The one-year dental residency is designed to expand the graduate dentist’s knowledge of the relationship between oral and systemic conditions as well as reinforce their skills as a general dentist.

A broad range of clinical experiences are provided in the hospital setting that involve the dental residents with the medical, emotional and social problems of patients, as well as their dental care.
Residents work on a rotating basis in the Medical Center’s dental unit and are the primary providers of direct oral health care in all phases of dentistry. Residents treat both outpatients and inpatients, attend operation room dental cases and handle dental calls from the Emergency Care Unit. Under the consultation and supervision of attending dental specialists, each resident selects a nucleus of patients for whom total treatment plans are developed and implemented.

Lectures, Seminars, Meetings
Clinical lectures and seminars are designed to encourage discussions, and are scheduled approximately twice a month with prior assignments available. These sessions are coordinated with the resident’s schedule of clinical experience and department rotation. Monthly staff meeting are also held to evaluate the resident’s performance and dental education progress, including clinical conference presentations by the dental residents.

Hospital Department Rotations
Through their rotations, residents have the opportunity of working with other health professionals in the departments of emergency medicine, anesthesia, oral surgery, radiology, pathology, internal medicine.

Orientation
A comprehensive orientation for residents is scheduled for the first two days of the program to acclimate new residents to the hospital setting, dental unit procedures, rotations, emergency call, physical evaluation and inpatient care. A program manual is provided to each resident that fully describes resident responsibilities and requirements, schedules of rotation, orientation, meetings, seminars and on-call assignments.

Program Year, Stipend, Benefits
The program year is July 1 through June 30. Residents receive a stipend. Additional benefits include vacation/sick time, holidays, malpractice, disability and major medical insurance, leave and stipend for continuing education, free parking, and lunch.

Application and Selection
Applications will be accepted from August 1 through January 1. Applicants can use the PASS application format. Candidates will be selected for interviews upon receipt of their completed application.

Additional information can be obtained by writing the program director or contacting the medical staff office at 610-378-2445.

Accreditation
The general practice residency program is fully accredited by the Council on Hospital and Institutional Dental Services of the American Dental Association.

About the Hospital
Penn State Health St. Joseph is a 204 bed, acute-care facility located in Reading, Pennsylvania. Over 390 physicians serve on the active medical staff, and over 1500 hospital employees provide the skilled health and support services for quality patient care.