
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

NAME: Keri Discepolo, DDS, MPH

POSITION TITLE: Chair Pediatric Dentistry, Program Director Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Education

INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE	Completion Date	FIELD OF STUDY
New York University College of Dentistry	DDS	05/2001	Doctor of Dental Surgery
Yale New Haven Hospital	Certificate	10/2008	Pediatric Dentistry
Columbia University	MPH	10/2012	Master of Public Health

A. Personal Statement

After completing the residency in Pediatric Dentistry at Yale New Haven Hospital I continued on as teaching attending faculty. In this role I provided care to pediatric dental patients while at the same time teaching residents, physicians, and allied health personnel. One of the most rewarding accomplishments I achieved at YNHH was the introduction of oral health care into the medical primary care setting. After successfully obtaining two grants from HSHC, the Early Infant Oral Health Visit program gained momentum and has subsequently become an integral part of the well child visits in the YNHH primary care clinics.

During my time as a dental faculty at University of Connecticut, I was director of the combined Master of Public Health and Pediatric Specialty training program. I also served as director of Connecticut Children's Medical Center Dental Department. At Boston Children's Hospital I served as Director of Operating Room Administration, while also serving as an associate attending, and faculty member of Harvard School of Dental Medicine. Coursework provided during this time was in both dental materials, social determinants of health and oral health advocacy.

Currently my role at Boston University School of Dental Medicine has been focused on pediatric dental resident education and development of the Post Graduate Pediatric Dental program. During the past year I have worked to improve the didactic coursework, creating a comprehensive curriculum, and developed assessments which encourage knowledge development in the specialty of pediatric dentistry. Concurrently I have been working on improvement of the delivery of care over the four post-graduate clinical training sites. Some of my accomplishments include, development of the Boston Medical Center dental operating room program, medical primary care immersion and co-location project, collaboration with the orthodontic program to create an interceptive orthodontic program for pediatric and orthodontic residents. Future goals include the improvement of post-doctoral and pre-doctoral education in pediatric dentistry, and creation of a pediatric and adult special needs clinic. Collaboration with my colleagues at Boston University has been instrumental in these successes in the past few years, and I will continue to work to further develop these relationships.

Along with these professional roles, I intend to continue performing research. Research areas of interest include social determinants of health, access to care, and utilization of health care. My

intention with these research areas is to inform programs which aim to bring about structural change and improve access to care for all patients.

B. Positions, Scientific Appointments, and Honors

HONORS

2009- American Board of Pediatric Dentistry, Board Certification

2017-2027 American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, Fellow

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

2008-15 Associate, Yale New Haven Hospital Pediatric Dental Department

2015-17 Dental Director, Connecticut Children's Medical Center (CCMC)

2015-17 Director MPH/Pediatric Dental joint program, University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine (UConn)

3/2019-21 Director of Operating Room Operations Boston Children's Hospital (BCH), Harvard School of Dental Medicine (HSDM)

10/2021- Post Graduate Pediatric Dental Program Director BUGSDM

1/2022-22 Ad Interim Chair Pediatric Dental Department BUGSDM

1/2023- Chair Pediatric Dental Department BUGSDM

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

10/2008-7/2015	Lecturer	Department of Pediatrics	Yale University School of Medicine
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9/2015-7/2017	Faculty Member	Department of Dentistry	Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital
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9/2015-7/2017	Assistant Professor	Craniofacial Sciences	University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine
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10/2017-10/2021	Instructor	Developmental Biology	Harvard School of Dental Medicine
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10/2017-9/2021	Faculty Member	Department of Dentistry	Boston Children's Hospital
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10/2021-Present	Clinical Associate Professor	Pediatric Dental Department	Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine
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C. Other support

2021-25 Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Grant D88HP28505, Team-based Oral Health Care for Vulnerable Populations: Integrated Training, Practice and Leadership, PI: Keri Discepolo, Total Award: \$ 1.8 million

2024- 26 Deborah Munroe Noonan Memorial Research Fund, Project Title: A Pilot Project To Facilitate Dental Care And Reduce Barriers For Children And Adolescents With Disabilities, PI: Keri Discepolo, Total Award: \$159,943.88