



Continuing Education

Patient care conferences and case presentations by residents on an ongoing schedule will provide a valuable teaching vehicle to discuss interesting clinic cases. Because this program is new, residents will work closely with attending dentists to insure the learning experience is both enriching and meaningful.

For More Information

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Summa Health System is one of the largest organized delivery systems in Ohio, encompassing a network of hospitals, community-based health centers, a health plan, a physician-hospital organization, an entrepreneurial entity, research and medical education and a foundation. Summa is nationally renowned for excellence in patient care and for exceptional approaches to healthcare delivery. Working collaboratively with many other healthcare institutions, Summa is a member of the Cleveland Clinic Health Network, the largest provider network in Northeast Ohio.

The System represents more than 1,200 licensed, inpatient beds on the Akron City, St. Thomas and Cuyahoga Falls General Hospital campuses. In addition, outpatient care is extended throughout Summit County in four community health centers and through partnerships with the Cuyahoga Falls Natatorium and the Shaw Jewish Community Center. Summa's Akron City and St. Thomas Hospitals are teaching affiliates of the Northeastern Ohio University College of Medicine (NEOUCOM), including 13 accredited residency training programs. Cuyahoga Falls General Hospital is a teaching affiliate of the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine (OUCOM) and the Centers of Osteopathic Research and Education (CORE) offering seven accredited osteopathic residency programs. The Summa Hospitals Foundation, the system's philanthropic entity, provides vital funding for medical education, research and patient-care initiatives and contributes more than \$9 million annually to the system. Summa Health Network, Summa's physician-hospital organization, represents more than 900 physicians. In 2005, Summa Health System joined Mercy Medical Center in Canton in ownership of Ohio Health Choice, a preferred provider organization. The Summa Enterprise Group creates for-profit opportunities to bring health-based products to market. SummaCare, the system's health plan, received the highest accreditation from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) and provides medical coverage for more than to 80,000 members in Northeast Ohio.

Summa General Practice Dental Residency



***Comprehensive training in
a state-of-the-art center***





Hands-on dental experience by exceptional staff and teachers

Summa Health System has a long history of medical education training and research. The health system is one of the largest organized delivery systems in Ohio, with more than 1,200 licensed, inpatient beds on the Akron City, St. Thomas and Cuyahoga Falls General hospital campuses. More than 200 medical education residents receive their training at one of Summa's hospitals. Summa's most recent residency program is the General Practice Dental Residency which is accredited by the American Dental Association.

The first class of dental residents will train in the new state-of-the-art 3,000 square foot, six chair dental clinic on the Akron City Hospital campus. The clinic will accept four residents for the academic year beginning July 1, 2007, for a term of one year.

Goals of the Program

- ◆ To graduate residents proficient and competent in providing comprehensive, specialty and emergency care to both inpatients and outpatients.
- ◆ To develop skills and gain experience in the dental management of medically and physically compromised patients in both outpatient and operating room environments.

- ◆ To gain experience in being part of the hospital healthcare team by providing hospital consultations, admitting patients, taking history, physicals and writing orders.
- ◆ To gain experience in hospital organizations including committees, medical staff issues and procedures for obtaining staff appointments and clinical privileges.

Hands-on training

The clinic will accept four residents for the academic year beginning July 1, 2007, for a term of one year. Residents will gain experience in oral and maxillofacial surgery, periodontics, prosthodontics, pediatric dentistry, restorative and cosmetic dentistry, implant dentistry both surgical and restorative, endodontics, oral medicine, orthodontics, including the Invisalign technique and sports dentistry. Residents evaluate pre-op liver and kidney transplant patients and treat developmentally compromised patients in both the outpatient clinic and the hospital operating room.



Dental Center

The new dental center was designed to be dedicated to resident education using advanced high technology equipment and a strong clinical and academic educational program. The dental residency is located in a state-of-the-art 3,000 sq. ft., six chair clinic on the Summa Health System Akron City Hospital campus.

Rotation Schedule

Approximately 60 percent of the residents' schedule will be treating patients in the dental clinic in all phases of general dentistry. Twenty-two percent of the residents' schedule will be in hospital rotations outside of the dental clinic. Approximately 18 percent of residents' schedule will be dedicated to academic programs, lectures, case presentations, literature reviews and seminars. Dental equipment for resident use includes digital x-rays, intra oral cameras, digital photography, laser diagnostic caries detection, soft tissue laser, rotary endodontic instruments and digital patient records (paperless office) and computer monitors in each operator. The following hospital rotations represent an example of the learning experience available to the residents:

Family Medicine	1 week
Infectious Disease	1 week
Internal Medicine	1 week
Pain Management	1 week
Cardiology	1 week
Plastic Surgery	1 week
E.N.T.	1 week
Elective	1 week
Emergency Medicine	2 weeks
Anesthesia	2 weeks