Information for DS4’s
SENIOR YEAR - GENERAL INFORMATION

Senior dental students are expected to perform at a level consistent with a competencies expected of a new dentist (ADA, ADEA) when gathering data, determining a diagnosis and treatment planning (in accordance with “Competencies for the New General Dentist,” as approved by the ADEA House of Delegates on April 2, 2008). Fewer work-ups will be completed in the fourth year as most students will be completing requirements in restorative departments. The quality of your work will be the major determining factor for establishing a grade during your senior year.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SENIOR YEAR INCLUDE:

1. A week rotation each semester in Oral Diagnosis Clinic.
   Your rotation will include screening examinations and urgent care treatment. Rotations will end at spring break of your senior year. However, some of you will still have an assigned dental hygiene recall clinic after spring break. Those assignments will be distributed to you at the start of the fall semester.

   a. Participation in dental hygiene recall examinations.
      Patients seen in dental hygiene recall will receive Oral Diagnosis examinations on a 6 month, 12 month, or 24 month basis. Dental faculty members will conduct the 12 and 24 month exams and may rely on you to assist them with certain procedures. You will be conducting the 6-month exams. Certainly, if a patient is having a problem before the recall examination that will be addressed. The hygiene student should alert the DS4 or OD faculty providing recall coverage that the patient is experiencing a problem. If there are any questions, please see Dr. Panza in Clinic Operations. You will be assigned two clinic sessions of hygiene recall. If you fail to appear for the assigned clinic coverage, you will receive a failing grade for your clinical oral diagnosis grade for that particular semester. You must alert faculty and/or the OD Clinic Coordinator if you are having an emergency that prevents you from being present. Excused absences are the same as others: family emergency, illness, etc. The excused missed clinic coverage will have to be rescheduled for you in order to pass the particular clinical OD course.

   In the event there are no hygiene recall examinations for you to complete during your time in hygiene clinic, you will be available to assist any dental faculty on duty in hygiene clinic. If you are not needed for assistance you will return to OD clinic where you will either assist in radiology, or assist others on rotation, as designated by OD faculty or the Clinic Coordinator.
b. Participation in two Treatment Planning Seminars, with successful completion at 70% minimum as judged by attending faculty.

2. Successful completion of seven (7) Case Complete examinations.

   Schedule your Case Complete examinations with staff at the front desk in Oral Diagnosis. If the patient is a Type I patient and has had a recent prophylaxis in the Department of Periodontics, or if the patient is a Type II or above perio patient and has been case completed in perio, the Case Complete appointment must be completed within 30 minutes, with allowances for faculty involvement. Students with a patient for a Case Complete exam and prophy must complete the procedure in 1 hour and 30 minutes, again with allowances for faculty involvement.

   It is your responsibility to inform the OD faculty member working with you if the patient is a “Third Type I” patient per the Department of Periodontics. This must be noted for you to receive credit in the Department of Periodontics.

   In the event there is needed restorative work indicated at the time of the Case Complete exam, the student who is doing the Case Complete exam is responsible for completing the indicated procedure(s) unless otherwise determined by the Assistant Dean for Clinics or the Director of Clinics.

   **All treatment indicated on the treatment plan must be completed prior to scheduling a Case Complete examination unless otherwise determined by the Assistant Dean for Clinics or the Director of Clinics.** This means no “Case Complete Pending” examinations. You cannot schedule based on, for example, “just have to cement a bridge, deliver a partial, etc.”

3. Successful completion of the following Competency Examinations:

   Fall: Emergency Examination and Treatment
   Spring: Case Complete Examination

   In addition to your work-ups and Oral Diagnosis clinical rotation, you will perform a competency examination each semester of your Senior year. This examination will complete 25% of your final grade and must be completed at competency level (80%) in order to achieve a passing grade in Oral Diagnosis. The competency examinations must be completed by you, without assistance from other students.
COMPETENCY EXAMINATIONS

The Fall semester competency examination will consist of an evaluation of your performance in diagnosing and treating an emergency patient during your Oral Diagnosis rotation. The Spring semester competency will evaluate your performance in rendering a Case Complete Examination and prophylaxis. **Five case complete exams are required prior to your competency examination.** Case complete exams finished during Spring and Summer semesters of the Junior year and Fall of the Senior year will count towards your five exams needed prior to the Case Complete Competency examination. This examination should be scheduled by you with an Oral Diagnosis receptionist and be on one of your own patients who has a minimum of twenty teeth. **The Case Complete Competency may be performed after the fifth case complete patient.**

The Case Complete Competency may be completed during the fall semester of the senior year, but the grade obtained will not be used to determine your fall senior Oral Diagnosis grade. It will be recorded in your spring senior semester.

COMPETENCY EXAM RETAKES:

1. Must be done for fall emergency competency case complete examination **after rotation.**

2. Highest possible grade for first retake is 85. Highest possible grade for second retake is 70.

3. If a third attempt is unsuccessful, a “zero” will be recorded.

DS4 MTP REQUIREMENTS

The MTP must be completed in two months following the initial workup appointment. Failure to follow this guideline may result in a zero for your quality grade unless there is supporting documentation in the Treatment Progress Notes to adequately explain the length of time taken to complete the workup. This decision will be made by the faculty that approve the MTP.
**FALL SENIOR YEAR:** Grade Determination

20%  Quality of Work-ups  
20%  Screenings  
20%  Emergencies  
15%  Treatment Planning Seminar  
25%  Competency Exam  

Workups must be turned in to Oral Diagnosis by Friday, December 10, 2010. Please plan accordingly for Clinic Operations to get the chart to OD in order for you to meet this deadline.

**SPRING SENIOR YEAR:** Grade Determination

25%  Screenings  
25%  Emergencies  
25%  Treatment Planning Seminar  
25%  Case Complete Competency Exam  

Workups are due by Wednesday, May 25, 2011.

Any workups in excess of ten (maximum quantity) will still be used for grade determination. A critical error may still be assessed by O.D. faculty if indicated.

Successful completion of the dental hygiene clinic rotation is necessary to receive a passing grade in the semester(s) in which you are assigned to cover that clinic. This portion of your rotation is Pass/Fail per the hygiene faculty in that clinic.

**SENIOR GRADING SCALE**

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