

PERIODONTICS (PR)

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Faculty

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Stephen Hu, Clinical Assistant Professor, D.D.S., Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine, 2017

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Navid Knight, Assistant Professor, B.A., University of California at Berkeley, 1986 | CERT, University of the Pacific, Benerd College, 2022 | Certificate, Academy for Advancing Leadership (AAL), 2015 | Certificate, United States Navy, 1995 | Certificate, University of the Pacific Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, Union City Dental Clinic, 1990 | Certificate, United States Navy, 1994 | Certificate, University of the Pacific, Benerd College, 2022 | Certificate, Academy for Advancing Leadership (AAL), 2018 | Certificate, Oregon Health Sciences University, 1992 | Certificate, Oregon Health Sciences University, School of Dentistry, 1992 | Certificate, Veterans Administration Hospital, 1992 | D.D.S., University of the Pacific School of Dentistry, 1989 | M.A.ED., University of the Pacific, Benerd College, 2023

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Course Descriptions

Predoctoral Courses

PR 150. Periodontal Diseases. 1 Unit.

Introduction to periodontology, clinical and histopathological features, epidemiology, classification of periodontal diseases, pathogenesis, etiologies of periodontal disease, genetics, and risk assessment. (10 hours lecture. Quarter 4.).

PR 156. Preclinical Periodontics. 1 Unit.

Study of techniques for instrument sharpening, root planing, and use of ultrasonic devices. Introduction to temporary splinting, microbiologic sampling, and dental implants. (5 hours lecture, 5 hours lab. Quarter 4.).

PR 250. Periodontics. 3 Units.

Introduction to the methodology of collecting data, utilizing data to make a diagnosis, preparing a treatment plan, and providing initial therapy including microbial sampling and chemotherapeutics; rationale for initial therapy including elimination of local factors, occlusal correction, provisional splinting, and initial therapy evaluation; basic rationale for periodontal surgery; techniques employed in surgical periodontics including the scientific basis for surgical technique, specific indications/contraindications, and sequence in healing following gingival surgery, osseous resection, gingival augmentation, regenerative therapy, and dental implants. (30 hours lecture. Quarters 5-7.).

PR 251. Periodontics. 2 Units.

Introduction to basic rationale for periodontal surgery; techniques employed in surgical periodontics including scientific basis for surgical technique, specific indications/contraindications, and sequence in healing following gingival surgery, osseous resection, gingival augmentation, regenerative therapy, and dental implants. (20 hours lecture. IDS Quarters 2-3.).

PR 256. Clinical Periodontics I. 5 or 6 Units.

Study of periodontal examination, diagnosis, treatment planning, nonsurgical therapy, use of evidence based dentistry and self-assessment principles, periodontal re-evaluation, periodontal surgery, and supportive periodontal therapy in comprehensive clinical dental practice. (Quarters 5-8.).

PR 356. Clinical Periodontics II. 4 Units.

Study of periodontal examination, diagnosis, treatment planning, nonsurgical therapy, periodontal re-evaluation, periodontal surgery, and supportive periodontal therapy in comprehensive clinical dental practice. (Quarters 9-12.).