



## ORAL MEDICINE AND ORAL PATHOLOGY POSTGRADUATE HOSPITAL RESIDENCY PROGRAM

The University of British Columbia Faculty of Dentistry, in conjunction with university affiliated teaching hospitals (BC Cancer Agency, Vancouver Hospital and Health Sciences Centre) offers postgraduate residency training in Oral Medicine and Oral Pathology (OM-OP). The program consists of a three to four-year hospital-based residency in one of three pathways: Oral Medicine; Oral Pathology, or both the specialties. All programs lead to a certificate and eligibility to take the Royal College of Dentists (Canada) Fellowship examinations. Residents wishing to have dual certification in Oral Medicine and Oral Pathology will require four years of training.

### **Program Outline**

Specialty education will consist of a core curriculum of clinical practice supported by the appropriate foundation knowledge with opportunity to pursue specialty qualification in oral medicine, oral pathology or both. Training in the core curriculum includes diagnosis and management of oral mucosal disease; orofacial disorders arising from ageing, systemic disease and medical therapies; diagnosis and management of non-surgical salivary gland disorders; assessment and participation in the management of diseases of the jaws requiring surgical treatment. The oral medicine pathway will include training in the oral/dental management of complex medically compromised patients and diagnosis and treatment of orofacial pain and other neurosensory disorders. The oral pathology pathway will include additional training in surgical and anatomic histopathology and laboratory procedures, techniques and diagnosis.

The didactic component of the program involves participation in seminars and case presentations at a post-graduate level, participation in literature reviews and in teaching rounds. Teaching opportunities exist in the curriculum of the undergraduate and graduate dental programs. In addition, residents will participate in ongoing basic and/or clinical research studies, and will be expected to contribute to at least one published article.

### **Curriculum**

The core curriculum is designed to run for the entire length of the program regardless of whether an individual pursues the oral medicine qualification or oral pathology qualification. For individuals pursuing oral pathology qualification, a portion of the training will be dedicated to rotations in anatomic pathology.

#### **Core Clinical Practice**

- Oral Mucosal Disease
- Oral Manifestations of Systemic Disease
- Oral Disorders associated with Aging
- Oral Complications of Medical Therapy
- Diseases of the Jaws and Teeth
- Salivary Gland Disease

#### **Core Foundation Knowledge**

- Epidemiology and Biostatistics
- Research Design and Evaluation
- Medicine and Pathology
- Biomedical Sciences
- Pharmacology and Therapeutics
- Diagnostic imaging interpretation

Individuals who choose to follow the Oral Medicine Certificate pathway participate in the Oral Medicine Clinical Practice Pathway rotations; those who choose to follow the Oral Pathology certificate pathway participate in the Oral Pathology Clinical Practice Pathway rotations. Individuals who are pursuing dual certification participate in all components of both clinical practice pathways.

#### **Oral Medicine Clinical Practice**

- Diagnosis and Treatment of Orofacial Pain
- Oral/Dental Management of Medically Complex Patients
- Educational Experience
- Anesthesia
- Internal Medicine
- Rheumatology
- Pain Medicine
- Dermatology

#### **Oral Pathology Clinical Practice**

- Diagnostic Pathology
- Microscopy
- Orofacial Disease
- Internal Medicine
- Surgical Pathology (including autopsy)
- Head and Neck Pathology
- Dermatopathology
- Hematopathology

### **Facilities**

Resident training takes place at many UBC affiliated teaching hospitals.

#### **Vancouver Hospital**

The Vancouver Hospital and Health Sciences Centre - VGH Site is the major tertiary referral centre for the Province of British Columbia with 1303 beds, including 198 extended care beds, 20 short-term assessment beds and 55 discharge planning beds. The hospital's major services are bone marrow and solid organ transplant, trauma and spinal cord injury, placement of cardiac and orthopedic implants, renal dialysis, and the management of medically and immune-compromised patients. The hospital maintains a large and active emergency department serving the needs of multiple trauma patients and those patients with a wide variety of hematological disorders. The dental facilities include four operatories dedicated to both in-patient and outpatient services plus an operating suite fully equipped for major oral and maxillofacial surgery. In addition, the Surgical Daycare Centre provides further surgical and restorative management of dental patients under general anesthesia without the need for hospital admission. The Emergency Department includes a one-operatory dental facility.

#### **UBC Hospital**

The Vancouver Hospital and Health Sciences Centre - UBC Site is composed of the Koerner Pavilion (240 acute care beds), the Purdy Pavilion (300 extended care beds) and the Detwiler Pavilion (60 psychiatric beds). The operating room in the Koerner Pavilion is equipped for oral and maxillofacial surgery and restorative dentistry. Treatment emphasis is on restorative dentistry, geriatric dentistry, oral and maxillofacial surgery and the physically or mentally handicapped patient. The Provincial Oral Maxillofacial Pathology Diagnostic Service is located at the VGH-UBC site within the department of Laboratory Medicine.

#### **BCCA-VCC**

The BC Cancer Agency-Vancouver Cancer Centre consists of an outpatient clinic that registers 5700 new cancer patients per annum and a hospital unit containing 48 beds. There are two fully equipped dental operatories a fully equipped maxillofacial prosthetics clinic. General anesthetic facilities are available in two operating rooms for both ambulatory and inpatient care. A dental laboratory completes the dental services of this facility. The Agency provides a program of consultation, preventive, restorative and rehabilitative treatment to all registered patients whose need arises from cancer or the treatment of cancer. Programs of research and education are also undertaken.

