

# JAMAICA HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER

## GENERAL PRACTICE DENTAL RESIDENCY PROGRAM



Oral Surgery • Endodontics • Periodontics • Prosthetics • Pedodontics • Preventative Dentistry • Implantology



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## What to look for in a Residency Program

1. Patient Load – is there a sufficient patient pool?
2. Do residents have their own operatories?
3. Is it a modern well equipped facility?
4. What is the relationship of chair time to lecture and off service time?
5. Do Attendings show for all sessions?
6. The type and quality of lectures.
7. How often is resident on-call? Do they have to be at the Hospital?
8. Are specialists in attendance during specialty sessions?
9. How much time is spent doing specialty services?
10. Does facility also have a post graduate oral surgery training program?
11. Is there sufficient support staff?
12. Does program offer training and experience in:
  - a. Implants
  - b. Precision and semi-precision cases
  - c. T.M.J.
  - d. Laminates
13. Does program offer practice management?
14. Will you be happy and comfortable spending one year in the climate?

Jamaica Hospital Medical Center's Department of Dental Medicine is proud to present this brochure which describes the mission and vision that our dedicated staff offers to our General Practice Residents (GPRs).

Behind the glass facade of our facility lies the dynamic formula for our past thirty years of success. Our outstanding staff meets the community's dental health needs by providing the best care to our patients using the most modern and sophisticated equipment available in a state-of-the-art, patient friendly atmosphere.

Our administration is dedicated to teaching and as such we have over thirty highly committed attendings who, on a regular schedule, bring their many years of experience and expertise to assist our residents. We closely monitor each resident with the sole purpose of expanding his or her knowledge in the world of dentistry.

Many of our past residents have proven to be the dental leaders of the future. We are proud of the fact that former residents are now deans of dental schools, presidents of dental societies and organizations, associates and partners in successful practices, lecturers, and private practitioners. We are even more proud that many have chosen to remain members of our department as attendings.

Graduation from dental school is only the first step in your dental career. By choosing Jamaica Hospital's Dental Residency Program as your next step, you can be sure that you are on a path to excellence.



## 2017 Snapshot:

Jamaica Hospital is a 408-bed, not-for-profit teaching hospital

Nearly 120,000 patients were treated in JHMC's Emergency Department

Approximately 300,000 patients were seen in JHMC's Ambulatory Care Centers with locations at the main campus and also at the offsite centers in the community

Over 2,200 deliveries were performed at Jamaica Hospital's modern Labor and Delivery Suites



