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## Profile

Master of Science in Epidemiology (second year) student with a background in Paediatric Dentistry and experience in both public and private healthcare settings. Demonstrated leadership as a Resident Tutor, supervising paediatric dentistry residents in clinical and research activities. Contributed to community-based oral health programs by working with diverse teams and local organizations to enhance dental care access in underserved communities. Strong foundation in epidemiology and public health, with a specific focus on preventing non-communicable diseases. Passionate about improving food environments to drive better health outcomes at population level

## Education

### Master of Science - Epidemiology

Feb, 2024 - Present

The University of Melbourne

- Achieved H1 (81.25/100)
- Awarded Bicentenary scholarship (Peru) for high academic performance
- Relevant course work: Biostatistics, Epidemiology I & II, Health Policy, Foundations of Public Health, Regression Methods in Health Research, Survival Analysis & Regression for Rates, and Population Oral Health

### Specialist Degree in Paediatric Dentistry

Apr, 2016 - May, 2018

Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia

- Conducted research and authored three publications on clinical and preventive paediatric dentistry, exploring early dental care in infants with cerebral palsy, developmental dental defects, and malocclusion treatment. Findings were published in peer-reviewed journals

### Degree of Dental Surgeon

Jan, 2008 - Dec, 2014

Universidad Nacional de Altiplano

- Ranked in top ten of graduating cohort for three consecutive academic years
- Conducted research and authored a paper on dental eruption in relation to nutritional status ; published findings in an indexed journal

## Relevant Experience

### Resident Tutor - Paediatric Dentistry Specialization Program

Nov 2021 - Dec 2023

Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos (UNMSM), Lima, Peru.

- Led and mentored two cohorts of paediatric dentistry residents, fostering development of both clinical and academic skills by coordinating resident activities and guiding through challenging clinical cases daily

- Fostered a collaborative learning environment by facilitating weekly team meetings, improved resident communication and problem-solving skills

### **Paediatric Dentist**

Apr 2021 - Dec 2023

#### **Ministry of Health - Hospital Nacional Hipolito Unanue, Lima, Peru.**

- Increased clinical expertise by performing 4 surgical procedures per month in operating room, daily oral health screenings for 10 newborns, and treating an average of 8 paediatric patients per shift
- Developed strong teamwork skills by collaborating with multidisciplinary teams, contributing to comprehensive care of newborn and paediatric patients
- Demonstrated ability to work under pressure, managing multiple tasks such as clinical, academic, and administrative activities simultaneously

### **General Dentist**

May 2014 - Apr 2015

#### **Rural and Marginal Urban Health Service - Ministry of Health, Puno, Peru**

- Adapted to challenging conditions, prioritizing patient care based on urgent needs in resource-limited settings
- Designed and executed a dental care access program, providing preventive services to school students beyond primary health centre, reaching an average of 4+ kindergartens, 4+ primary schools, and 4+ secondary schools
- Appointed as interim coordinator, assuming team leader responsibilities, supervising daily activities of 9 staff members, and coordinating with local authorities

### **Key Skills**

- Computer: Adobe Photoshop, Excel, Word, PowerPoint
- Data analysis and statistics software: SPSS - STATA V.18
- Language: Spanish (Native), English (Advanced C1), French (Basic), Portuguese (Basic)
- Active participation in community and wellness initiatives

### **Awards and Recognitions**

- Led team of paediatric dentistry residents won Best Clinical Case Award at the National Congress of the Society of Paediatric Dentistry (2022), achieving recognition for clinical excellence and innovative treatment approach

### **Volunteering**

- Volunteer Dentist: Mission Smile, Peru 2017 - 2019

Offered multidisciplinary care for 50+ patients with cleft lip and palate during medical campaigns executed in three hospitals, partnering with specialists to ensure comprehensive treatment and follow-up

- Volunteer Educator: Ministry of Culture - National Library, Peru Aug 2019 - Feb 2020

Guided information sessions on dental caries prevention for children, collaborated with caregivers to promote oral hygiene, and organized cultural activities tailored for young audiences

### **Professional Memberships and Development**

- Member: International Association of Paediatric Dentistry (IAPD) and the Developmental Dental Defects (D3) group

### **Activities and Interests**

- Sports: Active participation in running events
- Language Learning: study and practice of foreign languages to broaden cultural understanding and communication skills