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All right stop! Collaboration and listen: Brush, brush, baby!!!**Leda Regina Fernandes Mugayar**
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Research Proposals/Studies: Since 2012, the IOHC has seen around 1200 patients with an average of 20 infants per week a survey developed in collaboration with the Restorative Science Department) and the Department of Community Dentistry and Behavioral Sciences. The survey assessed the effectiveness of the IOHP in promoting student willingness to potentially offer care. The findings suggested that the IOHP is an important community resource for preventive dental care in this population while complementing the pediatric dental experience in the DMD curriculum.

Recently a new collaboration has been established with the Department of Microbiology for innovative research in infants microflora and caries development.

Patient volume: The IOHC sees an average of 20 patients/week, and once a month the whole clinic is dedicated to see RECALLS – meaning that more than 25 patients will be seen on that day. As part of the Multidisciplinary Team the clinic counts on : Pediatric Dentistry (Residents), Pediatricians (Residents), Dietitian, Speech Pathologist, Psychologist, Dental Hygienists.

Finally as a work in progress it has been planned as follows :

1. Developing a training in early care in oral health for nurses and allied health professionals directly involved with this population and their families. Train –the- trainer model will be the choice considering the cost-benefit and logistics.
2. Promote oral health care, education and assessment in the Children's Hospital wards for inpatients, such as Pediatric Oncology, Hematology as part of the general integrated health, assisted by pre-doctoral dental students and pediatric dentistry residents.
3. The IOHC would greatly benefit from having a dedicated clinic/ facility where the multi and interdisciplinary approach could be effectively and easily performed on daily clinical bases.

The implementation of a Center for Early Childhood Care would also promote excellence in the academic learning, researches and pre and postdoctoral education, having the potential to be a referral center for integrated health and growth and development.

Biography

Leda Regina Fernandes Mugayar has graduated in 1980 from the University of Campinas, Brazil and has received four different Master's degree namely in Pediatric Dentistry, Radiology and Oral Diagnosis, Preventive Dentistry and Special Care in Dentistry. She has completed Residency program in Pediatric Dentistry in Brazil in 1983 and Post-graduation program with scholarship in Pediatric Dentistry at Showa University, Tokyo, Japan. She has contributed to several chapters on special care dentistry in various textbooks in the medical, psychological and oral health areas. She has several publications in international journals and scientific magazines. She has also been a Clinical Associate Professor at the Pediatric Dentistry Department at the University of Florida, USA (2012).

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