## Profile:

- Jamaica Hospital was established in 1891, in a rented, four-bedroom home in Jamaica, Queens. The hospital currently serves a population greater than 1.2 million in Queens and eastern Brooklyn.
- The hospital's Emergency Department—a Level I Trauma Center and Stroke Center—is one of the busiest in New York and the only one in South Queens. It is designated as a NYC Hypothermia/Cardiac Destination Facility and also includes a dedicated pediatric emergency room, chest pain center, and fast track area for minor injuries.
- Our Ambulatory Care Department offers a full range of services, including pediatrics, internal medicine, family medicine, podiatry, surgery, gastroenterology, general dentistry and pediatric dentistry, dermatology, neurology, orthopedics, radiology, social services, nutrition, ophthalmology, otolaryngology, pulmonary rehabilitation, cardiology, and urology. JHMC also has a network of Ambulatory Care Centers, known as MediSys Family Health Centers, located throughout Brooklyn and Queens.
- JHMC's Department of OB/GYN has 12 ultra-modern and spacious Labor, Delivery & Recovery Suites. In addition, the OB/GYN department boasts a Division of Maternal Fetal Medicine, which uses the up to date treatments and equipment to ensure the health of mother and baby. Our Gynecologic Division uses the newest minimally invasive surgical techniques to ensure a fast recovery and positive outcome. Lastly, we were designated as a Baby Friendly Hospital, which demonstrates our dedication to encourage breast feeding.
- Jamaica Hospital's Division of Sleep Medicine boasts a state-of-the-art Sleep Center to diagnose and treat sleep disorders in adults and children. The four-bed center, where overnight tests are performed, features private rooms in a comfortable, home-like environment. In addition, the hospital operates an Outpatient Sleep Clinic, where sleep disorders in adults and children are evaluated and treated.
- The Department of Radiology at JHMC is fully accredited by the ACR and uses the latest technologies, including low-dose, high-speed CT scanners and a MRI, and offers a wide variety of state-of-the-art diagnostic and specialty services, including ultrasound, mammography, fluoroscopic procedures, diagnostic radiology, nuclear medicine, and interventional radiology.
- The Department of Pediatrics at JHMC offers a wide variety of medical and surgical subspecialty services in modern facilities for children from birth through adolescence. The department consists of a Special Care Unit, a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and a 10-bed nursery. It also boasts a Pediatric Cardiology subspecialty service for newborns and babies with congenital heart diseases.
- JHMC's Palliative Care Consultation Program provides a variety of services to individuals facing life threatening illnesses and their families, including comprehensive medical care, pastoral care, pain management, holistic nursing, pharmacy, dietary, physical and occupational therapy, anesthesia, and social work. In collaboration with Hospice of New York, JHMC also operates a Hospice Unit, where medical care and a variety of comfort care services are provided to patients with less than two weeks to live.
- The Cardiology Department at JHMC boasts a cardiac catheterization laboratory, as well as a full non-invasive laboratory. The department also has an established arrhythmia service, offers elective angioplasty, and is suited to perform a wide variety of testing, including: electrocardiograms, echocardiograms, stress tests, and pacemaker evaluation, to name a few.
- The Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health at JHMC has a dedicated Psychiatric Emergency Department with a six bed observation unit. The department recently implemented a Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program and established a mobile crisis team. Inpatient, consultation and liaison services are available; there is also an outpatient clinic for adolescents and adults. Jamaica Hospital is one of the few hospitals in Queens to offer mental health programs.
- The Division of Pulmonary Medicine offers a wide variety of services to help diagnose and treat patients with lung disease. The Division features a Pulmonary Function Laboratory, offers bronchial thermoplasty, and conducts clinical research trials throughout the year

# Jamaica Hospital Medical Center Dental Administrative Staff



## ***Deborah A. Pasquale, DDS, FAGD - Chairperson and Director, Dept of Dental Medicine***

Dr. Pasquale graduated from New York University Dental School having completed her undergraduate degree at Iona College. This was followed by a one year General Practice Residency at Jamaica Hospital Medical Center.

Dr. Pasquale is an active member of the Tripartate American Dental Association serving as the Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, Rules and Order at the New York State level and President at the local component level. She earned her fellowship of the Academy of General Dentistry in 2002 and is a member of OKU – The National Dental Honor Society, Pierre Fauchard Academy, American Dental Education Association, The Downstate Dental Directors and the International Association for Orthodontics.

Dr. Pasquale was a Dental Attending at Jamaica Hospital's Dental Residency program, and became the Associate Program Director in 2006. She is now the Chairperson of the Department.



## ***Edward S. Lustbader, DDS - Associate Director – Clinical***

Dr. Edward Lustbader serves as an Associate Director in the Department of Dental Medicine. He graduated from New York University College of Dentistry and then completed a General Practice Residency at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center. Prior to joining Jamaica Hospital, Dr. Lustbader was the Supervising Dentist at the Department of Dentistry of Interfaith Medical Center for over eighteen years. In addition to attending to the needs of the dental residents, his responsibilities include the clinical operations of the Department. He has been practicing General Dentistry in his private office for over thirty-five years. Dr. Lustbader has devoted a significant part of his dental career supervising, training and teaching dental residents. He enjoys working with and mentoring them.



