

PERIODONTICS

The Department of Periodontics provides education and training for predoctoral, dental hygiene, and advanced education students in the art and science of periodontics, which encompasses the study of the supporting structures of the teeth as well as the etiology, pathogenesis, diagnosis, and treatment of diseases that affect those supporting structures. The study of periodontics helps form basic concepts of health and disease, which are applied to the treatment of periodontal diseases as well as the maintenance of dental health over a patient's lifetime—providing comprehensive dental therapy for the individual patient. In this way, the Department of Periodontics contributes directly to the School of Dentistry's academic and service mission, "to make man whole."

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