

Scholarly Activities:

Dr. Mukhopadhyay's principal research focus involves investigation of the role and interaction of various peptide growth factors and transcriptional regulators, whose collective interplay can regulate neural tube and neural crest development, midfacial ontogenesis and palatogenesis. His specific research interests are to examine the role of the nuclear transcriptional regulators, coactivators and corepressors in craniofacial growth and anomalies, to analyze the role of growth factors like TGFßs and BMPs in orofacial development as well as characterization of the various transcription factors and their role in normal orofacial growth. He has used DNA microarray technology to establish comprehensive "mRNA and microRNA expression profiles" of developing murine orofacial tissue and of developing neural tube to identify important candidate microRNAs and their targets - regulating palatogenesis and neural tube development, respectively.

His current research projects for which he has been awarded NIH funding investigate, employing a combined bioinformatic and molecular approach: (1) the interaction between differentially-expressed miRNAs and their target mRNAs, as well as to define the role of those miRNAs in regulating key processes required for normal orofacial and neural tube development (2) the epigenetically-regulated, differentially expressed candidate genes central to normal orofacial development and also, to identify and characterize the differentially-methylated genomic regulatory elements governing the expression of such candidate genes.

His additional research projects investigate: (1) Developmental neurotoxicity of prenatal arsenic and environmental tobacco smoke exposure (2) Epigenetics and Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.

Grants:

Role: Co-PI Co-PI: Guy Brock

Co-I: Ratnam Seelan; Ted Kalbfleisch

Title: "Integrated Analysis: Epigenetic Regulation of Gene Expression During

Orofacial Development."

Funding Agency: NIH/NIDCR Direct Costs Funded: \$175,000

Role: Co-I / Subproject Director

PI: Robert M Greene

Co-I / Subproject Director: Guy Brock

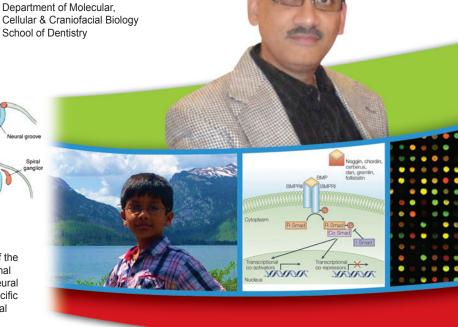
Title: "Molecular Determinants of Developmental Defects" - Center of

Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE)

Subproject Title: "Integrated Analysis of RNA Expression During Orofacial

Development."

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Publications (2013-2014):

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External Professional Activities (2013-2014):

Ad-hoc reviewer:
Reproductive Toxicology
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