## ***Benjamin Solomowitz, DMD, FICD - Associate Director – Dental Training***

Dr. Ben Solomowitz is the Director of the General Practice Residency. He graduated from Boston University Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry and then completed a Dental Anesthesiology and a General Practice Residency at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center. As a dental anesthesiologist, he has been involved with hospital dentistry and teaching his entire career. He also maintains an office in Park Slope, Brooklyn.

He is a Diplomate of both the National Dental Board of Anesthesiology and the American Dental Board of Anesthesiology and a Fellow of the International College of Dentists.

Dr. Solomowitz has lectured at the Greater N.Y. Dental Meeting and other local venues. His articles have appeared in Dental Clinics of North America and the NYS Dental Journal.



## ***Vivian Kiretchjian - Manager***

Ms. Kiretchjian graduated from Queens College with a degree in Computer Science. She has over 30 years of experience in private practice. Her strong leadership qualities, good instincts and decision making were recognized elevating her to management. Ms. K's experience and knowledge of the dental field opened a door at Healthplex to become a Provider Network Representative before joining Jamaica Hospital's Department of Dental Medicine in 2018. Married to her husband of 27 years she raised two amazing children.



The Department of Dental Medicine was organized in 1971 under the leadership of Dr. Paul S. Kaufman, a prominent Oral Surgeon. An executive board was formed and a staff, consisting of volunteer dentists provided patient care in a small two-chair clinic.



A dental residency program was established in 1974 with one resident. As the residency program started to grow, a federal grant was received which allowed the department to move into a new and larger facility. The program slowly expanded from 4 to 10 residents and the clinic increased in size to 13 operatories.



In 2002 the department moved into an ultra-modern dental facility containing 19 computerized operatories and state-of-the-art equipment. The facility also includes a conference room, offices, a dental laboratory and a large state-of-the-art sterilization area.

Eleven general practice residents, three hygienists, and auxiliary staff provide our patients with high quality treatment in a kind caring manner in a pleasant environment under the tutelage of our teaching attendings.

The number of attending dentists has grown from 15 during the early years to over 30 currently on staff. The commitment to excellence in dental education is reflected by the fact that over 60 percent of the dental teaching staff has been with the department over 15 years.



## **Residency Program Goal**

To prepare general dentists to act as a primary oral health care provider and to provide total oral healthcare, emergent and non-emergent, using evidence-based dentistry to patients, healthy and compromised in both ambulatory and non ambulatory settings based on the understanding between oral and systemic health.

## **Objectives**

1. to train our residents to provide emergent as well as comprehensive, multi-disciplinary oral health care to a wide variety of patients including patients with special needs.
2. to train the dental resident to obtain a proper medical history and other pertinent information such as informed consent.
3. to train the dental resident to function effectively within interdisciplinary healthcare teams including referrals and consultations.
4. to train the dental resident to provide patient focused care that is coordinated by the general practitioner taking into account patients' social, cultural, behavioral, economic medical and physical status.
5. to stress community service directing health promotion and disease prevention activities.
6. to train the dental resident using advanced dental treatment modalities (such as lasers).

## **The Program**

The hospital's dental care facility functions as a private practice office. Care is provided on an on-going basis including appropriate consultations by specialists. The residents provide continuity of care, medical risk assessment and treatment of multidisciplinary cases from start to finish.

Patients are also treated in the emergency room, operating room and the ambulatory operating room.

The residents participate in an updated didactic lectures on a regular basis throughout the year as well as interactive literature review and diagnosis sessions.

The clinic is open 5 days a week including 2 evening clinics to meet community needs. The on-call resident is assigned to treat dental emergency patients in the night and on weekends.

A resident is first on call on a rotating basis approximately 3 days a month to see trauma patients.

As with all ADA approved residency programs, the residents rotate through the Departments of Medicine/Family Practice and Anesthesia for one month. Residents are invited to participate in conferences and rounds presented by medical specialists.

