

ORAL PATHOLOGY

DR. ARIEL BLANCHARD



Dr. Blanchard is currently a second year oral pathology resident at New York Presbyterian Queens. She earned a Bachelors of Arts in American History at Barnard College in 2006. She received her dental degree from Rutgers School of Dental Medicine in 2013. Upon graduation from Rutgers, Dr. Blanchard completed a 1 year general practice residency at Coler-Goldwater Specialty Hospital and Nursing Facility in New York City, followed by a 1 year fellowship in dental oncology at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City.

DR. JAMES BURNS



Dr. Burns received his DDS degree from Virginia Commonwealth University. Prior to serving in the US Army Dental Corps stationed in San Francisco as well as Baumholder, Germany. While in Germany he received his MS in adult education from the University of Southern California. After four years in the military, Dr. Burns earned his PhD Microbiology degree and completed a residency in Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology at Virginia Commonwealth University. With his education completed he joined the faculty in 1978 and over the intervening years has risen from assistant professor, to associate professor, to full professor. He has served as the associate dean for clinical education. Since 1985 he has served and continues to serve as the chairman of Oral Diagnostic Sciences at Virginia Commonwealth University.

DR. SUBRAJ SHETTY



Dr. Subraj Shetty received his dental education at A.B.Shetty Memorial Institute of Dental Sciences, Mangalore, India. He earned a master degree in Oral Pathology from Government Dental College & Hospital, Aurangabad, India. Dr. Shetty worked as an Assistant professor at Nair Hospital Dental College, Mumbai, India for 4 years. He currently works as an Associate professor at D.Y.Patil University, School of Dentistry, Navi Mumbai, India, since past 5 years.

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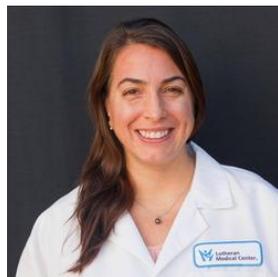
DR. MASSIMILIANO DI GIOSIA



Dr. Massimiliano Di Giosia is a graduate of the University "G.d'Annunzio", School of Dentistry - Chieti, Italy. He completed a three-year residency program in Orofacial Pain at the University of Kentucky-Orofacial Pain Center, directed by Prof. Jeffrey Okeson, in 2007 and an Orthodontic residency program at the University of Cagliari, Italy, in 2011. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Orofacial Pain and a certified "expert dentist" by the European Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine. Dr. Di Giosia was appointed clinical assistant professor at UNC in June 2015. He is responsible for clinical activity in orofacial pain, TMD and dental sleep medicine. He also focus on clinical research as well as teaching and supervising the residents of the school's new orofacial pain residency program. Prior to arriving at UNC he was in private practice - limited to orthodontics, orofacial pain and dental sleep medicine - in Italy and held a position as an Adjunct professor at the University of Cagliari, School of Dentistry, Italy.

PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

DR. JULIE CERNIGLIARO



Dr Julie Cernigliaro has strong roots in Brooklyn, her parents grew up in Bayridge near Lutheran medical center and she was born in Long Island, New York. She completed her undergraduate education at University of Delaware and took a year off to explore career options. During that year she worked as an assistant in a pediatric dental office and there, found her calling. She went on to dental school at the University of Pennsylvania where she cultivated her interest in pediatric dentistry and community health, by starting the “Penn Pedo club “ and winning the community service award upon graduation. She completed her pediatric dental training at Children’s Memorial Hospital in Chicago Illinois and during that time had the opportunity to participate in research conducted by the Brazilian dental school in Aracatuba, Brazil. The research was performing pulpotomies on live monkeys and studying the efficacy of different medication on the pulpal tissue. She was also fortunate enough to have the opportunity to complete her medicine rotation on an Indian reservation in South Dakota where she had many diverse functions. Upon graduation she pursued a career in education and private practice mentored by Dr. Silvia Perez, whom had a great impact on her both personally and professionally. She started part time as an attending at Lutheran Medical Center, Brooklyn after graduation in 2003. The rest of the time she had the opportunity to work in various private practice settings in and around Manhattan. She was able to spend some time working at the Children’s Aid society with foster children and in the schools. She finally opened a private practice with a partner in Midtown Manhattan in 2009 and currently splits her time between Lutheran and her practice. She is a proud mother of a small daughter and lives with her daughter and husband in Queens, NY. She enjoys travel and has traveled extensively around the world both for work and for pleasure. Her favorite destination is her husband’s home town of Castellammare del Golfo, Sicily where they have extensive family and visit once a year.

