

SWEDISH MEDICAL CENTER GPR

Overall Program Goals and Objectives



- Train the resident to be skilled in patient evaluation, laboratory diagnosis, medical history and suitable physical assessment. Provide a wide variety of patients with challenging histories to gain practical experience in the above skills.
- Enhance the residents' oral diagnostic and treatment-planning skills to meet the comprehensive dental needs of the patient.
- Provide didactic and clinical experiences that train the resident to provide quality comprehensive dental care utilizing current and innovative technology and theory, regardless of the patient's medical, mental, emotional, or physical compromise.
- Instill a sense of how Hospital/Special Care Dentists can serve the community, especially the underserved/low-socioeconomic status patient populations.
- Educate the resident to competently select and apply appropriate means of pain and anxiety control, including inhalation, oral, transmucosal, and intravenous techniques.
- Teach hospital and operating room protocol so that the resident may properly admit a patient, perform a history and physical examination, order and assess laboratory tests, consult with other medical specialists, administer pre- and post-operative care, and perform treatment in an operating room setting.
- Provide intensive education in the recognition and management of medical emergencies in the dental setting. Prepare the residents for advanced airway management.
- Introduce the resident to the concepts of general anesthesia provided in both the hospital and dental office, including perioperative medicine and assessment, the shared airway, and optimizing patient safety issues.
- Ensure that residents learn to diagnose and treat common dental emergencies, recognizing when to refer more complex problems to the appropriate medical or dental specialists.
- Develop the residents' knowledge, skill, and confidence to participate in a multidisciplinary treatment team.
- Enhance the residents' understanding of practice administration and supervision of auxiliary personnel.
- Develop the residents' ability to retrieve, critically review, and assess pertinent scientific literature.
- Develop the residents' ability to self-assess abilities and limitations, while motivating them to be inquisitive, continuous students who strive for quality education and self-improvement.
- Foster an educational environment that is fun, exciting, and collegial among residents, staff and faculty.