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## EVENTS

The IADR/AADOCR/CADR General Session & Exhibition is happening now! Be on the lookout for a special post-meeting newsletter hitting your inbox in early April.



**AADOOCR**  
American Association for Dental,  
Oral, and Craniofacial Research

## 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

NEW YORK, NY, USA • MARCH 12-15, 2025

54<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AADOOCR

49<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CADR

**SAVE THE DATE**

# PUBLICATIONS

## Journal of Dental Research



→ Latest Issue

→ Submit a paper

## JDR Clinical & Translational Research



→ Latest Issue

→ Submit a paper

## Online First!

- “Neighborhood Deprivation and Changes in Oral Health in Older Age: A Longitudinal Population-Based Study” by Suruchi Gajanan Ganbavale. *Journal of Dental Research*  
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/00220345231224337>
- “Single-Cell Transcriptomic Analysis of Salivary Gland Endothelial Cells” by Melinda Larsen. *Journal of Dental Research*  
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/00220345231219987>
- “Injectable Tissue-Specific Hydrogel System for Pulp-Dentin Regeneration” by Marco Bottino. *Journal of Dental Research*  
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/00220345241226649>

## JDR CTR Call for Scientific Advisory Board Members 2025-2028

### Call for Nominations

*JDR Clinical & Translational Research (JDR CTR)* is seeking nominees to serve on the *JDR CTR* Scientific Advisory Board (SAB), January 2025-2028.

*JDR CTR* is seeking nominees with geographic diversity to represent the IADR membership and *JDR CTR* authors and readers, in particular nominations are encouraged from Scandinavia, Latin America, Asia, Middle East, and Africa. Nominees should have expertise in research involving populations, clinical, or applied human and translational research.

### Roles and responsibilities

SAB members will be expected to:

- Review a minimum of six manuscripts per year submitted to the *JDR CTR* as invited reviewers by the Editor-in-Chief and the Associate Editor.
- Participate in *JDR CTR* peer review training sessions.



- Serve as regional SAB representatives to support reviewer recruitment and peer reviewer training webinars.
- Regional representatives will be invited to submit topics for Perspectives articles.
- Support diversity, equality and inclusion activities and strategies to increase the gender, ethnicity, and geographical representation of authors and SAB members.
- Advise the editorial team as we establish regional patient involvement groups/public contributors.

## Statement of interest

Nominations for *JDR CTR* SAB are asked to submit a statement of interest and a CV to Lily Knol, [lkno1@iadr.org](mailto:lkno1@iadr.org) by **July 1, 2024**. Decisions will be communicated to nominees in September 2024.

## NEWS

### Submit Your Nominations for IADR & AADOCR Leadership Positions

Help determine the future direction of IADR and AADOCR! We are currently seeking nominations for several different positions of volunteer leadership. Click on the links below to view the details on who is eligible, how to submit a nomination, and deadlines.

**IADR Nominations:** <https://www.iadr.org/about/iadr-leadership>

**AADOCR Nominations:** <https://www.aadocr.org/about/aadocr-leadership>

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### Apply Today to the AADOCR MIND the Future Program!

AADOCR's Mentoring an Inclusive Network for a Diverse Workforce of the Future (MIND the Future) Program is designed to build a vibrant and inclusive community of investigators whose participation is vital to advancing dental, oral, and craniofacial research and improving the oral health of our nation.

The primary goal of this NIDCR-funded program is to establish a mentoring network that will support the professional development of a diverse pool of early career investigators, including those from groups identified as underrepresented in the biomedical, behavioral, clinical, and social sciences (see [Notice of NIH's Interest in Diversity](#)).



To learn more about the program, visit: <https://www.aadocr.org/awards/mind-the-future> The deadline for applications is **May 6, 2024**.