DR. ERICA COE



My name is Erica Coe (Hollander). I am from Bend, Oregon. I enjoy skiing, mountain biking, standup paddle boarding, and camping. I also have a passion for traveling. I traveled overseas a lot with my family and after college, I backpacked for a year in South America by myself. I completed my dental education at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU). Following graduation, I was hired at a community health clinic in Medford, Oregon. After practicing general dentistry for three years, I have decided to pursue further training in pediatric dentistry.

DR. MYRNELLE DAMAS



Dr. Damas received her dental education at the University of Maryland, Baltimore. She received her bachelors degree in Food Science and Human Nutrition with a minor in dance. Since dental school, Dr. Damas received a general practice residency certificate from Bronx Lebanon Hospital in New York. She then practiced for 3 years in New York, where her love for pediatric patients flourished. Dr. Damas is currently in her second and last year of residency at NYU-Lutheran in Arizona. Dr. Damas hopes to both teach and practice pediatric dentistry in the future.

DR. LYNN FUJIMOTO

Dr. Lynn Fujimoto attended Washington University School of Dental Medicine and received her D.M.D. in 1979. She completed a post doctorate residency in Pediatric Dentistry at University of California, Los Angeles in 1981. She has current dental licenses in Hawaii and California. She was in private practice for over 31 years at Pediatric Dentistry Associates in Pearl City, Hawaii . As a partner at Pediatric Dentistry Associates, she performed primary dental care as well as managed the dental service and facility. In 2009 she became the Associate Director of the NYU Lutheran Medical Center Pediatric Dentistry Program, Hawaii Site and in 2012 she transitioned to this position full time. Dr. Fujimoto has been a supervising faculty member and employee of the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center. Dr. Fujimoto has been involved in organized dentistry over the past thirty years, showing the ability to handle multiple tasks of private practice along with serving in volunteer organizations. She is currently the Immediate Past President of the Hawaii Dental Association and has served as Secretary, Treasurer and member of the Board of Trustees. She is the President of the Hawaii Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and past president of the Western Society of Pediatric Dentistry and received the Lewis A. Kay Award from the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry in May 2015 for outstanding Leadership and Education. Dr. Fujimoto has been awarded Fellowship in the American College of Dentists, International College of Dentists and the Academy of Dentistry International. Dr. Fujimoto has been committed to serving on medical missions to Ecuador, Guatemala and the Philippines

DR. MAHNAZ HEYDARI

Dr. Mahnaz Heydari completed her undergraduate studies at the University of California, Berkeley in 2001 with a degree in Molecular Cellular Biology. She received her Doctor of Dental Surgery at University of California, San Francisco in 2005. Dr. Heydari began her professional career providing dental care for adult, young adult, and children in a private practice in East Bay and La Clinica De La Raza in Oakland and Vallejo. At La Clinica she developed her commitment to children who face economic and cultural obstacles to essential oral health and dental care. Dr. Heydari participated in several outreach programs in Solano County where provided dental care for low-income and uninsured children. During this time, Dr. Heydari received the outstanding employee award from the Community Clinic Consortium; also she received a certificate of special recognition from congressman John Garamendi for her dedicated work in providing oral health. The six years she provided dental care for children and young adults at La Clinica helped form Dr. Heydari's commitment to pediatric dentistry. In 2012 She returned to postgraduate school and completed her pediatric residency at the Lutheran Medical Center- Rady Children's Hospital in San Diego where she was also chief resident. Since the completion of her pediatric specialty, Dr. Heydari has been treating children at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland/La Clinica De La Raza, and has joined the Solano Smile Dental Specialty group practice, and she is LMC/UCSF faculty member. Dr. Heydari was born in Iran and moved to the United States after receiving her BA. Her interests include Persian calligraphy, painting, and hiking. Being out in Nature has been a source of pleasure and peace for her. Also, She enjoys exploring different restaurants and watching movies. Dr. Heydari's message to all parents is: "Your child's health is important to us and healthy teeth play an important part in your child's development."

DR. JEREMY MORRIS

Jeremy Morris was born in Spokane, WA and raised in Riverton, UT. After graduating from high school he chose to serve a two-year religious and service mission in Taiwan where he learned Mandarin Chinese and discovered that serving others was what brought him the greatest joy and satisfaction. Upon returning to the United States, he received his BS in Exercise Science from Brigham Young University (BYU) while also working as an assistant in a pediatric dental office. He received his DDS degree from the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry where he served as president of his class. Jeremy has a natural ability to understand and relate with children. Because of that gift, he has found great pleasure in serving them and has taken every opportunity to do so. From working with children with special needs and raising money for cleft palate surgeries while at BYU to organizing and directing a bi-weekly charity pediatric clinic and annual children's dental event in dental school, he has devoted his life to caring for children and is humbled and excited to continue to do so in New York. After residency, Jeremy intends to practice in a private or non-profit setting while also starting a pediatric dental clinic in an underserved country, gradually increasing his time there throughout his career. One interesting fact about Jeremy is that he was engaged to his wife Brittany only 26 days after their first date and they were married three months after that. When he is not volunteering in church or civic events, Jeremy enjoys running marathons, cheering for his favorite sports teams, reading, and, most of all, spending time with his wife and two daughters Gracie and Lila.

