, DDS, FACD, MAGD, FPFA, FICD

Chairman, Department of Dentistry.

Full- Time: Clinical and OR Attending, Didactic Training

Michael Macalalad, DDS

Full-Time: Clinical and OR Attending, Didactic Training

Larry Odonno, DDS

Part-time: Clinical, Endodontic and OR Attending, Didactic Training

Mary Murakawa, DDS

Part-Time: Clinical Attending and Didactic Training

Tennille Rozak, DDS

Part-Time: Clinical Attending and Didactic Training

Eriq Nguyen, DDS

Part-Time: Clinical Attending and Didactic Training

Lukaz Gorski, DDS

Part-Time: Clinical Attending

### **PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY**

Amy Nguyen, DDS

Full-Time: Clinical Attending and Didactic Training

Janice Park-Kim

Part-Time: Clinical Attending

## **ORAL SURGERY**

Dennis Duke Yamashita, DDS

Part-Time: Clinical attending and Didactic Training

## **MAXILLOFACIAL PROSTHODONTICS**

Vincent Tso, DMD

Part-Time: Clinical Attending and Didactic Training

Jeffrey Oyama, DDS

Part-Time: Clinical Attending and Didactic Training

## **ENDODONTICS**

Larry Odonon, DDS

Part-Time: Clinical Attending and Didactic Training

Andrew J Lin, DDS

Part-Time: Clinical Attending and Didactic Training

## **B. CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

The resident's primary responsibility is to provide dental care to patients with medical, physical and developmental disabilities. Greater than 70% of the resident's time is spent in the dental outpatient clinic. Residents complete clinical assignments, including consultations, emergency assignments and off-service rotations. Clinical experience and supervision are available in general dentistry, endodontics, periodontics, maxillofacial prosthodontics, oral surgery and pediatric dentistry.

## **C. ROTATIONS**

### **ANESTHESIA**

Residents gain experience in the overall function of the operating suite and proper integration into the workflow of the anesthesia department in providing anesthesia procedures in the operating room. The residents will assess patients pre- and post-operatively, start IVs, intubate, monitor and assist the anesthesia team in inducing and maintaining general anesthesia during surgical procedures.

### **EMERGENCY DENTISTRY AND MAXILLOFACIAL TRAUMA**

Residents are assigned for one week to Los Angeles General Medical Center (County Hospital). Residents will work with the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residents treating patients with emergent dental issues and traumatic facial injuries.

### **MEDICINE**

Residents are assigned to the Department of Medicine for three to four weeks to gain experience in history and physical (H & P) examination. Residents will participate in the management of inpatients on acute medical and medical ICU units and common medical emergencies.

### **CLEFT PALATE TEAM**

Residents are invited to attend the Long Beach Memorial, Miller Children's Hospital rounds with the second year pediatric dentistry residents from USC. This provides an introduction

to the multidisciplinary care needed by children and adults with cleft lip and palate and other craniofacial anomalies.

### **PRIVATE PRACTICE OFFICE SYSTEMS**

Residents will visit the private practices of some of the attending dentists. Observation of patient care and learning about office systems that facilitate efficient patient treatment, scheduling, hygiene re-care, team coordination and account management.

### **ACADEMY OF GENERAL DENTISTRY MEMBERSHIP AND FELLOW/MASTER TRACK MEETING**

Residents are provided a one year resident membership in the Academy of General Dentistry. They will also participate in one to two of the Academies three-day Fellow/Master Track meetings as scheduling allows.

### **D. OPERATING ROOM DENTISTRY**

Residents gain experience providing dental care for special needs patients under general anesthesia in the operating room. The Dental Department is assigned a surgical suite two days a week with ample time to complete the treatment of two patients. The patients are those who are unmanageable in the dental clinic due to intellectual disability, involuntary movements, cerebral palsy, brain injury, complex medical histories or immaturity. Residents learn to evaluate patients for general anesthesia and comply with hospital rules and regulations to bring patients safely into the operating room for dental Radiographs, examination, diagnosis, treatment planning and completion of treatment while the patient is under general anesthesia. The residents are also responsible for post-operative and discharge of the patients. Residents function as a six handed team of two residents and a dental assistant.

