



Dear Students/Residents:

Representatives of the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation will soon be visiting the dental education and advanced dental education, and allied-education program(s) offered by your institution. Accredited dental and dental-related education programs are reviewed periodically by peers in education and the profession with the intent of assisting the program(s) in analyzing its function, effectiveness and identifying ways and means by which its endeavors can be strengthened. As part of its on-site evaluation, the Commission will conduct student/resident interview(s) to which all students/residents are invited to participate.

This interview is a very important part of the Commission's fact-finding process. You are encouraged to be candid with the visiting committee. All information disclosed during the student/resident interview(s) remains strictly confidential. Any action that the Commission may take on the program's accreditation status as a result of the accreditation process will not affect students/residents currently enrolled in the program. All students/residents who matriculate in a Commission-accredited program, and successfully complete the program, are considered graduates of a Commission-accredited program regardless of any change in accreditation status that might occur prior to graduation.

Topic areas that the Commission's visiting committee may wish to discuss during the student/resident interview(s) include:

- Due Process
- Student/Resident Evaluation
- Curriculum
- Facilities and Resources
- Teaching Responsibilities
- Rights and Responsibilities of Student/Resident
- Patient Care Services
- Administration of Program
- Research Opportunities
- Faculty and Staff

Please be prepared to discuss your views regarding all aspects of your educational experiences. Consult with your program's dean/administrator as to the scheduling of the student/resident interview(s). The Commission's representatives look forward to meeting with you and discussing your educational experiences.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James R. Cole II, D.D.S." with a stylized flourish at the end.

James R. Cole, II, D.D.S.  
Chair, Commission on Dental Accreditation