

HIALEAH DENTAL CENTER

The **UF College of Dentistry Hialeah Dental Center (HDC)** opened its doors in 1997 as a joint effort between the City of Hialeah, the State of Florida, and the University of Florida to provide dental care to the underserved. While serving the local community, the center is also home to a dental residency training program for internationally-trained dentists that qualifies them to take the Florida dental licensing exam and achieve their dream of becoming practicing providers in the state.

Since 1997, the center's faculty, residents and staff have become staunch oral health advocates in the community, participating in outreach and providing education through schools, foster agencies and adult centers. We are committed to delivering quality oral health care for the underserved population using advanced treatment options, leading-edge technology and world-class faculty expertise.

Individuals and families lacking access to dental care, such as those living with disabilities, eligible for care under the Ryan White program, Douglas Gardens and Citrus Health Network, among others, find the answer to their oral health needs in our center. The City of Hialeah generously provides the building that houses the Hialeah Dental Center, allowing us to continue to serve the Hialeah community and beyond.

Patient Care

Since 2018 our dental center has provided over **100,500** patient visits.

Approximately **25%** of our patients are from **Hialeah**.

Children (under 21) comprise **25%** of our patient population.

Approximately **26%** of patients have **complex medical issues** and/or **special needs**.

Over **70%** of the patients live at or below 200% of the federal **poverty level**.

73% are covered **by Medicaid**, 22% are self-pay patients, and 5% have PPO insurance.

Our Providers & Our Center

Dental residents provide dental care under the supervision of licensed dentists. The Hialeah Dental Clinic has three full-time faculty members, several part-time faculty members and 15 volunteer dentists from the community.

All provide continuous supervision of the residents in the center.

- ▶ 7,500 square feet
- ▶ 22 dental operatories
- ▶ Dental laboratory
- ▶ Two complete sterilization areas
- ▶ Conference room and study area, interactive distance learning technology
- ▶ CBCT scanner and 3D dental equipment



Advanced Dental Education Program

The HDC offers a 24-month Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) Residency Program, which results in a Certificate of Completion for internationally educated dentists.

This enables them to become eligible to practice dentistry in Florida and other states in the U.S. Most of our graduates remain and practice in the Miami-Dade area. The program affords our dental residents the privilege of caring for underserved urban populations while, at the same time, gaining valuable educational and clinical experience under faculty supervision.

We average 400 patient visits per week providing comprehensive oral care to children, adults and senior citizens including:

- ▶ Preventive services – exams/cleanings/sealants
- ▶ Pediatric dentistry
- ▶ Restorative dentistry – fillings/crowns/build-ups
- ▶ Prosthesis – partial and complete dentures and implants
- ▶ Endodontics – root canals
- ▶ Periodontics
- ▶ Oral and maxillofacial surgery
- ▶ Orthodontics

Accreditation

Our educational program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation. The AEGD program received Commission on Dental Accreditation approval to embark on a 2-Year Advanced Education in General Dentistry Program for International Dentists which began in 2010.

Serving Our Community

Hialeah Dental Center program faculty have served as South Florida District Dental Association’s local coordinator for the national “Give Kids a Smile” dental access day since its beginning in 2002.

In 2004 and 2009, the Florida Dental Association and Project Dentists Care, Inc., recognized our faculty with the Distinguished Service Award which acknowledges volunteer dental efforts and commitment to the dental profession and to helping Florida’s underserved population.



We have a long history of community involvement and partnerships with:

- ▶ His House Children’s Home
- ▶ Citrus Health Network
- ▶ Ryan White Program
- ▶ The Miami Veterans Administration Medical Center
- ▶ Jackson Memorial Hospital
- ▶ The Miami Jewish Home and Hospital for the Aged
- ▶ The Rafael Peñalver Clinic
- ▶ Camillus House
- ▶ The Robert Morgan Dental Clinic
- ▶ Community Smiles Dental Clinic
- ▶ The Jackson Health System Care-a Van Program
- ▶ Colgate Mobile Dental Van
- ▶ Jessie Trice Community Health Center
- ▶ Our Kids of Miami-Dade/Monroe

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