

VA PALO ALTO HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Dental, General Practice Residency



VA Medical Center Palo Alto
(www.paloalto.va.gov)

Palo Alto, Calif. is located in the Santa Clara Valley, otherwise known as Silicon Valley. Nestled between two large metropolitan areas, San Francisco to the north and San Jose to the south, there is easy access to many places of interest and a myriad of diverse activities. The San Francisco Bay Area is world renowned for its centers of technological advancements, culinary geniuses, cultural diversity and proximity to beautiful beaches and the majestic mountains of the Sierras.

The VA Palo Alto Health Care System (VAPAHCS) consists of three inpatient facilities located at Palo Alto, Menlo Park, and Livermore, plus seven outpatient clinics in San Jose, Capitola, Monterey, Stockton, Modesto, Sonoma, and Fremont. These facilities provide some of the world's finest medical care and cutting-edge technology.

VAPAHCS is a teaching hospital, providing a full range of patient care services with state-of-the-art technology as well as education and research. Comprehensive health care is provided in areas of medicine, surgery, psychiatry, rehabilitation, neurology, oncology, dentistry, geriatrics, and extended care.

VAPAHCS operates nearly 900 beds, including three nursing homes and a 100-bed homeless domiciliary - all to serve more than 85,000 enrolled Veterans.

VAPAHCS is home to a variety of regional treatment centers, including a Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center, Spinal Cord Injury Center, a Comprehensive Rehabilitation Center, a Traumatic Brain Injury Center, the Western Blind Rehabilitation Center, a Geriatric Research Educational and Clinical Center, a Homeless Veterans Rehabilitation Program, and the National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

VAPAHCS maintains one of the top three research programs in the VA with extensive research centers in geriatrics, mental health, Alzheimer's disease, spinal cord regeneration, schizophrenia, Rehabilitation Research and Development Center, HIV research, and a Health Economics Resource Center.

An affiliation with the Stanford University School of Medicine provides a rich academic environment including medical training for physicians in virtually all specialties and subspecialties. Over 1,300 university residents, interns, and students are trained each year. VAPAHCS operates one of the largest Graduate Medical Education (GME) programs in VHA. Medical training is provided to more than 1,300 trainees (yearly) including medical students, interns, residents and fellows from 161 academic institutions.

General Practice Residency

www.paloalto.va.gov/dental_gpr.asp

The VAPAHCS general practice residency in dentistry is a comprehensive educational program designed to provide clinical, didactic and hospital experience at the post-doctoral level. It is approved by the American Dental Association's Commission on Accreditation.

The general practice residency program is designed to provide the new dental graduate with a one year guided clinical experience in general dentistry as practiced in a hospital setting. Particular emphasis is placed on the dental management of patients with systemic disease and the relationship of medical disorders to oral disease and dental care. The program will allow the resident to learn to work effectively with other health professionals in the hospital environment while giving him or her, the opportunity to refine and advance knowledge and skills in clinical dentistry.



Program Curriculum

The program curriculum is conducted at the postgraduate level (PGY-1) and consists of didactic clinical instruction in all areas of dental treatment modalities under the guidance of experienced professionals.



Emphasis is made in the treatment planning and comprehensive treatment of medically compromised patients through formal case presentations where all aspects of patient management are discussed.

Clinical experience and some advanced training is provided in preventive dentistry, geriatric dentistry, operative, fixed and removable prosthodontics, dental implantology, geriatric dentistry, periodontics, endodontics, oral surgery and oral pathology. The oral surgery rotation includes an eight week rotation at the VA, experience at Stanford University Medical Center in the operating room and OMFS clinic, and a one month trauma rotation to Highland General Hospital. Consultant services are available in endodontics, periodontics, pedodontics, restorative and prosthodontics

Off -service rotations include: anesthesia, audiology, cardiology, emergency & general medicine, ENT, infectious disease and speech pathology.

Formal training includes regularly scheduled consultant visits, seminars, workshops, and webinars. Residents are periodically sent to continuing education courses

Resident presentations include: hospital dentistry , pharmacy, treatment planning, literature review, oral pathology and case presentations. ACLS (advanced cardiac life support) certification is also available.



