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## Meet The Speakers



### Meet Dr. Charles Shuler

Dr. Chris Shuler, former Dean of UBC Dentistry (2007–2017), is now a professor of oral pathology in the Department of Oral Biological and Medical Sciences. Previously, he spent 18 years at USC, directing the Center for Craniofacial Molecular Biology and serving as Associate Dean for Student and Academic Affairs. With degrees in biochemistry (B.S., Wisconsin), dentistry (D.M.D., Harvard), and pathology (Ph.D., Chicago), along with specialized oral pathology training, Dr. Shuler diagnoses and manages oral tissue lesions. His research focuses on the molecular regulation of secondary palate development.

### Meet Dr. Randa Soussou

Dr. Randa Soussou, Assistant Professor at UBC and pediatric dentist at BC Children's Hospital, specializes in caring for children with complex needs using tailored approaches like sedation and clinical hypnosis. A Fellow of the Royal College of Dentists of Canada, she earned her BDS in 2001 and an M.Sc. in Pediatric Dentistry from UBC in 2018.

Dedicated to teaching and research, Dr. Soussou mentors students, coordinates courses, and focuses on improving pediatric oral health care. She is an active member of professional organizations and remains committed to advancing the field of pediatric dentistry.



### Meet Dr. Jay Chan

Dr. Jay Chan grew up in the North Burnaby area. He graduated from the UBC Faculty of Dentistry in 2014. During his time at dental school, he participated in dental mission trips to Honduras and Nepal along with surgical externships in New York City and New Orleans. While as a student, he practiced in Hayriver, Northwest Territories. He was the recipient of the top prosthodontics student award in his graduating class. Upon graduation he practiced in Saskatchewan for several years. He currently resides in East Van where he and his wife Sharon are attempting, successfully at times, to raise their school aged daughters Amelia and Olivia.



### Meet Dr. Ally Kassam

Dr. Ally Kassam is a compassionate dentist dedicated to exceptional patient care in a welcoming, supportive environment. He prioritizes patient education, empowering informed decisions for optimal oral health.

A University of Toronto graduate with Honour Standing (1997), Dr. Kassam completed a General Practice Residency in Connecticut before settling in Vancouver in 1998. He has served as a clinical instructor at UBC and currently teaches at VDEC.

With expertise in dental implants, extractions, and periodontal surgery, Dr. Kassam focuses on personalized care to ensure positive outcomes for his patients.



### Meet Dr. Wilson J Kwong

A graduate of the Faculty of Dentistry at UBC. Dr. Kwong is based in Vancouver where he founded his successful Oakridge practice, as well as Inspire Dental Group – a growing dental brand. Dr. Kwong is also the founder of VDEC for new dentists. He was previously a clinical instructor at the UBC Faculty of Dentistry and a respected lecturer for Nobel Biocare and Ivoclar throughout North America.





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## 2025 DATES

**Tuesday, February 25: 6pm - 9pm**  
**Location: Rogers Building 5th Floor**  
**1077 W. Cordova**  
Oral Pathology  
Dr. Charles Shuler

**Tuesday, March 18th: 6pm - 9pm**  
**Location: Rogers Building**  
Pedodontics  
Dr. Randa Soussou

**Tuesday, April 29th: 6pm - 9pm**  
**Location: Rogers Building**  
Surgery  
Dr. Jay Chan

**Tuesday, June 3rd: 6pm-9pm**  
**Location: Rogers Building**  
Perio Surgery  
Dr. Ally Kassam

**Tuesday, June 24th: 6pm-9pm**  
**Location: Rogers Building**  
Hands-On Ivoclar

**Year End Dinner - June 2025**  
TBD

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