

Curriculum Vitae

Simmi Patel, DDS, Clinical Assistant Professor
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PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Fellow, Compromised Care and Hospital Dentistry, 2023

Tobacco Treatment Specialist, Mayo Clinic, March 2021

Addressing the Oral Health Needs of the Underserved, Faculty Scholar, University of California, San Diego, 2018-2019

Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree
University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Dental School,
May 26, 2001

Participated in Pediatric Dentistry Externship
UT San Antonio Dental School; Summer 2000

Bachelor of Science, Cum Laude
Texas A & M University, College Station, TX; completed 86 hours
May 1997

Houston Community College, Stafford, TX; completed 20 hours

Clements High School, Cum Laude 1993

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

August 2013 –Present
Clinical Assistant Professor, Public Health Sciences, Texas A&M School of Dentistry

September 2018-present
Clinic Lead, North Dallas Shared Ministries

December 2013-February 2015
Texas A&M School of Dentistry
Clinical Director for Healing Hands Ministries Dental Clinic

June 1, 2010-June 28, 2013
Community Dental Care
Dentist in charge for deHaro-Saldivar and Irving locations

June 2009-present
Chart Auditor for 4 Dallas Area offices

July 2009-May 2010
Temporary Dentist for Dent Temps

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

June 2022-present: Module Director, Course 914-Community Dentistry Externship, 4th year predoctoral students

August 2013 –May 2022

Co-Course Director for Course S9080-Community Dentistry Externship

June 1, 2010-June 28, 2013

Community Dental Care deHaro Saldivar-worked with Caruth School of Dental Hygiene Students

RESEARCH

July 1, 2023- Community Based Dental Partnership Program, Co-PI

April 1, 2023-COHORT: Community Oral Health Outreach and Rehabilitation Training: A General Practice Residency Consortium, Co-PI

September 1, 2022-August 31, 2025: HRSA RCORP (Health Resources & Services Administration: *Rural Communities Opioid Response Program-Psychostimulant Support*); Interprofessional Collaboration with Texas A & M School of Nursing to reduce the morbidity and mortality related to substance use (specifically methamphetamines) in high-risk rural communities (Golden Crescent communities in South Texas)

August 2021-present: HRSA: Dental Faculty Loan Repayment, Co-I

December 2020-December 2022:

Texas A&M Educational Research Grant, *Utilizing Simulation Technology to Enhance Empathy in Community Based Clinics During Missed Appointments*, PI

February 2019-present: Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, *Engaging Oral Health Providers for Evidence-Based Tobacco Cessation*, Co-PI

PUBLICATIONS

Patel,S. Nimmons, K. Veasey, K. Liescheski, J. Pandemic Lessons in Public Health Dentistry: A Commentary from Two Community Clinics in Dallas, TX. Texas Public Health Journal 74 (2): 13-15. 2022

PRESENTATIONS

October 18, 2021-Texas Society for Public Health Education-Present lecture: “Providing Dental Care During the Pandemic-Lessons from Two Community Clinics in Dallas, TX” (Virtual)

March 20, 2022- ADEA-Poster Presentation: “Pandemic Lessons in Public Health Dentistry A Case Study from Two Community Clinics in Dallas, TX” Philadelphia, PA

March 20, 2022-ADEA-Poster Presentation: “Enhancing Empathy Training Through the Use of Simulators” Philadelphia, PA

November 16, 2022-Interprofessional Research Symposium, Texas A & M Health Science Center, via Zoom, over 800 attendees: “Addressing Oral Health Needs in Victims of Human Trafficking”

January 11, 2023-Golden Crescent Recovery Network, “Opioids and Dentistry” via Zoom

April 17, 2023-National Oral Health Conference 2023-Poster Presentation: “Trauma-Informed Dentistry for Patients who have been Trafficked”; Orlando, FL

April 28, 2023- Special Care Dentistry Association Annual Meeting & Expo 2023: Oral Presentation: “Enhancing Empathy Using Simulation Technology”; Dallas, TX

AWARDS

Interprofessional Collaboration, Teaching Excellence Award, Texas A & M Health Science Center, November 16, 2022

First place, Poster Presentation, faculty mentor, Enhancing Empathy April 5, 2023

Leadership Positions

Dallas County Dental Society-Editor-Elect 2024

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Special Care Dentistry Association-2022

ADEA- 2022

Share Study Club, LLC 2016-present

AGD-2002-2012

Dallas County Dental Society- 2007-present

Greater Houston Dental Society-Oct 2001- Sept 2006

GHDS New Dentist Committee- Oct 2001- Sept 2006

American Dental Association, member 1997-present

Texas Dental Association, 1997-present

Texas Association of Women Dentists, 1997

INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Committee on the Status of Academic Professional Track Faculty, Texas A & M University-2023-2025, represent all school of dentistry faculty outside tenure track, elected to serve

Awards Committee-2021-present, Texas A & M School of Dentistry

Student Integrity Committee: 2021-present, Texas A& M School of Dentistry

Planning and Assessment Committee: 2020-2021, Texas A & M School of Dentistry

Admissions Committee-2023, Texas A & M School of Dentistry

Operation East Texas, Tyler, Texas, Texas A&M College of Dentistry-Tyler Junior College School of Dental Hygiene Collaboration; September 2015-February 2020

BAPS Care International

Stafford, TX 77477 and Irving, TX- on the *Medical Services Committee*

February 2005-2020

SKILLS

I have 22 years of experience providing dental care to patients, many of them from vulnerable and at-risk communities. Specifically, I have delivered care to most of the shelters in the Dallas metroplex and I have served patients who are homeless, victims of domestic violence, victims of sexual trafficking, recovering alcoholics and drug addicts and inmates. Additionally, I teach 3rd and 4th year dental students at Texas A & M School of Dentistry and in our extramural clinics at Agape (until 2021), North Dallas Shared Ministries, and the M.C. Cooper Clinic. I enjoy making dentures for senior citizens and have made over 100 dentures. I am a Tobacco Training Specialist and received my training through the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN, and I am also a Fellow in Compromised Care and Hospital Dentistry.