From the Chair’s Desk

Faculty calibration is part of our accreditation standards (Standard 2.6) and has been at the forefront of our department activities over the past three years. We had many activities (retreats, lectures, literature reviews – thanks Dr. Bardwell! hands-on sessions, challenges, games, development of clinical guidelines) with an overarching goal of better aligning our clinical diagnosis and treatment plans. This whole week we have been holding a hands-on calibration session on caries detection with all comp care clinical faculty! Thank you, Dr. Nanda, for working tirelessly in all the preparations for the activity Dr. Cordero for all the CE coordination and all of you for participating. Caries detection and assessment, especially in the initial stages of the caries process, relies on subjective assessments (color, texture, translucency). Adding objectivity to the process will help us provide more individualized patient care and better train our students as well as fulfill accreditation standard 2.24 d. For me, this has been a treat and a great end to our month of September!

In my role I feel like I spend most of my time managing small fires (I guess the Dean handles the big ones). But I want to assure you that I see you and recognize all of you that are preventing and putting out your own fires every day …Earlier this month I heard about a faculty who went out of their way to make sure one of our patients got the care they needed from PG and was not left in pain. I see how you support each other canceling a vacation plan so the other faculty can attend to family, staying late so students get to complete their case or get the check on a project, working outside of your hours to write that special recommendation letter. Thank you!

Now, I am very excited to share with you that we are launching our first department FUNDRAISING, but even more excited about how the funds will used – all towards patient care! Thank you, Ms. DiLuigi and Dr. Perry, for working with Stephen Muzrall from Development and Alumni Engagement Office for conceptualizing and launching this event! A great idea where all TUSDM community can get engaged to support patients (with funds for care), students (with more opportunities to provide care) and faculty, staff, students and alumni with physical and mental wellness (incentive to exercise and help others!). So, Comprehensive Care family, here is my challenge to you: let’s make this a memorable event and show our community spirit! Sign up and encourage colleagues, alumni, and students to do the same! No matter which group practice brings home the trophy we will all win!! Counting on you! Read more below and sign up with the QR code or the link below!

Please CLICK HERE to Register!
Faculty Accomplishments

Publications


Personal News

Dr. Peter Arsenault was recently named Chair of Eastern Dental Insurance’s Risk Management Committee.

CranioFacial Biology course has started for the D25 class with co-course directors Dr. Nadine Tassabehji, Dr. Shubha Nanda, and Dr. Weibo Zhang.

Dr. David Leader was interviewed by Dinah Chong Watkins for the Scleroderma News for the column “Managing the Effects of Scleroderma on Dental Health”. Interview was published on September 22, 2021


Dr. Andrea Zandonà and Dr. Bruna Menoncin participated in the 26th Brazilian Day Independence Day Festival in Boston aiming to raised awareness on participation in research studies and becoming a patient at TUSDM.

Drs. Zandonà and Menoncin (and Lola) at the Brazilian Independence Day Festival
First Annual Comp Care Fundraiser - RACE TO FEEL YOUR BEST!

Join the group practice that you best identify with! Be that Group Practice Atlantic, Back Bay, Charlestown, Dorchester, Exeter, Fairfield, put all your physical activity to good use!

DATES: OCT 11-NOV 9
This year, we’ve partnered with Espress! After you register, you will receive an email on 10/8 to create an account. You can link your wearable devices or manually log your activity right on the app!

REGISTRATION:
- Student: $5
- Non-student: $10
- Option to donate that does not require you to join a team
- Use the QR code to register!

All proceeds go towards patient care of the winning team!

Please CLICK HERE to Register!
Comprehensive Care Department Website

Updates

- You are now able to view department schedules and dental class schedules at https://sites.tufts.edu/departmentofcomprehensivecare/schedules/. In order to access these files, you will just need to sign into Box with your Tufts username and password when prompted.

- Along with viewing schedules on the department website, you are also able to access the schedules in Axium. Every Monday a new Operative Faculty Weekly Schedule will be posted, and it will be updated daily if there are any changes. There is a link in Axium on the toolbar shown in the image provided.

Reminder

The new instructional videos and guides for Axium and Canvas are now published on the Department of Comprehensive Care Website under the Faculty – Only page.

In order to access the Faculty – Only tab, you will need to sign in with your Tufts username and password.

Website: https://sites.tufts.edu/departmentofcomprehensivecare/faculty-only/
If you have any trouble accessing resources, please reach out to Emma Vaillancourt at emma.vaillancourt@tufts.edu

Comprehensive Care Faculty Positions Available

Assistant Professor, Division of Medicine
Division of Medicine seeks candidate for a full-time faculty position at the rank of Assistant Professor to supervise predoctoral students in the diagnosis and management of medically-complex patients for dental treatment at the undergraduate specialty Clinic for Medically Complex Dental Patients. Requirements include a DMD degree (Doctor of Dental Medicine) or equivalent.
Follow this link for job description and application process: https://apply.interfolio.com/93015
**Assistant Professor, Division of Operative Dentistry**
Operative Dentistry has an opening for a Full Time Operative Faculty to instruct, evaluate and advise pre-doctoral students regarding comprehensive patient care and is responsible for chair-side instruction in operative dentistry in both the clinic and preclinic. DDS/DMD Licensure or eligibility for licensure in Massachusetts and 5-10 years substantial experience in private dental practice or dental education required. 
Follow this link for job description and application process:  [https://apply.interfolio.com/93016](https://apply.interfolio.com/93016)

**Assistant Professor, Practice Coordinator**
Comprehensive Care Department has an opening for a Full Time Practice Coordinator in the Pre-Doctoral Clinic. The Practice Coordinator is responsible for leading a clinic practice of approximately 35 third year and 35 fourth year pre-doctoral students with hands-on responsibility for patient care, student learning and administrative/managerial oversight. The Practice Coordinators are responsible for managing their group’s patient care based on the TUSDM Standards of Care and best practices of private general dental practice. DDS/DMD Licensure or eligibility for licensure in Massachusetts and 5-10 years substantial experience in private dental practice or dental education required. 
Follow this link for job description and application process:  [https://apply.interfolio.com/93014](https://apply.interfolio.com/93014)

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Comp Care Faculty concentrating on caries detection