## **St. Paul's Hospital**

St Paul's Hospital is an acute care and academic and research hospital located in downtown Vancouver providing quaternary, tertiary and secondary care services. The hospital is centered in Vancouver's urban core and, as part of its mandate, provides medical services for a unique disadvantaged patient population including, the poor, injection drug users, the homeless and street workers, and regional, provincial and international clients for specialized tertiary and quaternary care services, such as cardiac, renal, HIV/AIDS, and mental health.

## **UBC Faculty of Dentistry**

The UBC Faculty of Dentistry Specialty Clinics is the site within which OM-OP residents will participate in a variety of clinical oral medicine specialty clinics, including temporomandibular joint dysfunction and facial pain. There will also be rotations in anesthesia and IV sedation.

### **Admission Requirements:**

Candidates must satisfy the requirements of the College of Dental Surgeons of BC (#500-1765 West 8 Ave., Vancouver, BC, V6J 5C6 (604) 736-3621, [www.cdsbc.org](http://www.cdsbc.org)) for registration. Graduates of all Canadian and American dental schools are eligible to apply. Foreign-trained dentists, other than U.S. trained graduates, must possess a permit issued by the College of Dental Surgeons of BC. (See below regarding Foreign Dentists)

### **Accommodations:**

There are no facilities for housing residents at any of the hospitals. For additional information contact: Housing and Conferences Department UBC ([www.housing.ubc.ca](http://www.housing.ubc.ca)):

Single Housing enquires – 604-822-2811

Family Housing enquiries – 604-822-4411

### **Remuneration:**

The stipend as of May 2015 for a first year Resident (R1) is \$51,681.98 (CAD). When applicable, remuneration for "on-call" services plus allowances for travel and meals. Benefits include the provision of uniforms, 20 days of vacation (four weeks), plus medical, dental, extended health, on-call travel allowance, and life insurance. Long-term disability, and malpractice insurance plans are required to be carried at the resident's cost.

Please consult the Resident Doctors of BC (<https://residentdoctorsbc.ca>) for information concerning the current Resident remuneration scale.

Individuals who do not have Canadian citizenship, or landed immigrant status, are not eligible for resident stipends. (See below regarding Foreign Dentists)

### **Fees:**

OM-OP Residents are registered with UBC as post-graduate students in the Faculty of Dentistry and are responsible for an annual UBC student fee of approximately \$400.00. OM-OP residents are also registered with the College of Dental Surgeons of BC and are responsible for an annual permit fee of \$150.00. Membership in the Resident Doctors of BC ([www.residentdoctorsbc.ca](http://www.residentdoctorsbc.ca)) is required.

For Residents entering the program beginning on July 1, 2007 and there will be an additional yearly Program Fee of \$200.

### **Foreign Dentists (neither citizens nor permanent residents of Canada):**

Foreign Residents are required to pay an additional annual Foreign Resident Program Fee to be paid by a sponsoring institution/party. Individuals who do not have Canadian citizenship, or landed immigrant status, are not eligible for resident stipends. There must be a written guarantee that the sponsoring institution/party will support the successful candidate with financial resources

equivalent to current Residency stipends. Because the University does not pay these individuals directly, the sponsors are responsible for making separate arrangements for their residents.

The University must approve all funding arrangements for sponsored foreign trainees. All guarantee documents must be submitted to, and in possession of, the Faculty of Dentistry *before* an application can be considered.

## ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants who received their dental degree from a school where English was not the primary language of study must present evidence of proficiency in English. One of the following tests of English proficiency is acceptable:

### TOEFL

The minimum TOEFL score required is 580 paper-based or 93 internet-based, taken within twenty-four (24) months prior to the time of submission of the application. TOEFL score sheets must be sent directly from the Educational Testing Centre in sealed and official envelopes. Photocopies of test scores are not acceptable.

### IELTS

A minimum overall band score of 6.5 is required with a minimum score of 6.0 in each component of the academic (not general) IELTS test. IELTS score sheets must be sent directly from source in sealed and official envelopes. Photocopies of test score are not acceptable.

### **Application and Information:**

General enquiries can be directed to:

The University of British Columbia  
Faculty of Dentistry - Admissions  
2199 Wesbrook Mall  
Vancouver, BC, Canada V6T 1Z3  
Tel: (604) 822-9726  
email: [dhygadm@dentistry.ubc.ca](mailto:dhygadm@dentistry.ubc.ca)

Specific information can be obtained from the director of the OM-OP program:

Dr. Catherine Poh, Acting Director  
Oral Medicine and Oral Pathology Postgraduate Hospital Residency Program  
The University of British Columbia  
Faculty of Dentistry  
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Vancouver, BC, Canada V6T 1Z3  
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The deadline for the receipt of applications is **NOVEMBER 1** for entry to the program the following year.

A \$159.00 application fee is required. Please make cheque payable to UBC Faculty of Dentistry. A selection committee bases final selection of residents on the application information, reference letters, and a personal interview of short-listed applicants. All official application material, transcripts, degree certificates (translations), references letters must be received directly from source in sealed and endorsed envelopes by the November 1 deadline.