UBC Dental Hygiene International Service Learning Initiative

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COLLABORATION - NATIONAL HOSPITAL

The Oral Health Research Centre opened in 2012 by UBC Faculty of Dentistry through a long-term partnership with the National Hospital of Odonto-Stomatology in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

The International Service Learning Initiative aims to maintain and strengthen the collaborative partnership.

UBC team presented a seminar and joined the hospital director (Dr. Chanh), hospital faculty Deans, and staff for discussions and tour.

COLLABORATION - ONCOLOGY HOSPITAL

The Oncology Hospital in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, December 2016.

Goal: to be global ambassadors in oral health promotion & student leadership.

Objectives:
- to engage in different learning opportunities and initiatives to promote oral health;
- to foster international & interprofessional relationships.

RESEARCH - PILOT STUDY

Objective: to investigate health professionals' & student health professionals' current knowledge of oral cancer screening practices in Vietnam.

Audiences: dental nursing students, dental masters students, and practicing oral & cosmetic surgeons at the National Hospital in Vietnam.

Methods: oral cancer screening seminars given along with pre/post tests.

CLINICAL THERAPY

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EDUCATION - SHELTER and ORPHANAGES

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