

**University of California, San Francisco, School of Dentistry  
Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery**

**General Practice Residency Program Mission Statement and Goals**

*To Care, To Educate, To Discover.*

*Our guiding values are Service, Compassion, Integrity, Respect, and Leadership through Excellence.*

**Pre-doctoral:** We will teach enrolled dental students the scope of dentistry as it relates to patients with special needs in an outpatient and hospital setting. We will give them personal instruction and bring them to a level of competence to assess the treatment needs of patients with special needs, within the scope of a general practitioner. We will attempt, by example, to encourage dental students to pursue advanced education, especially as it pertains to treating patients with complex medical needs.

**Post-doctoral:** We will administer an accredited general practice residency program which will train general dentists to be hospital-competent. Graduates will be able to plan and provide multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary general dental care by evaluating and treating a wide variety of patients, including those with special needs and medical complexities, in inpatient and outpatient settings. We will teach, by example, culturally-competent and patient-centered care. We will provide didactic and clinical educational opportunities throughout the program and will encourage a lifetime commitment to continuing education in the areas of general dentistry and special care dentistry. We will engage in community service activities, with an emphasis on disease prevention. We will encourage trainees to continue serving their communities and to be academically active upon graduation.

**Clinical:** We will maintain a high level of quality care and clinical activity, and will serve as a resource and tertiary care center for practitioners at all levels of training.

**Research:** We will encourage and support research in the basic sciences and clinical sciences. We will encourage faculty members, residents, and interested dental students to engage in research under our supervision.

**Administrative:** We will maintain an efficient administration for our department. We will participate in the governance and management of the School of Dentistry and the University of California, San Francisco and its affiliated institutions and medical center, as well as the University of California system wide. We will participate and assume positions of responsibility in local, regional, national, and international organized dentistry.

**Ethics:** We will maintain the high ethical and moral standards which are expected from health care professionals in all aspects of our mission including clinical care and research. We will treat patients, students, staff, residents and colleagues with respect and dignity at all times. We will hold trainees to the same standards of ethics and professionalism.