

University of Florida  
College of Dentistry  
**2015 ACCREDITATION**  
**Update**

September 28, 2015



To: UF College of Dentistry,

Shortly after I accepted this position last year, I spoke at a UF reception during which I first met many of you. One of my remarks during the event was about our college's tradition of excellence and my prediction for continued success. That prediction and sense of confidence was anchored in the notion that preparation engenders success.

Coming aboard in the midst of our accreditation process has brought great value to these first seven months of my tenure. In addition to having to take a 'deep dive' into the accreditation process, it gave me the opportunity to work very closely with many of you. Had the pace been a little more 'normal,' I may not have had as much interaction with people across the college or learned as much about our programs.

As I have watched all of you roll up your sleeves and embrace our accreditation preparation with dedication, energy, sense of humor and a clear spirit of teamwork, I am reminded of the words of Pelé, considered by many people to be one of soccer's greatest players who said, "Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do."

Our accreditation visit is tomorrow. Let's demonstrate to our site visitors our steadfast commitment to the college. Let's also show them that we love what we do.

With kind regards,

**Isabel**

Isabel Garcia, D.D.S., M.P.H.  
Dean, UF College of Dentistry

## 2015 CODA Site Visit

### September 29-October 1, 2015

#### A few schedule highlights:

- DMD visit begins at 8am on Tuesday and concludes at 10:30am on Thursday.
- Advanced Ed visit begins at 8am on Tuesday and concludes at noon on Wednesday.
- UF President Kent Fuchs and Senior VP for Health Affairs David Guzick meet with the DMD consultants from 9:15 to 9:45am on Tuesday morning.
- The DMD students meet with the consultants on Tuesday from 12:15 to 1pm.

If you would like to know more about accreditation, we have lots of information on our website.

[Accreditation home page](#)  
[Schedule for DMD and Advanced Ed](#)  
[DMD Self-Study and appendices](#)  
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[DMD Self Study Committees](#)  
[CODA Website](#)

## Who to contact for help

If you need anything during the site visit, please don't hesitate to let us know.

**IT** - Rick Anthony

**axiUm** - Steve Kostewicz

**AV/Video conferencing** - Marc Turchin

**Catering** - Denise Webb

**Hospitality** - Michelle Watson (DMD) and Tammy Lee (Advanced Ed)

**Facilities** - Charles Lesch

**Anything** - Christina Perez, Amanda Phelps, Tammy McGee, Karen Rhodenizer