Vieira Lab Newsletter

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Lab Meeting
Tuesday, June 4th
403 Salk Hall at 11am

Lab News

The Dental Registry and DNA Repository (DRDR) has enrolled its 4000th subject. The DRDR was established in September of 2006 and serves as a resource for research studies. The DRDR is database of patient DNA which is directly linked to the patients' clinical and medical histories. To our knowledge, the DRDR is the only database of its kind. So far, nine papers have been published using the DRDR as a resource. Many current studies are using samples from the DRDR and future studies plan on using the database.

The 4000th sample was collected by Victoria Sepich. Victoria has been a student researcher with the Vieira lab for three semesters. She is a junior neuroscience major with a chemistry minor and is in the Conceptual Foundations of Medicine certificate program.

If you'd like to learn more about the DRDR, you can do so here: http://www.dental.pitt.edu/vieira_lab/dental_registry.php

Recent Publications


Student Rotations

3rd-Year dental students are participating in an interprofessional experience as part of their rotations. Students shadow doctors at the UPMC Digestive Disease Center and offer dental evaluations to patients at the DDC. Studies have suggested that periodontal disease is connected to various systemic diseases, such as irritable bowel disease. This rotation aims to give the students experience to working with physicians and nurses in a hospital setting.

Recruitment Summary


DRDR Update

Recruitment Location

| Module 1 | 1003 | Emergency Care | 68 | UDHS | 8 |
| Module 2 | 1327 | Oral Surgery | 43 | Orthodontics | 150 |
| Module 3 | 483 | Pediatric Dentistry | 254 | Other | 77 |
| Module 4 | 230 | Implant Center | 15 | AEGD | 22 |
| Dental Hygiene | 249 | Prosthodontics | 32 | Perio | 13 |

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