

Health Education Campus and Interprofessional Learning

In the coming months you will be hearing
much more about the partnership
between Case Western Reserve
University and Cleveland Clinic that will
result in the creation of a 485,000
square-foot state-of-the-art Health
Education Campus. This innovative
center of health education will bring
together students and staff
from the University's schools of
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From the Craniofacial Fellowship Director

Teamwork and Collaboration Lead to Growth



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The craniofacial program graduated our second fellow in 2014 (Dr. Taba E. Hall, Director, Craniofacial and Surgical Orthodontics Indiana University). In January, we accepted a second fellow, Dr. Sorapan Smitkochorn. She is a recent graduate of the CWRU orthodontic program and has quickly made a deep impact in her

dedication to our unique patient population, her tireless effort for excellent interpersonal skills and deft clinical work. Please join me in welcoming her, as well as Dr. Michael Marolagos, a fond farewell. Michael will graduate in July after a distinguished year at CWRU.

2014 has been a productive and busy year for the program. As you are likely aware, we have been the primary providers of craniofacial orthodontic and surgical treatment at University Hospitals of Cleveland for over 30 years. We have now expanded our services to include both the Cleveland Clinic and the MetroHealth System in Cleveland. At MetroHealth, we are now the primary provider of craniofacial orthodontics. Our fellows rotate through the MetroHealth system, observing and learning different approaches employed in the management of craniofacial and surgical care. We have also started working actively with the craniofacial team at the Cleveland Clinic, providing them with clinical coverage as needed. Our services in all three health care systems include all typical phases of craniofacial orthodontics ranging from infant orthopedics to orthognathic surgery. Our program provides patient care, consultation with other health care providers and participation in cutting-edge research. We are also looking into opportunities to expand our services beyond Cleveland, and I'll share more information about that in the near future.

The management of craniofacial abnormalities provides a distinct opportunity for interprofessional learning, which is the theme of the new Health Education Camp. Craniofacial patient care involves

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not only craniofacial orthodontics but also frequent exchanges between multiple dental, medical, surgical and auxiliary services. The very definition of interprofessional education. Our patients require the care of those in pediatric dentistry, otology, orthopedics, nursing, nutrition, social work and more. We are leading the effort to find the best way to coordinate care of our patients many of whom are infants and children who will require continual care as they grow and develop. We are excited to be able to expand our clinical care and research to other health care institutions that will benefit from this approach. As the dental school continues to refine our landmark pre-dental REAL curriculum, we look forward to the opportunity for the craniofacial and surgical program to play a bigger role in the broader curriculum.

Lastly, I recognize that life can be accomplished with support from everyone involved in the program. Among the many who contribute so much, I'm delighted to welcome several new members of our department in addition to Dr. Smitkochorn, our new fellow Dr. Christopher Spoonhower, a 2003 graduate of our graduate program, has joined the faculty and is currently seeing patients at least once a month. He brings attention to detail, enthusiasm and a certain calm, all respected qualities in a teacher. Olivia Abdalrahman joined in May 2014 as program coordinator and in less than a year, has been responsible for much of our growth. Her tenacity is second to none, her empathy for patients is sincere and her desire to do the right thing at the right time is praiseworthy.

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Welcome

Olivia Abdllrasul

Program Coordinator

The transition from a career in journalism to health care has been seamless for Olivia, who has found her passion in a career focused on caring for others. A native of Northeast Ohio, she has an MBA in health care administration and hopes to make an impact on the day-to-day operations of patient care.

Sorapan

Smuthkochorn

Fellow

A native of Bangkok, Thailand, Dr. Smuthkochorn did her under

Faculty Spotlight

Terrence Wenger, DDS, MS

Dr. Terrence Wenger, clinical instructor, part of the only full-time teaching staff in the program in his region, a 1999 CWRU orthodontic graduate, is retiring from his clinical practice after 46 years. For the past decade, Dr. Wenger and his son have taught in the orthodontic program, alternating every other

Thursday. Both have been recognized by students as outstanding teachers.

Dr. Wenger completed his undergraduate degree at Adelbert College in 1962, where he earned the Willaman Award as the outstanding senior athlete. He played professional baseball for the Cleveland Indians for two years before entering the Western

Celebrating Excellence and Leadership

Late in 2013, the Dr. Mark and Susan Hans Endowment Fund was established to benefit the department of orthodontics. To date, the fund has grown over \$122,000. Your support is needed to help the fund continue to grow with the ultimate goal being the establishment of an endowed chair for the department.

In 2014, Dr. Hans celebrated 25 years of leadership in orthodontics at the School of Dental Medicine. During his tenure, enrollment has grown and programs have been significantly expanded. Dr. Hans' mentorship and training have benefited many individuals and your contribution to his fund is a tremendous opportunity to recognize his outstanding contributions to the school and the field of orthodontics.

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