Courses are given in physical diagnosis and medical risk assessment as part of the medical rounds.

Towards the end of the year, the residents are provided with practice management information that will benefit their future endeavors.

## Curriculum

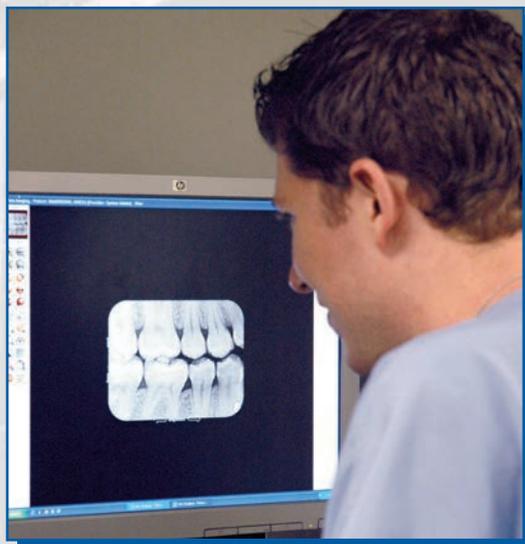
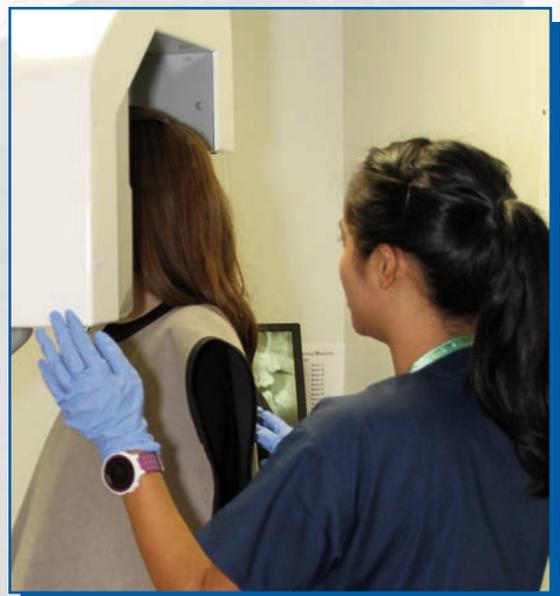
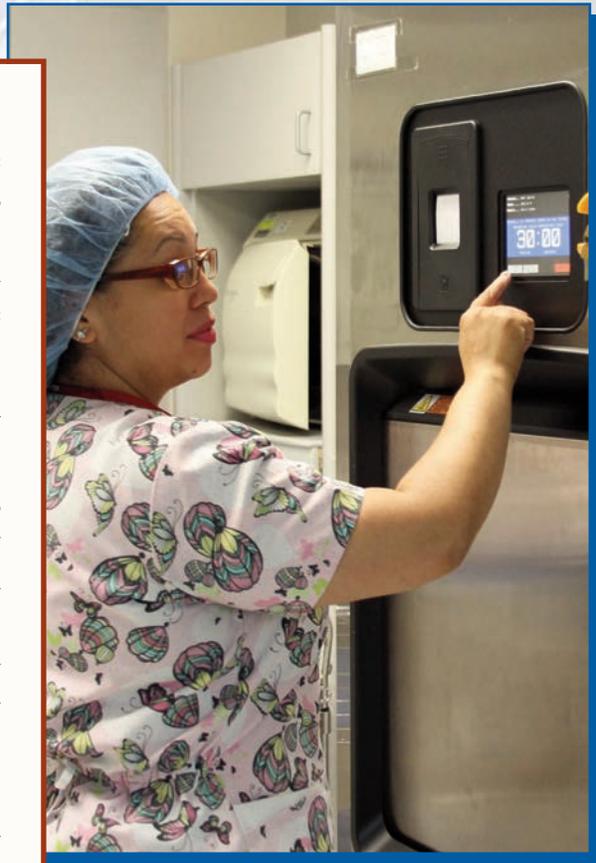
Training is given in all disciplines within the scope of general practice. This includes Oral Surgery, Endodontics, Periodontics, Fixed and Removable Prosthetics, Esthetic Dentistry, Pediatric Dentistry, Preventive Dentistry and Implantology.

