

Gail Cherry-Peppers, D.D.S, M.S. is professor and director of Oral Diagnostics, Radiology and Community Services at the Howard University College of Dentistry. She is also in private practice. The portfolio of courses includes, Dental Public Health, Ethics 1 and 2, and Principles of Medicine, Internal Medicine, Advanced Radiology, Summer Radiology and Introduction to Clinical Dentistry.

Cherry-Peppers oversees a large part of HUCD's student community outreach and cultural event activities. Several activities include RAM in Waldorf, Md. And Knoxville, Texas, Virginia and Tennessee, Free Clinic of Virginia, Lynchburg, Jamaica Mission Trips and So Others Might Eat (S.O.M.E). Students participate in more than 30 cultural and community service events biannually. These events include Health Fairs, Mission Trips externships, community chronic disease and treatment events, and clinical rotations in underserved areas across the US. More than 10,000 patients have been seen on the Mission trips spear-headed by Cherry-Peppers and her faculty team over the past 3 years. The team took the students on rotations during the most severe time of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Cherry-Peppers oversees day-to-day clinical operations in oral diagnosis and radiology and Screening Clinics, patient intake and radiology. More than 200 students rotate annually. Additionally, the Clinically Ill and Aging Program, (CIAP) Clinical Rotation provides students the opportunity to re-enforce the treatment of Geriatric, medically compromised and patients who are disabled. She also monitors post-doctoral dental students.

Cherry-Peppers retired military from the US Public Health Service as a Captain, where she worked at several HHS Agencies, (NIH, HRSA, FDA) as a Dental Clinical Consultant with focus on the oral manifestations of chronic disease and population sciences. Cherry-Peppers has been the lead Oral Medicine Specialist on the AIDS Education and Training Center (AETC) Dental Section, she has led numerous initiatives. Cherry-Peppers had leadership and service roles in projects encompassing women's health, Tobacco Use and Oral Health, HIV, Million Hearts and Chronic Diseases in minority segments.