



### **Greene, Bernstein Dental Residency Program receives seven-year accreditation**

Dental services staff in Greene and Pitt counties are proud to announce the recent accreditation of their advanced residency program from the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

Greene County Health Care's (GCHC) Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency Program in Snow Hill and Pitt County received a seven-year accreditation after a day-long evaluation process. The day-long visit was the culmination of a six-month process during which staff and providers completed pre-visit and administrative requirements.

Evaluators determined that the local program meets the same educational standards as an American Dental Association-certified Dental School residency program. Both Greene Dental Services in Snow Hill and James D. Bernstein Dental Services in Pitt County are part of the GCHC system of medical and dental providers in eastern North Carolina.

The GCHC dental program allows recent dental school graduates to spend a year at a GCHC dental site to participate in intense training in both the clinical and classroom settings.

"Our first class of residents is scheduled to graduate in about seven weeks," says Rob Doherty, D.D.S., GCHC's Chief of Dental Services. The next class starts July 1.

"GCHC was provisionally accredited for the advanced residency program a year ago so we could start with our first class," Dr. Doherty says. "The recent seven-year accreditation is essentially CODA's blessing for our continued dental residency program. To receive accreditation without recommendations or suggestions is quite an honor."

GCHC Inc. is a group of six community health center sites that provide medical, dental and behavioral health care in Greene, Pitt and Pamlico counties.