



Lab Meeting

Thursday, January 30th
501 Salk Hall at 11am

Student Rotations

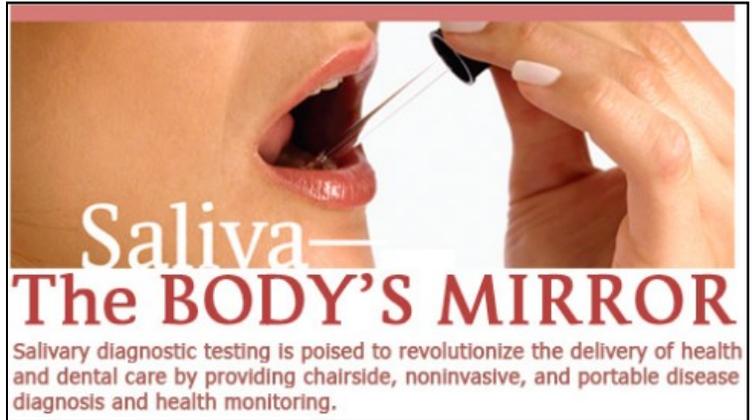
3rd-Year dental students are participating in an inter-professional experience as part of their rotations. Students shadow doctors at the UPMC Digestive Disease Center and offer dental evaluations to patients at the DDC. Studies have suggested that periodontal disease is connected to various systemic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

Recruitment Summary

Affected by Digestive Disease	51
Not Affected by Digestive Disease	51

Lab News

The DRDR will begin to use a new method for collecting saliva. In the past, saliva was collected using Oragene kits. These kits included buffers that allowed the samples to be stable at room temperature, but the kits limited the saliva to DNA extractions alone. Starting this semester, the DRDR will be collecting whole saliva and will be freezing the saliva. Clinical data matched to whole saliva, not just DNA, will provide a sample bank for many different types of assessments and hopefully attract the interest of more SDM and university studies.



DRDR Update

Tables show running totals of patient recruitment.

Recruitment Summary

Subjects Recruited	4233
Subjects Declined	640
Compliance Rate	86%

Subject Recruitment Location

Module 1	1071	Emergency Care	68	UDHS	8
Module 2	1397	Oral Surgery	43	Orthodontics	150
Module 3	508	Pediatric Dentistry	254	Other	82
Module 4	238	Implant Center	15	AEGD	22
Dental Hygiene	265	Prosthodontics	45	Perio	15
Endo	52				