

Crystal McIntosh, D.D.S., M.S. is a board-certified periodontist and serves as a tenured associate professor and director of the Division of Periodontics at Howard University College of Dentistry. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Howard University in 2000, her Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) degree from Howard University College of Dentistry in 2006, and her Master of Science (M.S.) degree in periodontology from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry in Detroit, Michigan, in 2009.

McIntosh is a diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology and an active member of several professional organizations, including the American Academy of Periodontology, the American Board of Periodontology, the American Dental Education Association, and Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Dental Honor Society.

As director of the Division of Periodontics, McIntosh is dedicated to advancing periodontal education, mentoring future dental professionals, and promoting excellence in patient care. In addition to her academic responsibilities, she maintains an active private practice in the Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia (DMV) area, where her practice is limited to periodontics. Her clinical expertise includes routine periodontal therapy, periodontal plastic and esthetic surgery, regenerative periodontal procedures, and dental implant placement.

McIntosh's research interests focus on the relationship between periodontal disease and systemic health, with particular emphasis on diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and pregnancy outcomes. She has authored and co-authored several peer-reviewed scientific publications and has presented her research at local, regional, and national professional meetings.

Committed to service beyond the classroom and clinic, McIntosh participated in international dental mission trips to Haiti and Nigeria from 2013 through 2016. Alongside teams of dental students, she provided oral health education and delivered much-needed dental care—including extractions, prophylaxis, and preventive services—to underserved communities in Ti Rivier, Haiti, and Enugu, Nigeria. These experiences reflect her enduring commitment to improving access to oral healthcare and serving vulnerable populations.

While McIntosh takes great pride in her professional accomplishments as an educator, clinician, researcher, and humanitarian, she considers her greatest achievement to be her role as a devoted wife and mother. She remains passionate about advancing the specialty of periodontics, mentoring the next generation of dental professionals, expanding access to quality periodontal care, and pursuing new opportunities for leadership, scholarship, and service.