



Vieira Lab Newsletter

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Lab Meetings

Tuesday, October 9th

Room 403 at 12pm

Friday, October 26th

Room 403 at 11am

Lab News

Starting this semester, third year dental students will be doing their clinical rotations with the Digestive Disease Center in UPMC Presbyterian. The Digestive Disease Center is the center point for the multiple digestive health care centers and programs at UPMC, including the Inflammatory Bowel Disease Center and Gastrointestinal Cancer Prevention and Treatment Center. Students shadow the doctors in the DDC and also ask patients to participate in assessments to look for relationships between diseases in the digestive system and dental problems, such as periodontitis.



Today, a growing number of Americans receive their health care through integrated health care providers. According to American Dental Education Association Executive Director Dr. Rick Valachovic, employers have been contacting academic health centers to say that they are concerned about the cost of retraining recent dental graduates who do not have experience working collaboratively with other health care providers to approach diagnosis and treatment of patients.

To address concerns about dental students' collaborative abilities, standard 2-19 in the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) Predoctoral Standards states "dental school graduates must be competent in communication and collaborating with other members of the health care team to facilitate the provision of health care." Standard 2-

25 states that "dental education programs must make available opportunities and encourage students to engage in service learning experiences and/or community-based learning experiences."

The Digestive Disease Center rotations were designed to fulfill these standards by giving students experience in collaborating with another health care field and to see first hand how dental examinations may help predict systemic health problems.

Upcoming Events

5th AADR Fall Focused Symposium: Translational Genetics – Advancing Fronts for Craniofacial Health

When: November 16-17, 2012

Where: University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA

DRDR Update

Recruitment Location

Module 1	828	Emergency Care	68	UDHS	8
Module 2	1145	Oral Surgery	43	Orthodontics	150
Module 3	447	Pediatric Dentistry	236	Other	73
Module 4	208	Implant Center	15	AEGD	22
Dental Hygiene	207	Prosthodontics	26	Perio	8
Endo	24				

Recruitment Summary

Subjects Recruited	3508
Subjects Declined	545
Compliance Rate	86%