

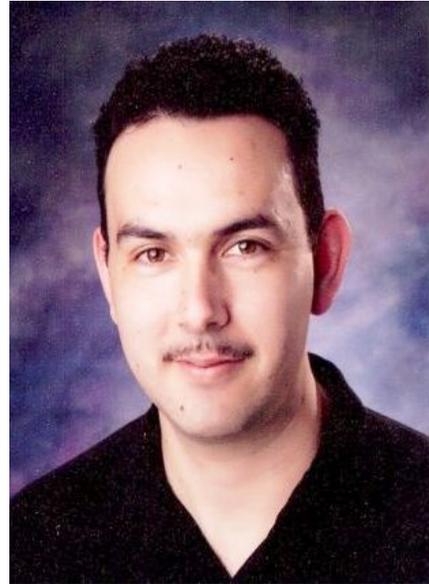
Division of Dental Hygiene

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Lecturer 2

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Education

- Master of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene, University of New Mexico (2010)
- UNM Center for Development and Disability, Department of Pediatrics, LEND (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities) fellowship (2009-2010)
- Bachelor of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene, University of New Mexico (2008)
- Bachelor of Arts Degree in Spanish with minor in Psychology, University of New Mexico (2005)

Teaching

Elmer Gonzalez teaches several dental hygiene courses including Oral Pathology, special care in dental hygiene, clinical dental hygiene, and coordinates outreach field experiences for both junior and senior students to enhance their overall knowledge and clinical skills when working with special populations.

Research

Elmer has conducted research in the area of disabilities and other oral health related issues. He is also interested in conducting more research to improve oral health among populations with special needs and Latino/ Hispanic communities.

Clinical

Elmer has practiced clinical dental hygiene in different settings, including private practice and public health. His passion for dental hygiene has increased in public health and teaching. He is dedicated to improve the overall health of people with disabilities by increasing knowledge and skills among support staff and caregivers as well as training dental hygiene students during outreach experiences to treat people with disabilities. He currently works as a clinical dental hygienist at Carrie Tingley Dental Clinic in conjunction with the National Health Service Corps to improve the oral health of underserved populations.

Service and Awards

Elmer is an active member of the American Dental Hygiene Association, the New Mexico Dental Hygiene Association and the American Dental Education Association.

Elmer was inducted to the Sigma Phi Alpha dental hygiene honor society in 2010. He was also selected in 2010 to present his research at the ADHA/Dentsply graduate research poster presentation awards. While completing his Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene his awards included the NMDHA “Best Theme” table clinic award, the NMHDDS “Best Presentation” table clinic award in 2008 and the United Concordia award for outstanding clinical performance in 2007.