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## AADOOCR Strides in Science



### Louise Dornelas-Figueira

University of Florida, Gainesville

*The emphasis on establishing a mentoring network, and the combination of learning, support, personal growth, inspiration, and the potential for long-term success makes participating in AADOOCR Mind the Future Program an exciting and fulfilling endeavor, and it was perfectly aligned with my career aspirations and goals.*

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## CTP and NIDA Announce the Continuation of the Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health (PATH) Study

On February 5, the FDA's Center for Tobacco Products (CTP) and NIH's National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) announced the continuation of the [Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health \(PATH\) Study](#) through the award of a contract to Westat. The continuation of the PATH Study, through this third contract, provides further opportunities for researchers to use study data to advance knowledge about tobacco use and its impact on health.

[Read the Statement.](#)

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## CTP Releases Five-Year Strategic Plan

On December 18, 2023, CTP Director Brian King published a statement about the release of the center's comprehensive strategic plan. The new strategic plan outlines CTP's programmatic and workforce initiatives for the next five years.

[CTP's Strategic Plan](#) defines five goals, 10 outcomes, and several corresponding objectives. As outlined in the goals and outcomes in the plan, the center is collectively committed to issuing impactful regulations, using robust science to inform application reviews, pursuing timely and impactful compliance and enforcement strategies, and educating the public about the risks of tobacco products. CTP will also continue to invest in staff by advancing operational enhancements and

supporting the further development of the center's highly qualified, inclusive, and high-performing workforce.

[Read Dr. King's Statement.](#)

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## Research Day - University of Michigan School of Dentistry

On Thursday, February 15, the University of Michigan School of Dentistry carried out its annual Research Day to celebrate the students, postdoctoral trainees, staff, and faculty members who generate new knowledge in the school's research labs and clinics.

More than 160 posters were on display, illustrating the school's research themes: Cancer Biology & Therapeutics; Clinical, Population, and Educational Research; Craniofacial; Skeletal Biology & Disease; and Tissue Engineering & Regenerative Medicine. This year's keynote speaker was Dr. Rena D'Souza, Director of the NIDCR.



[View the event program.](#)

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## Earn CE Credits at the IADR Webinar & CE On Demand Library

### Featured Content:

- [Basic Methods in Survey Design](#)
- [Peptides and Their Mimics: Next-generation Multifunctional Therapeutics?](#)
- [New Workforce Models of Oral and Dental Care to Support Global Oral Health and Universal Health Coverage](#)



## Submit a Webinar Proposal

AADOCR is currently accepting proposals for webinar ideas for 2023. Webinar proposals are subject to review and approval by the appropriate IADR committee. Webinar content should be organized around a cutting-edge topic and planned to be no more than 60 minutes (including a Q&A/discussion period). Any requests for additional time outside of the standard allotment of 60 minutes must be made at the time of submission for the committee to evaluate.

For more information and to submit your proposal, visit: <https://www.iadr.org/form/webinar-series-proposal-form>.

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## Show Your Support with AADOCR Gear

AADOCR represents you—the multidisciplinary scientists who work every day to advance dental, oral, and craniofacial research. Show your support with style!



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## Other Events



### ASK ME ANYTHING (AMA)



**TOPIC:** Revolutionizing Oral Health From the Individual to Society

**DATE:** **May 31, 2024** at 1 p.m. ET

**WHERE:** IADR Community Discussion Thread

**EXPERT:** **Alejandra Garcia Quintana**

Research Coordinator  
UTHealth Houston

Questions? Ask them by emailing [communityadmin@iadr.org](mailto:communityadmin@iadr.org) by May 30, 2024.

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## ARPA-H Hits the Ground Running with Sprint for Women's Health

As part of the first-ever White House Initiative on Women's Health Research, First Lady Jill Biden and ARPA-H Director Renee Wegrzyn announced the [ARPA-H Sprint for Women's Health](#), a new funding opportunity to address unmet challenges in women's health.

