Nassau University Medical Center offers electives in General Dentistry as well as Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. The mission of Nassau University Medical Center is to meet the needs of dental professionals who are committed to lifelong learning. Students examine patients with the staff and residents and have the opportunity to participate in discussion, diagnosis, and treatment planning. Students will:

• Gain competence in evaluating patients with oral and orofacial problems.
• Become familiar with dentistry and its subspecialty areas by observing patient care, hospital rounds, seminars, and teaching conferences.
• Gain exposure to didactic material through seminar participation and library assignments.

GENERAL DENTISTRY ELECTIVE
Course Director: Steven G. Pergola, DDS
Duration: 4 weeks

OBJECTIVES
• To expose the student to some of the special skills and expertise necessary to practice the scope of General Dentistry.
• To familiarize the student with some of the applied clinical sciences and how they impact on the practice of general dentistry (i.e. anesthesia, medicine, surgery).
• To experience the applied clinical practice of General Dentistry with respect to patient load (i.e. outpatients, inpatients, emergency room patients).
• To evaluate patients systematically to determine acceptable candidates for either outpatient or inpatient dental procedures.
• To interact effectively with other hospital-based health professionals in a team approach towards patient care.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE
The student will have the opportunity to attend the outpatient clinic, inpatient clinic, rounds, patient history and physical assessment, operating room cases, and all didactic conferences and lectures. The student will be directly supervised by the General Dentistry residents and/or an attending. The student will be given limited patient responsibility, under supervision, commensurate with his/her clinical skills and demonstrated competence.

DIDACTIC EXPERIENCE
Weekly conference schedule as posted at time of elective.

EVALUATION METHODS
Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) driven evaluation forms.

ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY ELECTIVE
Course Director: Kevin Penna, DDS
Duration: 4 weeks

GOALS
A four-week experience in examination and evaluation of patients with a wide variety of oral complaints encompassing outpatient clinic, in-patient service, ward rounds, operating room, and emergency care. The student will be exposed to oral pathology, management of oral disease, maxillofacial surgery, repair of traumatic injuries to the teeth and jaws and concepts of oral health. This elective will include the operating room, ward rounds, and emergency dental and maxillofacial treatment.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES
• To expose the student to some of the special skills and expertise necessary to practice the scope of oral surgery.
• To familiarize the student with some of the applied clinical sciences and how they impact on the practice of oral surgery (i.e. anesthesia, medicine, surgery).
• To experience the applied clinical practice of oral surgery with respect to patient load (i.e. outpatients, inpatients, emergency room patients).
• To evaluate patients systematically to determine acceptable candidates for either outpatient or inpatient surgical procedures.
• To interact effectively with other hospital-based health professionals in a team approach towards patient care.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE
The student will have the opportunity to attend the outpatient clinic, inpatient clinic, rounds, patient history and physical assessment, operating room cases, and all didactic conferences and lectures. The student will be directly supervised by the R3/R4 oral surgery residents and/or an attending. The student will be given gradual patient responsibility commensurate with his/her clinical skills and demonstrated competence.

SUGGESTED READING MATERIAL
Massachusetts General Hospital Manual of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Edited by R. Bruce Donoff, DMD, MD

DIDACTIC EXPERIENCE
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EVALUATION METHODS
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HOW TO APPLY
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