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Location	Dental offices in Worcester area
Day One Instructions	Review dental materials and essays packet Confirm dates and times and locations with the 4 sites

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#### FCE DESCRIPTION

Medical student are seldom exposed to the role of oral health professionals like dentists and dental hygienists yet 100% of their patients will interact with those professionals. This 1 week experience will allow students to learn from shadowing and posing questions with clinical oral health team members what approaches they take with their patients, what procedures they perform, how they receive referrals from medical providers and how oral health affects overall health.

#### FCE LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of the elective, students will...

- Appreciate the significance of oral disease on overall health in Worcester and Massachusetts across the life cycle
- Have the skills to take a risk history for oral disease, counsel about oral health promotion, make appropriate referrals
- Be aware of local oral health resources for people of all ages and with various medical issues
- Learn specific procedural skills such as fluoride varnish and possibly other oral interventions including regional oral anesthetic blocks
- Team approach to oral care including how hygienists, oral surgeons, physicians can work together on issues like cleft lip and palate, caries prevention and special needs patients

UMMS Competencies	Advocate  Communicator  Problem Solver  Professional
Interdisciplinary	
Interprofessional	Dentist   Dental Hygienist   Dental Assistant
Evaluation Type	Attendance   Effort   Participation
Evaluation Criteria	Ability at the end of the week to report on 3 things they have learned that they did not know before in terms of the role of the oral health professional. Brief exit interview with Dr. Silk

Prerequisite(s)

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