

## Leadership Profile



### **Dr. Ordoñez** **Dental Director**

In 2008, Dr. Felipe Ordonez joined the Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center as a staff dentist. After just eight months he was promoted to Associate Director of the dental department and was named the department's Director in October 2010. As Director, Dr. Ordonez oversees the daily operations of the health center's three dental clinics and supervises over two dozen staff members. He also provides direct patient care, bringing over fifteen years of dental experience to the health center's patients including expertise in restorative, cosmetic and prosthodontic (dentures, bridges, etc.) dentistry.

Dr. Ordonez's passion for dentistry started as a child growing up in Peru. His father, who is also a dentist, ran a practice out of the family's home. Inspired by what he saw, Dr. Ordonez decided to pursue a career in dentistry. He attended Cayetano Heredia University in Lima, Peru where he not only received his DDS but also completed a fellowship in prosthodontics. Dr. Ordonez spent nine years in private practice in Lima, Peru, and also served as an assistant professor at his alma mater before relocating to the United States.

In July of 2005, Dr. Ordonez began an Advanced Education in General Dentistry residency at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, Connecticut. After completing the program, Dr. Ordonez joined the Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center. He also returned to teaching, serving as an associate clinical professor for the same residency program he had just completed.

When Dr. Ordonez isn't educating his students, he is working hard to educate his patients as well as the people in the communities the health center serves. That's because Dr. Ordonez believes that education is the key to improving oral health. Dr. Ordonez finds that many people put their oral health last. He believes that is because people do not understand how important oral health is. His goal is to change that through patient and community education.