

Donald Nixdorf DDS, MS

Dr. Donald Nixdorf is an Associate Professor at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry, within the Division of TMD & Orofacial Pain. He graduated from the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Alberta, Canada, then completed a residency in Hospital Dentistry at The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, a fellowship in Anesthesia at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, and an Orofacial Pain fellowship at the University of Alberta. Most recently he completed a Master of Science in Clinical Research within the School of Public Health at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN. Dr. Nixdorf's clinical interests include the diagnosis and management of chronic orofacial pain disorders, including temporomandibular disorders (TMD), headache disorders and neuropathic pain, such as Trigeminal Neuralgia. He practices within a multi-disciplinary group of pain clinicians (i.e., Health Psychology, Neurosurgery, Pharmacy, Otolaryngology (ENT), Physical Therapy, and Dentistry) who provide integrated patient care. Dr. Nixdorf's research explores orofacial pain-related issues associated with diagnosis (e.g., development of criteria, imaging, screening questionnaires), epidemiology, (e.g., determining predictive factors, assessing impact), mechanisms (e.g., sensory testing, functional imaging), and treatments (e.g., medication trials, cost-effective studies).

