



Countdown to Accreditation February 10-12, 2015

To: UF College of
Dentistry,

We are in the final stages of preparation for the DMD accreditation site visit; February 10-12, 2015. It is right around the corner and will be upon us quickly. There

are many people who have worked diligently on the self-study report. I want to personally thank Dr. Clay Walker and Leah Gibbs for all their work and oversight. I also want to thank four staff members who volunteered to edit the second edition of the document - Karen Rhodenizer, Tammy McGee, Christina Perez and Amanda Phelps. I appreciate their efforts toward helping ensure the documents reflect the great things that we do at the UF College of Dentistry.

The self-study document tells our story and how we educate and train our students and residents. For our DMD program the story covers six standards that are set by Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

Here are the six standards and a glimpse at some of the elements of each standard:

Standard 1: Institutional Effectiveness - Describes our mission, vision and how we align with the Health Science Center and UF. We also comment on our culture and the diversity that we have and strive for. It also explains our interaction with other entities outside the university.

Standard 2: Educational Program - The largest section in the document that covers how we educate and assess our students across all disciplines and how we structure our curriculum to make sure our graduates are competent general dentists.

Standard 3: Faculty and Staff - We describe our faculty and staff and the diversity that exists. We also demonstrate how we evaluate and promote our faculty and explain our process of shared governance is provided.

Standard 4: Educational Support Services - We explain how we support our students from admissions through graduation. The section covers our student services, financial aid, health care, and general support.

Standard 5: Patient Care Services - In this section we cover topics like comprehensive care delivery, quality improvement efforts and how we apply the science of evidence based care in our clinics.

Standard 6: Research - This standard covers the college's research enterprise and how we promote and support the research interests and endeavors of our faculty and students.

The six standards cover a lot of ground and, as you can imagine, the self-study is a big document -- about 350 pages. The bottom line, for me, is that we are doing a lot of great things and should be proud of what we accomplish each and every day. When February 10 arrives, we can stand tall and be proud and reflect on the great things that make us one of the top dental schools in the nation.

Sincerely,
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