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Biography

Dr. Fariba Younai is a Professor of Clinical Dentistry in the Section of Oral Medicine and Orofacial Pain in the Division of Oral Biology and Medicine. In 1997 she joined the faculty of UCLA School of Dentistry, where she currently serves as the Vice Chair of the Division of Oral Biology & Medicine and Section Chair of Orofacial Pain & Oral Medicine.

Dr. Younai obtained her dental degree from the School of Dental Medicine at State University of New York at Stony Brook in 1985. After completing her training in Hospital Dentistry at Long Island Jewish Medical Center in New York, she joined the faculty of New York University (NYU) College of Dentistry in the Division of Basic Sciences. There, she was appointed as an Assistant Professor (1990-1996) and then an Associate Professor of Basic Sciences (1996-1997) and served as the Director of Hospital Dentistry, Special Patient Care and Oral Medicine from 1990 to 1997.

Educational & Professional Background

- D.D.S., State University of New York at Stony Brook, 1985
- Hospital Dentistry Certificate, Long Island Jewish Medical Center, 1986
- Geriatric Dentistry Certificate, David Geffen UCLA School of Medicine, 2005

Research & Interests

Dr. Younai's research interests are focused on oral health issues in HIV infection. Some of her collaborations have included projects such as: Health Costs and Services Utilization Study HCSUS, Oral Health/Care Disparities in HIV Minority Populations, Intraoral Effects of Methamphetamine Use, Oral Health and Local Immune Status of HIV Positive African American Women, Role of Oral environment in HIV Transmission, and Oral Health Delivery to Women, Adolescents and Children at Risk for HIV Infection. Dr. Younai is a faculty of the American Academy of HIV Medicine and has developed the oral health curriculum for physicians specializing in HIV Medicine. As a faculty of the Pacific AIDS Education and Training Centers,

she is actively involved in developing and conducting clinical training programs for community HIV/AIDS care providers. Since 2002, she has been a Commissioner for the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV and has co-chaired the Commission's Standards of Care Committee. In that capacity she has played an active role in the development of the County's Continuum of HIV Care and the Treatment and Prevention Standards for the Ryan White-funded providers of the core medical and supportive services in Los Angeles.

Dr. Younai has contributed to the development of several dental treatment guidelines for HIV positive patients including the guidelines developed by the American Dental Association, the New York State AIDS Institute and the Pacific/Western States. Dr. Younai is a recipient of a number of awards including the 1997 NYU Harry Strusser Memorial Award and the 2009 UCLA Academic Senate Distinguished Teaching Award. She currently is the Director of the Oral Diagnosis Clinic and the Orofacial Pain and Oral Medicine Faculty Practice at UCLA School of Dentistry.

Professional Memberships

Dr. Younai is a member of the International/American Association for Dental Research, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, the American Academy of Oral Medicine, the American Academy of HIV Medicine, the American Dental Education Association, the New York Academy of Sciences and the Epocrates and the British Medical Journal Group Author Program.

Additional Information

Courses Taught

- System1, Cardiovascular, Respiratory & Renal Systems (OSD102). Co-Chair and Lecturer
- Oral & Systemic Diseases 3 (OSD 203). Co-Chair and Lecturer
- Oral Medicine - Internal Medicine I (DS452b) & II (DS452c). Chair & Lecturer
- Dental Issues and Systemic Diseases (CJT453s). Co-Chair & Lecturer
- Clinical Evaluation II (CJT401b). Chair & Lecturer
- Oral Medicine - Therapeutics (DS483c). Chair & Lecturer
- Oral & Systemic Diseases 1, Block 0. Faculty
- Oral and Systemic Diseases 2, Block 7. Lecturer.
- System2 (OSD103), Gastrointestinal& Endocrine Systems. Lecturer
- System3 (OSD104), Hematopoietic & Immune Systems. Lecturer
- Oral Diagnosis clinical block (CL403.27s,a,b,c). Chair
- Oral Medicine clinical block (CL403.04). Co-Chair

Patient Care Activities

Dr. Younai has an Oral Medicine Practice in the UCLA Orofacial Pain and Oral Medicine Faculty Practice. In her practice, she provides comprehensive evaluation and management of a wide range of oral soft tissue diseases such as mucocutaneous and immunologic disorders, premalignant conditions and salivary gland diseases.