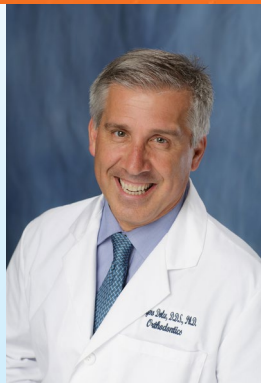


# Fast Forward

a college update from **A. Isabel Garcia, D.D.S., M.P.H.**  
Dean, UF College of Dentistry



Cal Dolce

To: UF College of Dentistry,

As I mentioned in last month's Fast Forward, one of the priorities this year is making enhancements to bolster the overall success of the college's clinical operations. A key component of our clinical enterprise is UFCD's Faculty Practice – where many of our clinical faculty provide a comprehensive spectrum of high-quality care.



Jennifer Blackburn

I am pleased to announce two appointments intended to strengthen and support our Faculty Dental Practice and all of its faculty and staff. Dr. Cal Dolce has agreed to assume the role of director of Faculty Practice and Ms. Jennifer Blackburn will serve as the practice's manager.

Working closely with the leadership in the Department of Restorative dental sciences and with input from our faculty and staff, Dr. Dolce will be coordinating efforts to identify areas and processes in Faculty Practice that represent opportunities for improving the delivery of care and efficiency, enhancing quality and providing the very best patient experience.

In collaboration with the department chairs involved in our faculty practice, Dr. Dolce will also work on further strengthening interdisciplinary collaboration and communication regarding patient care, both within the practice, and between the practice and other clinics in the

college. Finally, he will work with clinic administration, on efforts related to monitoring quality assurance, and other practice-related outcomes. Dr. Dolce will continue in his other roles at the college. He serves as chair of the Department of Orthodontics, program director for the Orthodontics Residency Program, and is active in clinical and didactic teaching, in research and in the faculty practice. In this newly-created role of director of faculty practice, Dr. Dolce will report directly to me.

Jennifer Blackburn will report to Dr. Dolce and working closely with the practice's staff, provide oversight for clinic staff and many of its business operations. Jennifer joined the college in October 2014, as a manager in the orthodontics area of faculty practice. She has 18 years of experience in general dentistry and managing dental practices, and during her tenure with the college, has helped integrate scheduling and referrals between endodontics, orthodontics and periodontics. I am pleased she has accepted an expanded role. I know I can count on everyone involved to help orient Jennifer to the general dentistry side and to support her efforts toward overall growth and success.

This is just one in a number of steps toward increasing the strength and health of our clinic operations and finances. Other steps include examining recommendations from axiUm consultants relating to streamlining processes, investigating clinical operation innovations, and increasing marketing efforts, among others. If you have ideas or recommendations that relate to these topics, please let me know or contact [Dr. Dolce](#) or [Ms. Blackburn](#).

**Dean Isabel Garcia**



# Spotlight on Faculty Practice



In the Faculty Practice, our faculty provide all general and specialty dental care including endodontics, periodontics, prosthodontics and orthodontics.

The practice includes 31 practicing faculty and 19 staff. During the 2014-15 fiscal year, 11,684 patient visits were completed. In the current fiscal year beginning June 1, 2015, the practice has completed more than 7,300 patient visits.

One of the unique features of the practice is that every dental specialty is represented with Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery located across the dental tower's lobby. This allows for a level of interdisciplinary care that is unmatched by any dental center in the area. For example, a general dentist can cross the hallway and ask an endodontist, orthodontist or periodontist to consult with a patient onsite.

"We all know that coming to the dentist can be a hard step for some patients. It is very valuable that, once a dentist has established trust with a patient, they can introduce them to another provider, and this is something that happens all the time here," said Jennifer Blackburn, the new practice manager.

Blackburn also invites everyone in the college to stop by faculty practice and meet the providers and take a tour of the center.



## Endodontics Faculty

Dr. Roberta Pileggi  
Dr. James Haddix  
Dr. Kathleen Neiva  
Dr. Uma Nair

## Endodontics Staff

Jessie Eddy

## General Dentistry Faculty

Dr. Nereyda Clark  
Dr. Larry Cook  
Dr. Alex Delgado  
Dr. Jean François-Roulet  
Dr. Saulo Geraldini  
Dr. Valeria Gordon  
Dr. Joel Hauptman  
Dr. Richard Kelowitz  
Dr. Susan Nimmo  
Dr. Patricia Pereira  
Dr. Rosalia Rey  
Dr. Bonita Wynkoop

## Orthodontics Faculty

Dr. Cal Dolce  
Dr. John Neubert  
Dr. Wellington Rody  
Dr. Tim Wheeler  
Dr. Charles Widmer

## Orthodontics Staff

Jennifer Blackburn  
Katie Hanson  
Kayla Roddenberry  
Tina Wilson

## Periodontics Faculty

Dr. Ike Aukhil  
Dr. Jia Chang  
Dr. Dora Kompotiati  
Dr. Rodrigo Neiva

## Periodontics Staff

Bozena Shiralipour

## Prosthodontics Faculty

Dr. Maria L. Aguilar  
Dr. E. Mauricio Castellanos  
Dr. Tarek El-Kerdani  
Dr. Monica A. Fernandez  
Dr. Margarete Ribeiro-Dasilva  
Dr. Luis J. Rueda  
Dr. Fong Wong

## Restorative Dental Sciences Anaplastologist

Robert Mann

## Restorative Dental Sciences Hygiene

Stacey Ellis  
Beverly Mays  
Gosia McCrave  
Mitzi Rivers

## Restorative Dental Sciences Staff

Ashley Crawford  
Shari Chrisopulos  
Abby Hyvarinen  
Joyce Lee  
Ana Parnell  
Lina Saorukos  
Arianna Sifontes-Ospino  
Denise Turner  
Tessa Wilson

## To schedule an appointment

**273-7954**

General dentistry or  
Prosthodontics

**278-1111**

Anaplastologist

**273-7960**

Endodontics, Orthodontics  
or Periodontics

## A bonus:

UF employees can pay for  
their dental care through  
payroll deduction.



# The SNDA Lingual Grooves

As Valentine's Day approaches in the UF College of Dentistry, you're as likely to hear beautiful acapella loves songs as you are to hear dental handpieces. It has become an annual tradition for the members of the UF Student National Dental Association to fundraise by selling singing Valentine's (plus a side of chocolate). This year the group sold 50 songs and two were for Dr. Garcia. To enjoy a clip from "Fly Me to the Moon," [click here](#).



Thank you to everyone who sent a Valentine message through The Lingual Grooves and thank you to the SNDA members for their lovely performance!

## Class of 2016 vs. 2018

On a beautiful January evening, the DMD class of 2016 gave it their all, came back from behind and defeated the class of 2018 3-1 during a high-stakes soccer matchup at UF's Hume Field.

Because of the loss, Dr. Alex Delgado, faculty advisor for the class of 2018, had to dress up as "Schmearman," an alter ego created by Dr. Marc Ottenga, faculty advisor for the class of 2018.



For the full story and some interesting photos, visit [our website](#).

## Looking for a seminar? Or a good time to schedule an event?

The college has an [online calendar](#) where events, seminar, the academic calendar, UF holidays and other important dates are marked.

If you need to find a seminar that you saw an email about or you're looking for a good time and date to schedule an event, check the [online calendar](#). If you'd like something added to the calendar, email [Karen Rhodenizer](#).