## **E. REQUIREMENTS AND COURSES**

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| AMED 750 a, b, and c     | USC Dental School | Dr. James Tom               |
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| Physical Evaluation      | Rancho            | Dr. Dennis Duke Yamashita   |
| Periodontal Series       | Rancho            | Dr. Hoang Anh Tran          |
| Oral Pathology           | Rancho            | Dr. Dennis Duke Yamashita   |
| Oral Surgery             | Rancho            | Dr. Dennis Duke Yamashita   |
| Literature Review        | Rancho            | Dr. Tennille Manrique Rozak |
| Treatment Planning       | Rancho            | Dr. Mary Murakawa           |
| Medicine Core            | Rancho            | Dr. Michael Macalalad       |
| Operative Dentistry      | Rancho            | Dr. Eugene J Schmidt        |
| Esthetic Dentistry       | Rancho            | Dr. Eugene J Schmidt        |
| RV Tucker Concepts       | Rancho            | Dr. Eugene J Schmidt        |
| Maxillofacial Pros.      | Rancho            | Dr. Vincent Tso             |
|                          |                   | Dr. Jeffery Oyama           |
| Pediatric Dentistry      | Rancho            | Dr. Amy Nguyen              |
| Endodontics              | Rancho            | Dr. Larry Odonon            |
|                          |                   | Dr. Andrew Lin              |
| Operating Room Dentistry | Rancho            | Dr. Eugene J Schmidt        |
|                          |                   | Dr. Michael Macalalad       |
| Practice Management      | Rancho            | Dr. Eugene J Schmidt        |

Residents will participate in the Academy of General Dentistry Fellowship Trac program, the California Dental Associations' Presents Annual Session as well as the Orange County Dental associations events and continuing education courses. Residents participate in new didactic opportunities as they arise. Residents must satisfactorily complete all courses including passing all examinations. Residents must satisfactorily complete all courses including passing all examinations in a timely manner.

### **CLINICAL CASE PRESENTATION**

Each general practice resident will prepare a clinical case presentation to be given in June of the training year. Residents must select a case and identify a clinical attending staff member to guide the resident through the course of treatment. The presentation should include the medical history, pre-and post-treatment models, pre-and post-treatment photographs, treatment plan and discussion of the factors involved in treatment planning and treating the patient.

### **QUALITY ASSURANCE/RISK MANAGEMENT**

In addition to didactic courses in quality assurance and risk management, residents individually or in a group will be required to participate in Department-wide or hospital-wide performance improvement projects under the guidance of the program director.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

Residents participate in the following service events:

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| Rancho's Pediatric Carnival                   | September         |
| Rancho's Brain Injury Car Show                | September         |
| Rancho's Spinal Injury Games                  | October           |
| Rancho's Stroke Fair, "roll Around the Ranch" | May               |
| Special Olympics Special Smiles               | December and June |

## **ROTATIONS**

Residents must complete each rotation with satisfactory evaluations from the service attending staff in addition to completing the rotation specific requirements as delineated in the rotation description. While on rotation, the resident must verify attendance with the dental department timekeeper.

## **COMPETENCIES**

Residents are expected to demonstrate competency in general and hospital dentistry procedures and processes. The required competencies are listed on a “Competency Card” which has the required procedures and documentation requirements. Residents will be assessed for competency in comprehensive patient care through case presentations. Procedure competencies will be verified by attending staff signature for each of the required procedures.

## **PROGRAM AND FACULTY EVALUATIONS**

Residents are required to submit comprehensive program and attending staff evaluations three times a year. Residents are also encouraged to make suggestions for program enhancement to the program director verbally or in writing at any time.

## **RESIDENT EVALUATION**

Residents are evaluated by attending staff at least three times per year. Residents must pass each evaluation with an overall “3 Meets Expectations” in order to continue in the program. If at any time during the program, a resident is having difficulty, the program director and appropriate faculty will counsel the resident and determine a course of action to assist the resident in improvement. At the end of the year, the faculty will meet to review each resident’s performance and status of requirements to determine if a certificate of completion is to be awarded. To receive the certificate, the resident must complete all requirements, have overall “3 Meets Expectations” performance evaluations from dental faculty and rotation attending staff in addition to completion of the program requirements.



### **III. GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **Requirements for California Licensure**

Successful completion of Rancho's General Practice Residency, including all courses, requirements, and competencies satisfies the requirements set by the Dental Board of California for a license to practice dentistry in the State of California.

#### **Salary and Benefits**

Benefits include medical insurance, dental insurance, malpractice insurance and meals in the cafeteria while on duty. The salary is approximately \$72,301.08\* per year. Residents may have up to 13 days approved resident leave in addition to the 11 County Holidays. \*Effective January 1, 2022

#### **Selection Process**

Rancho participates in both the PASS and the Postdoctoral Dental Matching Programs. Application materials must be received by PASS by November 1 of the year prior to the program start date. Selection is based on academic record, national board scores, letters of recommendation, personal statement and personal interviews. Graduates of accredited US and Canadian dental schools are eligible to apply. Applicants must be eligible for employment in the United States and the County of Los Angeles, including appropriate immigration status.