**ARPA-H's Sprint for Women's Health** will commit \$100 million to fundamentally change the trajectory of women's health care and radically accelerate the next generation of discoveries.

- The sprint is the first major deliverable of the [White House's Initiative on Women's Health Research](#), which was announced in November 2023 and led by Dr. Biden and the Gender Policy Council.

In the coming weeks, specific topics developed by ARPA-H Program Managers will be announced as part of a new request for solicitations (RS) funding opportunity. The RS will solicit ideas for novel, groundbreaking R&D to address women's health and opportunities to accelerate and scale tools, products, and platforms with potential commercialization to improve women's health outcomes.

[Learn More.](#)

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## FUNDING

### Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Program

The Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Program (AMFDP) offers four-year postdoctoral research awards to faculty from historically marginalized backgrounds.

AMFDP is looking for junior investigators who are positioned and committed to:



- Developing careers and achieving senior rank in their fields;
- Fostering the development of succeeding classes of physicians, dentists, and nurses from historically marginalized backgrounds; and/or
- Improving the health of underserved populations or eliminating health disparities.

Find out more by visiting [www.amfdp.org](http://www.amfdp.org) or viewing the [Call for Applications](#).

The deadline to apply is **Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** at noon.

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## Latest NIH & NIDCR Funding Opportunities and Notices

The NIH and NIDCR provide many funding opportunities for scientists interested in dental, oral, and craniofacial research. Get the [latest NIDCR news](#) online. To view a full list of NIH funding announcements, visit: [grants.nih.gov/funding/index.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/funding/index.htm).

### Notices of Funding Opportunities

[Notice of Extension to PAR-21-317: NIDCR Behavioral and Social Intervention Clinical Trial Planning and Implementation Cooperative Agreement \(UG3/UH3 Clinical Trial Required\)](#)

Release Date: March 1, 2024

[Notice of Extension to PAR-21-160: NIDCR Clinical Trial Planning and Implementation Cooperative Agreement \(UG3/UH3 Clinical Trial Required\)](#)

Release Date: February 29, 2024

[Notice of Extension to PAR-22-068: Continuation or Revision of NIDCR Clinical Trial Implementation Cooperative Agreement \(UH3 Clinical Trial Required\)](#)

Release Date: February 29, 2024

[Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health \(BIRCWH\) \(K12 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#)

Release Date: February 26, 2024

[Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\): Research supplements to promote workforce diversity and enhance utility and use of Common Fund datasets](#)

Release Date: February 23, 2024

[Notice of Information: Modifications to the NIDCR Special Council Review Procedures](#)

Release Date: February 23, 2024

[INCLUDE \(INvestigation of Co-occurring conditions across the Lifespan to Understand Down syndromE\) Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Fellow Transition Award \(F99/K00 Clinical Trial Not Allowed\)](#)

Release Date: February 22, 2024

### Notice of Change

[Notice of Change: Extension of PAR-21-233 "Blueprint Neurotherapeutics Network \(BPN\): Biologic-based Drug Discovery and Development for Disorders of the Nervous System U44"](#)

Release Date: February 9, 2024

## Featured Funding Opportunities

[Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research \(Admin Supp - Clinical Trial Not Allowed\) \(PA-23-189\)](#)

Application deadline: May 8, 2026

### **NIDCR Director's Postdoctoral Fellowship to Enhance Diversity in Dental, Oral and Craniofacial Research**

Applications reviewed on a rolling basis.

### **FDA Funding Opportunities**

View the current [FDA Center for Tobacco Products funding opportunities](#).

### **NIH National Institute on Aging Funding Opportunities**

Visit the [NIA's Grants and Funding web portal](#) and view the current [NIA funding opportunities](#).

## DONATE

Consider making a tribute gift and donating to the [AADOCR New Investigator Research Development Fund](#)! This program will support an annual \$10,000 award to recognize original research by new investigators, which will help them fund their post-doctoral research, establish their laboratories, or prepare their research for publication.



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