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Dr. Emma Jeffrey joins the Piedmont Regional Dental Clinic

ORANGE, VA -- Emma Jeffrey, DMD, is creating smiles at the Piedmont Regional Dental Clinic (PRDC) in Orange, VA.

Dr. Jeffrey joins the very successful team at PRDC, which now has two fulltime dentists and a full-service facility and staff, serving eligible Virginians with low-cost dental services.

Dr. Jeffrey, 33, is delivering a full range of dentistry services at the clinic, from preventative work to extractions, restorations, denture/partials, crown and bridgework.

Prior to coming to the PRDC, Dr. Jeffrey was associated with Primary Care Health Services, where she directly managed a satellite dental clinic. In addition to performing clinical procedures at McKeesport Clinic in Pittsburgh, PA, she provided a wide range of dental care for pediatric and adult patients. Before that, she worked at Debbie Lewis, DMD Family Dentistry, also in Pittsburgh. She is experienced in digital radiography and electronic clinic management.

"I have a keen interest in public health and specifically oral health," said Dr. Jeffrey, "A key to maintaining overall physical health is to pay attention to good oral hygiene and diseases of the mouth."

"Often, families with low or fixed income delay or ignore this important area of their health. We want to change that, especially among children, and start them on a lifetime of good oral hygiene," she said.

Kelli Mitchell, PRDC executive director said, "We are delighted to have Dr. Jeffrey join our team. Her presence is another landmark in the steady growth that has characterized the clinic since its opening last year. We are already benefiting not only from her clinical skills, but her educational capabilities within the community."

When attending dental school, Dr. Jeffrey participated in the Student Community

Outreach for Public Education (SCOPE) and completed externships at community health centers, performing comprehensive evaluations, preventive and restorative procedures.

It was there that she realized that she developed an interest in community-based health. She was shocked at the number of people in need of the most basic dental care.

“That taught me about the unmet need for dental services in the community. People were so grateful when they realized what proper dental care could do for them. And I guess I am rewarded knowing that I am providing a valued service that they otherwise might not be able to afford,” she said, “So it’s a two-way street.”

“It is important that families receiving services have high-quality care but also be treated with dignity, no matter what their financial situation,” said Dr. Jeffrey, “That’s at the center of what we provide here at PRDC.”

Dr. Jeffrey received her Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine in 2009. She was graduated from the University of Maryland in 2005 with a bachelor’s degree in Biological Science.

Dr. Jeffrey received an award from the American Association of Public Health Dentistry in 2009. She lives in Midlothian, VA.

The PRDC is dedicated to providing low-cost dental services to underserved residents of Virginia. The clinic website is www.vaprdc.org and general inquiries can be sent to smiles@vaprdc.org.

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NOTE: A print-quality image of Dr. Jeffrey can be downloaded at http://www.vaprdc.org/images/mug_dremmajeffrey1.JPG