The disciplines are taught by specialists in their respective fields.

The residents' inpatient experience includes admitting and discharging patients. They schedule medical clearance procedures and arrange for O.R. appointments. Rounds, under the supervision of Board Certified Oral Surgeons, are conducted on all dental inpatients.

Jamaica Hospital is a Class I Trauma Center. The residents are involved with patients in the Emergency Room and in the O.R.

The residents provide sophisticated dentistry in the O.R. on pediatric/special needs patients under the supervision of a pediatric specialist.



# Benefits

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## **House Staff Benefits**

Jamaica Hospital provides all house staff residents with a comprehensive health, dental and optical benefit plan. The plan is administered by the Voluntary Hospitals House Staff Benefits Plan (VHHSBP) of the Committee of Interns and Residents. Jamaica Hospital pays the entire cost of the plan whether you are single or married with children, by making premium payments to VHHSBP. The VHHSBP coverage begins on the first of the month following your commencement of employment; thus if you begin July 1, coverage begins immediately. If you commence employment mid-month, coverage commences the first day of the following month.

The plan provides hospitalization coverage, medical, surgical, and anesthesia benefits, including doctor's office visits and well baby care. The plan also provides catastrophic coverage. If you use physicians in the VHHSBP network your co-payment charges will be minimal or if you move out of network, physicians may require co-payments. The plan also provides a comprehensive dental program.

You will be issued a descriptive booklet explaining all of your benefits. Questions should be directed to the Benefits Office at (212) 725-5504.

## **Life Insurance**

All house staff are eligible to become insured under the CIR's Group Life Insurance Program, from the date of hire, which includes double indemnity for Accidental Death and Dismemberment feature. Each member of the house staff will be insured for \$100,000.

## **Supplemental Life Insurance**

Jamaica Hospital Medical Center offers a supplemental life insurance program, which enables you to purchase insurance for yourself, spouse, dependent children, or grandchildren. The entire cost is payroll deducted.

# Salaries and Benefits

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## **New York State Short Term Disability**

Coverage under this program provides weekly benefits following the completion of the required period of continuous total disability (seven calendar days.) A house staff officer would receive New York State Disability Benefits of \$170 and \$80 from VHSBP each week. Payments may continue while you are disabled for a maximum of twenty-six weeks.

## **Long Term Disability Insurance**

The program is administered through the VHSBP. The program provides monthly payments following the completion of the required period of continuous total disability (three months). The amount of monthly income payable to a disabled individual is 66 2/3 percent of basic monthly earnings up to a maximum of \$1,500 per month. Payments may continue provided the disability continues for sixty months.

## **Tax Deferred Annuities**

As an employee of a non-profit institution, you may have a portion of your salary deducted and deposited directly into one of several tax-deferred annuity programs in which the hospital participates. No taxes, except F.I.C.A., would be taken out of these funds. You also receive the benefit of lower taxes by deferring part of your gross salary. The funds are subject to taxes upon withdrawals and may be subject to withdrawal penalties before age 59 1/2. These funds will earn high interest rates meant for your retirement or catastrophic needs. It is an excellent benefit that many employees participate. Additional information can be obtained from the Human Resources Department.

## **Additional Benefits**

- On-Call Quarters
- Discounted Parking
- Uniforms (free laundry)
- Vacation (four weeks per year)
- Twelve Paid Sick Days (per year)
- Eight Paid Holidays (per year)
- Four Personal Days (per year)
- Five Educational Days (Senior Residents)
- Complete Malpractice Coverage
- Full Prescription Drug Coverage
- Maternity and Paternity Packages
- Pre-paid Legal Services

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