DR. DAVID OKUJI

Dr. Okuji received his dental education at University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and pediatric dentistry residency certification at the University of Southern California (USC). He also has an MBA degree from Berkeley and earned a masters degree in health care management from the Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Okuji practiced as an associate pediatric dentist in Northern California for 5 years and then practiced for Saudi-ARAMCO, an international oil company for the next 5 years. After repatriating to the U.S., he was the principal of a multi-dentist, multi-specialty practice for 24 years in California. He currently operates a dental practice consulting company and serves as the Senior Associate Director-Extramural and Special Projects for the NYU Lutheran-Department of Dental Medicine. In addition to his practice management experience, Dr. Okuji is an educator and public health advocate. He is board certified in pediatric dentistry and public health, a lecturer in Oral Health Policy and Epidemiology at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine, and adjunct faculty member at the NYU College of Dentistry. His area of research is in value-based health care delivery systems.

GENERAL DENTISTRY**Special Care Dentistry****DR. VINCENT FILANOVA**

Vince Filanova DDS is the Dental Director at Whitney M Young Jr Health Services, a Federally Qualified Health Center in Albany, NY. He also provides dental services for the NYS Office of People with Developmental Disabilities at the Adirondack Clinic in Corinth, NY. He recently completed a Certificate in Health Profession Education through the University of the Pacific and also completed the American Dental Education Association/Academy for Academic Leadership's Institute for Teaching and Learning, Phase I and Phase II program. A graduate of Georgetown University School of Dentistry, Dr. Filanova has provided dental care in many different settings: private practice, nursing homes, juvenile correction centers, community health center, hospitals, institutional facilities and

mission trip. A general dentist with a focus on treating patients with special needs, he is a Fellow, Academy of Dentistry for Persons with Disabilities, Diplomate of the American Board of Special Care Dentistry. He is also an Attending Faculty member for NYU/Lutheran Medical Center residency program.

PROFESSOR CAROL FILANOVA



Carol Filanova, R.D.H. B. Tech. received her dental hygiene degree from Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, NY and attained a Bachelors of Technology in Dental Hygiene degree from State University of New York at Canton, NY. She has practice dental hygiene for 27 years. Carol currently treats patients at St. Peters Dental Clinic in Albany, NY. She has volunteered for 2 dental mission trips to Guatemala. She is an adjunct professor at the Dental Hygiene Program at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, NY.

Community and Public Health Dentistry

DR. JESSE HOLLANDER



Dr. Jesse Hollander received his dental degree from Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU). He then complete a General Practice Residency at The Queen's Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. Dr. Hollander spent his first 16 years in Kathmandu, Nepal where his parents practiced dentistry and public health medicine. Currently Dr. Hollander is completing his third year in Medford, Oregon working at La Clinica, a community health center providing care to the underserved population. Dr. Hollander has been a strong dental advocate working as a Legislative Liaison with the American Student Dental Association and currently is the president of the Southern Oregon Dental Society. He is looking forward to his move to join his wife in Hawaii next month where she will be completing her training in pediatric dentistry.

DR. SHAKALPI PENDURKAR



Dr. Shakalpi Pendurkar is part of the Healthcare team at Gardner Family Health Network in San Jose where she has been a provider of dental care to the community for over 13 years. She is an Adjunct Clinical Faculty for New York University's Lutheran Medical Center Advanced Education in General Dentistry program in California. She provides clinical supervision for residents who are graduates from different dental schools across the United States. Dr. Pendurkar also serves as Adjunct Clinical Faculty for Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health externship program and has worked extensively with fourth year dental students from A.T.Still University as well as students and interns from local dental assisting and dental hygiene schools. Dr. Pendurkar is a graduate of Emory University, Atlanta where she received her MPH degree in International Health Epidemiology. She has worked at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta where she was part of the team that collected and analyzed yearly data on the influenza virus and made public health recommendations. She is a graduate of the University of Pacific (UOP) School of Dentistry and UOP School of Education combined Certificate in Dental Education program as well as the Academy for Academic Leadership (AAL) Institute for Teaching and Learning (ITL) Scholar program. Dr. Pendurkar serves as the Chairperson for the Communications and Allied Dental Health Professionals committees at the Santa Clara County Dental Society, is a Delegate at California Dental Association and Secretary of the Executive Board of the Union of American Physicians and Dentists. Dr. Pendurkar is currently a participant in the American Dental Association's Institute for Diversity in Leadership. In her spare time she enjoys Indian classical dancing and is an avid reader.