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About

Thomas Dietrich is Head of the Department of Oral Surgery in the School of Dentistry.

Thomas is a clinical researcher/epidemiologist in Dental Medicine, particularly in the fields of Oral Surgery and Periodontology.

He has received research grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH/USA), the National Institute of Health Research (NIHR/UK) and the European Union.

Qualifications

- Honorary Fellowship in Dental Surgery, Royal College of Surgeons, 2008.
- Doctor medicinae, Charité, Humboldt University, 2003.
- Master in Public Health, Harvard University, 2002.
- Medicine, Charité, Humboldt University, 2001.
- Doctor medicinae dentariae, Charité, Humboldt University, 1997.
- Dentistry, Charité, Humboldt University, 1995.

Biography

Thomas Dietrich studied Dentistry and Medicine at Charité, Humboldt University in Berlin. He trained as an Oral Surgeon and worked with the Departments of Periodontology and Oral Surgery at Charité Berlin.

In 2001 he was awarded a scholarship by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) to study quantitative methods at the Harvard School of Public Health, where he graduated with an MPH in 2002.

In 2003 he joined the Department of Health Policy and Health Services Research and Department of Periodontology at Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine as Assistant and later as Associate Professor, where he pursued his interest in oral epidemiology and clinical outcomes research.

He was appointed Professor of Oral Surgery at the University of Birmingham in 2007.

Teaching

- BDS.
- MSC Advanced General Dental Practice

Postgraduate supervision

Thomas is interested in supervising doctoral research students in the following areas:

Clinical outcomes research in dentoalveolar surgery and implantology, in particular in methods to reduce morbidity after lower third molar surgery.

Links between oral disease/interventions (in particular in Periodontology and Oral Surgery) and systemic conditions (cardiovascular disease and rheumatoid arthritis).

If you are interested in studying any of these subject areas please contact Thomas on the contact details above, or for any general doctoral research enquiries, please email: dr@contacts.bham.ac.uk or call **+44 (0)121 414 5005**. (mailto:dr@contacts.bham.ac.uk) or call +44 (0)121 414 5005.

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Research

RESEARCH THEMES

- Clinical epidemiology, outcomes research, clinical trials.
- His research focus is on clinical and epidemiologic research on determinants of oral diseases and oral health outcomes and their interactions with systemic disease, in particular cardiovascular and rheumatic diseases, as well as the efficacy and effectiveness of dental treatment modalities, particularly in Oral Surgery and Periodontology.

Publications

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