

PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY (PD)

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Rinku Saini

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Faculty

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David Lee, Assistant Professor, A.B., University of California at Berkeley, 1991 | D.D.S., University of the Pacific School of Dentistry, 1988

Richard Lu, Clinical Instructor, B.Sc., University of The Pacific, 2018 | D.D.S., University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, 2021

Leticia Mendoza-Sobel, Assistant Professor, Certificate, Universidad Latinoamericana, School of Dentistry, Mexico City, 1992 | Certificate, Universidad Latinoamericana, School of Dentistry, Mexico City, 1990 | DDS, Escuela Nacional de Estudios Profesionales, 1981 | M.S., University of Western States, 2020

Simon Morris, Assistant Professor, B.S., Harvey Mudd College, 1993 | D.D.S., University of the Pacific, 1996 | Certificate, University of Southern California, 1998

Brianna Prince, Assistant Professor, A.S., Diablo Valley College, 2015 | B.Sc., University of the Pacific Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, 2019

Jamie Sahouria, Assistant Professor, B.S., University of the Pacific, 2001 | D.D.S., University of the Pacific Arthur A. Dugoni, 2004 | Cert., University of the Pacific, 2005 | M.S., University of Texas Health Sciences Center

Rinku Saini, Assistant Professor, Children's National Medical Center, 2009 | University of Hawaii at Manoa, 2000 | UCLA, 2006 | BS, University of California, Irvine, 1999 | DDS, Columbia University College of Dental Medicine, 2005 | MPH, Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, 2005 | MS, University of Hawaii at Manoa, 2000

Michael Suh, Assistant Professor, B.Sc., University of California, Davis, 2010 | D.D.S., University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, 2014

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Anisha Uppal, Clinical Instructor, B.A., New York University, 2014 | D.D.S., Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine, 2019

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Adjunct Faculty

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Course Descriptions

Predocctoral Courses

PD 146. Preclinical Pediatric Dentistry. 0.5 or 1 Units.

This simulation lab-based course introduces first-year IDS students to the technical aspects of preparing and restoring primary teeth and preparation of a space maintenance appliance. (2 hours lecture, approximately 6 hours lab/clinic. IDS Quarter 4.)

PD 240. Pediatric Dentistry. 3 Units.

The study of the physical and psychological development of the child; understanding and prevention of dental disease in children; differential diagnosis and treatment of dental and periodontal diseases and abnormalities in children; and modern concepts of behavioral guidance in children. (30 hours lecture. Quarters 5-6.)

PD 346. Dental Auxiliary Utilization. 1 or 2 Unit.

Rationale and system of procedures for sit-down, four-handed dental practice, including ergonomically correct practice and work-related injury prevention. (84 hours clinic in conjunction with Clinical Pediatric Dentistry. Quarters 7-10.)

PD 347. Clinical Pediatric Dentistry. 1 or 4 Unit.

Study of the diagnosis, treatment planning, and comprehensive preventive and restorative dental treatment for children. (84 hours clinic in conjunction with Dental Auxiliary Utilization. Quarters 7-10.)