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Medical-Dental Integration During Pregnancy

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Anastasia Coutinho, MD, MHS

Physician, La Clínica de La Raza

Anastasia Coutinho is a full-scope family physician with a passion for providing equitable services to patients and their families. She has a niche in reproductive health, including prenatal care, and works to mitigate the health disparities that exist among Californians. She graduated from the University of Vermont College of Medicine and completed residency at Sutter Santa Rosa, which partnered with Santa Rosa Community Health, a federally qualified health center. She has worked at La Clínica de la Raza in Concord, California for the past five years. In her spare time, Ana loves to travel and hike along the California coast.

Monica MacVane-Pearson, DMD

Associate Dental Director, Fruitvale Dental Clinic, La Clínica de La Raza

Monica MacVane-Pearson graduated from the McGill University Faculty of Dentistry in 2005 and went on to attend the AEGD program at University of the Pacific; Arthur A Dugoni School of Dentistry. In 2006 she began working as a staff dentist at La Clínica de la Raza, Oakland California, a large Federally Qualified Health Center. In 2008 she became the director of one of La Clínica's 12 dental clinics. Since 2020 Dr. MacVane-Pearson has served as the Deputy Dental Director, while still maintaining patient care two days a week. Monica loves to travel in her spare time, and has participated in dental volunteer trips to Nepal, Kenya, and Guatemala.

Lisa Berens, DDS, MPH

*Professor and Chair, Division of Oral Epidemiology and Dental Public Health, University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) School of Dentistry
Co-Investigator, California Oral Health Technical Assistance Center (COHTAC)*

Lisa is a professor in the Department of Preventive & Restorative Dental Sciences and the Chair of the Division of Oral Epidemiology & Dental Public Health at the UCSF School of Dentistry. She is also part of the San Francisco LOHP and co-lead of CavityFree SF.

Jayanth Kumar, DDS, MPH

State Dental Director, Office of Oral Health, California Department of Public Health

Dr. Kumar was appointed as the California State Dental Director in August 2015. He is a board-certified specialist in dental public health and a former director and president of the American Board of Dental Public Health. Before joining the California Department of Public Health, he was state dental director in New York where he held multiple positions. His role as program director and manager has been defined by a strong commitment to elevating oral health as a priority in the state's health agenda.