Lab Meeting Schedule
403 Salk Hall

Vieira Lab meetings are held every other Tuesday from 12:30 to 1:30.

- **April 28, 2009**
  Presenter: Emily Stevens
  Title: TBA

- **May 12, 2009**
  Presenter: Kate Quinlin
  Title: Tooth Mortality in Pittsburgh

- **May 26, 2009**
  Presenter: Lisa Babb
  Title: Detection of Early Atragsclerotic Plaques by Neck Ultrasound in the Dental Setting

- **June 9, 2009**
  Presenter: Wendy Carricato
  Title: TBA

- **June 23, 2009**
  Presenter: Steven Barket
  Title: Study of Head and Neck Cancer Curriculum in the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine

Lab News

The Critical Reviews in Oral Biology & Medicine "Unraveling Human Cleft Lip and Palate Research," authored by Dr. Vieira and published in February 2008 in the Journal of Dental Research, remains in the list of the top 50 most read articles of the journal. In this paper, a comprehensive overview of the recent advances in the understanding of the genetics behind cleft lip and palate is presented, including aspects of the defect not much discussed in the literature, such as its long term morbidity related with higher frequency of psychiatric disorders and cancer.

Published by the International and American Associations for Dental Research, the Journal of Dental Research holds the highest Impact Factor of all dental journals publishing original research at 3.496 with a cited half-life >10 years, reflecting the influential nature of the Journal’s content.


The Annual ACPA Symposium will be held from April 22-24 in Scottsdale, Arizona. Dr. Vieira is Session Chair of General Session III: The Clinical Constellation of Nonsyndromic Orofacial Clefts: Panel Discussion on Novel Research Directions for Unveiling Cleft Etiology. The goal of this session is to provide new information relative to recent advances in gene identification and its potential impact on genetic counseling. Also participating on this panel are Drs. Mary Marazita, Ariadne Letra, Renato Menezes, Bernardo J. Costello, all from the University of Pittsburgh, Seth Weinberg from the University of Iowa, and Marilyn Jones from the Children’s Hospital of San Diego. All attendees will have the opportunity to discuss recent research findings in areas such as cancer risk, craniofacial and brain morphology, and gene-environment interactions and their implications on clinical practice.

**Upcoming Events**

**ACPA Symposium**
April 22-24, 2009
Scottsdale, Arizona

**SDM Research Day**
May 13, 2009
Scalfie Hall, Auditorium 6

Keynote Speaker: Rena D’Souza, Baylor College of Dentistry

**DRDR Update**

**Recruitment Summary**

| Subjects Recruited | 1298 |
| Subjects Declined  | 123  |
| Compliance Rate    | 91%  |

**Recruitment Location**

| Module 1  | 216 | Emergency Care | 62 | UDHS | 4 |
| Module 2  | 528 | Oral Surgery   | 14 | Orthodontics | 62 |
| Module 3  | 121 | Pediatric Dentistry | 32 | Other | 54 |
| Module 4  | 73  | Implant Center  | 14 | AEGD | 15 |
| Dental Hygiene | 88 | Prosthodontics | 7 | Perio | 1 |
| Endo      | 7   |

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