Resident Year at a Glance

<u>Rotation</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Duration</u>
General Dentistry	VA Palo Alto	30 weeks
Oral Surgery	VA Palo Alto	8 weeks
	Highland General Hospital	1 month
	Stanford Hospital-OR /clinics	By Invitation
Anesthesia Rotation	VA Palo Alto	2 weeks
Audiology	VA Palo Alto	By Invitation
Cardiology	VA Palo Alto	By Invitation
Dental Emergency Triage	VA Palo Alto	7-8 weeks
Emergency Medical Department	VA Palo Alto	1 week
ENT	VA Palo Alto	4 days
General Medicine	VA Palo Alto	1 week
Geriatric Dentistry	VA Menlo Park	1-2 weeks
Immunology Clinic	VA Palo Alto	2 half-days
Speech Pathology	VA Palo Alto	1 day

Salary and Benefits

An annual stipend of ~\$54,310 is provided per agreement. (The average apartment housing in the Santa Clara Valley ranges from \$500-\$2000 a month for one-three bedrooms.) Other benefits include but are not limited to:

- Medical Insurance
- Group Life Insurance
- 20 days leave
- 10 Federal Holidays
- Scrubs and free parking

During the off-service rotations, residents must adhere to the policies and work schedules of the services to which they are assigned. They will be under the direct supervision of the attending staff or chief resident.

Residents are expected to diagnose and treat veteran patients in a diligent and compassionate manner and to relate well and respectfully to fellow workers, patients and the general public. Appropriate dress and appearance is required for all activities associated with the program. Scrub-wear is provided.

The general practice residents are expected to have a full time commitment to the program during their academic year. This translates to on-time attendance at all scheduled lectures and conferences while devoting time beyond regular clinic hours to program related activities such as hospital ward rounds, medical records and preparation for presentations. Residents are

encouraged to actively participate in all case presentations, treatment planning discussions and to critically analyze and discuss scientific articles during the journal club meetings.
Resident evaluations are conducted three times each residency year, by the attending staff.

A certificate is awarded by the Department of Veterans Affairs upon satisfactory completion of program requirements.

Faculty:

Jim Beatty, DDS, Acting Service Chief (**Ohio State Univ.**)
Lakshmi Subramanian, DDS (**UCLA**)
Mark Diehl DMD, FAGD (**Washington University, St. Louis**)
Shannon Parr, DDS, GPR Program Director- (**UCSF**)
Ann Chen, DDS (**UCLA**)
Ian Lin, DMD (**U.PENN**)
Frank Martinez, DDS **Periodontist**, (**USC, Navy-Bethesda, MD**)
Laurel Trotter, DDS (**UOP**)
Tom Warden, DDS (**UCLA**)
Sunny Young, DDS **Endodontist** (**UCLA, UCLA**)

Staff Oral Surgeons:

Joerg Wittenberg, DDS, MD (**UOP/ LSU**)
Linda Lee, DMD,MD (**U.PENN/UCSF**)
John Reed Rayher, MD,DDS (**UCSF/UCSF**)

Consultants:

Pedodontist: Randy Ligh, DMD, (**Temple, UCLA**)
Endodontist: Lynn Baldassari-Cruz, DDS, (**UCSF, Univ. Ohio**)
Bruce Fogel, DDS, (**UCLA, Harvard**)
Lisa Anderson, DDS, MS (**U.Maryland/U.Maryland**)

Orthodontist: William Yao, DDS (**UCSF**)

General: Al Sze, DDS (**UOP**)
Van Luu, DDS (**USC**)
Lori Beeninga, DDS, FAAHD (**UCLA**)

Application Information

General Practice Residency (6 Positions)

To apply:

1. Must be a United States Citizen
2. Must be a student in good standing at a United States or Canadian dental school which has been approved by the American Dental Association Council on Dental Education.
3. May be a graduate of a United States or Canadian dental school which has been approved by the American Dental Association Council on Dental Education.
4. Must have passed NBDE (Part I)
5. May use the Postdoctoral Application Support Service (PASS) .
6. Must Participate in the Postdoctoral Dental Matching program (MATCH).

The following application materials must be received by our office by the deadline of November 1, for the application to be considered complete.

Mailing Address:

VA Palo Alto Health Care System, Dental (160)

General Practice Residency Program

3801 Miranda Ave.

Palo Alto, CA 94304

(Atten. Ms. Rossina Perez)

3 Letters of Recommendation (PASS, or directly to the program)

- Full-Time Clinical Faculty

Curriculum Vitae (PASS, or directly to the program)

Dental School Transcripts (PASS, or directly to the program)

Personal Essay

Must submit **original Undergraduate Transcripts** directly from your college to the program.

Must submit an **original NBDE scores** directly to the program;

- Part I, to apply
- Part II, prior to employment

***Personal interview upon invitation.**

No Supplemental VA forms are required during the application process.

***(Application materials will not be returned to the applicant)**

If selected to the VA Palo Alto GPR Program, the following will be required prior to employment incl:

- **Must have passed NDBE, (Part II) and Must submit original NBDE scores directly to the program.**
- **Must have current BLS certification.**
- **Must obtain confirmation of matriculation (in writing) from the dental school attended.**
- **Must be eligible for a state dental license.**

PASS: http://www.adea.org/dental_education_pathways/pass/Pages/default.aspx

MATCH: <http://www.natmatch.com/dentres/>