

Organisational Overview

[UCL Eastman Dental Institute](#) (EDI) is a division within the Faculty of Medical Science (FMS) which is part of the School of Life and Medical Sciences (SLMS) at University College London (UCL). According to the QS ranking, it is consistently rated as one of the top ten dental schools in the world. It is the largest postgraduate dental school in Europe and has a reputation as one of the world's leading academic centres for dentistry. EDI's main activities are research and education in the field of oral healthcare sciences. Our mission encompasses education, academic enquiry and the advancement of knowledge with the aim of:

- Benefiting society by encouraging a healthy lifestyle, preventing oral disease, and improving patient care by application of education, research and clinical skills.
- Providing the highest quality educational and training experiences for graduates on taught and research programmes.
- Advancing the dental profession.

EDI works closely in the furtherance of its mission with the Eastman Dental Hospital (EDH), part of University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (UCLH), and other local healthcare providers.

In October 2019, EDI will be relocating from its present locations at 123 and 256 Grays Inn Road to new premises on the Bloomsbury and Royal Free Hospital campuses. The clinical and teaching functions will be moving to refurbished accommodation in Bloomsbury that will provide the most up-to-date facilities for students and staff in close proximity to the new Royal National ENT and Eastman Dental Hospitals in Huntley Street. Research activities at EDI, other than that involving direct contact with patients and human subjects, will be relocating to state-of-the-art facilities within the UCL Campus on the Royal Free Hospital site in Hampstead, London. This will bring together researchers of the present Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering and Microbiology and provide the opportunity for direct collaboration with the UCL Divisions of Surgery and Infection and Immunity as well as the development of new fundable research that may be allied directly or indirectly to oral health and disease.

[UCLH NHS Foundation Trust and Eastman Dental Hospital \(EDH\)](#)

University College London Hospitals (UCLH) NHS Foundation Trust is one of the largest and most complex public sector organisations in the UK. The Trust provides high quality accident and emergency, general medical and general surgical services to the people who live, work and take recreation in north central London. In addition, the hospital group is home to many specialist

services that attract patients from all over the UK. The Trust employs approximately 6,200 staff who treat close to 60,000 patients per annum in hospital either as inpatients or day cases, and also sees nearly 500,000 outpatients each year. The Trust includes the Acute and Specialist Hospitals Board.

The Eastman Dental Hospital functions as a Directorate within the Specialist Hospitals Board of UCLH. The activities of the Directorate include outpatient care and inpatient care as well as multidisciplinary and interface clinics in a range of clinical settings and with partner organisations. The Hospital manages the care of approximately 88,000 outpatient attendances per annum. The majority of outpatient care is currently provided within the Eastman Dental Hospital at 256 Grays Inn Road with inpatient and day case work being undertaken on the main UCLHT campus. This will be relocating to Huntley Street in Bloomsbury in October 2019. The Hospital also has schools dedicated to high quality training of members of the dental team including Dental Nurses, Hygienists, Therapists and Dental Technicians.

[UCL Eastman Dental Institute - education](#)

The popularity of UCL Eastman as a centre for postgraduate study derives from the close personal contact with enthusiastic clinicians who are interested in the latest techniques for treatment. The training is therefore intense, and of a very high quality, focused and practical, and with UK Specialist Advisory Committee approval where relevant.

Our team of teachers have a mixture of clinical practice and academic backgrounds and have a progressive, hard-working, friendly and collaborative attitude. All clinical units have a strong teaching and clinical record.

Students find their interests, individual needs and abilities readily identified and catered for and supported by intense practical training, participative seminars, didactic teaching and individual tutorial contact with teachers - many of international standing.

The Eastman Continuing Professional Development (CPD) unit provides challenging short courses for all members of the dental team in modern teaching facilities.

Some of our successes in education include:

- UCL Eastman was the first dental school to receive the Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education.
- Over 10,000 dentists from 18 countries registered for on-line continuing professional development (CPD) via the British Dental Journal.
- UCL- UCL Eastman staff have authored more than 55 textbooks - amongst the largest number per head of staff worldwide.
- Our employees commit to participating on Advisory Boards of many journals of oral health/dentistry and allied subjects.

UCL Eastman Dental Institute Research <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/eastman/research>

We sustain our research income from major research councils including EPSRC, MRC, NIHR, and charities including Wellcome, ARUK and BHF. We also undertake collaborative research with

industry, which enables us to work with high quality research teams across the UK, UCL and in other prestigious universities in the UK and internationally.

The research environment is particularly rich with opportunities for both clinical translational research, as well as for basic science in collaboration with the research departments within EDI and the wider UCL community.

The Institute was highly ranked within the Unit of Assessment 3 (Dentistry) having 85% of its activities rated 3* or 4* (as compared with 60% in RAE 2008). UCL Eastman achieved the highest corrected GPA in UK Dentistry and has one of the strongest NIHR funded translational portfolios in Dentistry. A recent Rand citation analysis indicates that UCL (i.e. EDI plus Dental Public Health) as number 2 for world leading publications in the UK in Dentistry and number 1 for the partner NHS organization.

(See: http://www.rand.org/pubs/research_reports/RR1363.html)

The Eastman is also renowned for innovation in developing new clinical techniques and products, including diagnostics markers, therapeutic treatments and dental materials. The Eastman has played a prominent role in pioneering the introduction of new clinical disciplines, as well as creating new academic units.

The Eastman is one of only two to have an oral health theme within an NIHR Biomedical Research Centre (BRC).

The present position is intended to enhance the research of the Institute taking advantage of our new facilities on the UCL campus of the Royal Free Hospital.

Administrative Structure of UCL Eastman Dental Institute

The Institute currently comprises research departments focusing on Biomaterials & Tissue Engineering; Microbial Diseases; and Clinical Research and educational departments for Restorative Dentistry (Prosthodontics, Endodontics and Periodontics); Craniofacial Growth and Development (Orthodontics and Paediatric Dentistry); Maxillofacial, Medicine and Surgery (Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, Oral Medicine and Special Care Dentistry); Continuing Professional Development; and a Professional Services Team for operational and academic support.