Psychosomatic Dentistry

Lecture (Code: 0691, 1st-year: 4units, 2nd-year: 2units)
Practice (Code: 0692, 1st-year: 2units, 2nd-year: 2units)
Lab (Code: 0693, 1st-year: 2units)

1. Instructors
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2. Course Description and Timetable
   There are many patients who have ‘medically and psychiatrically unexplained symptoms’ in clinical dentistry. These symptoms are called “Oral Psychosomatic Disorders”. It is not uncommon to see the patients with these conditions, so there is a growing need for proper treatment of the disorders from both sides of doctors and patients. It is important to have identity as a dentist on practice of psychosomatic dentistry. Therefore we have advanced strengthening of human resource development. In particular, we focus on cultivation of dentists who can be readily applied their knowledge of psychosomatic medicine to clinical practice. And we are working towards establishment of ‘Psychosomatic Dentistry’. Also regarding education for graduate student, we focus on clinical practice for development of dentists who have great skill in psychosomatic dentistry.

   Lecture
      Goal/outline
      1) Study on pathophysiological mechanism of oral psychosomatic disorders
      2) Psychosomatic study on oro-facial medically and psychiatrically unexplained symptoms
      3) Brain imaging of oral psychosomatic disorders
      4) Psychopharmacological study on oral psychosomatic disorders
   Available programs:
      Lecture      any time
      Special Lecture      any time
      Seminar      any time
      Journal Club      any time
      Conference      17:00~18:00 every Tuesday

3. Format
   Hold a small class in principle and discussion as occasion demands

4. Venue
   Ask to contact person before the class
5. **Grading**
   Totally evaluate the degree of participation, understanding, and so on

6. **Notes**
   Intend to hold some special classes about ‘mind’ and ‘consciousness’ from a viewpoint of brain science and to visit psychiatry ward