

**DEPARTMENT OF STOMATOLOGY
AT THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE,
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This issue of Scripta Medica includes papers based on research projects carried out at the Department of Stomatology at St. Anne's Teaching Hospital of the Faculty of Medicine in Brno. The current organization and activities of the department go back to the traditions of the First Dental Clinic founded in 1923 and Second Dental Clinic established in 1960. The present department was opened at St. Anne's Hospital in 1999 to provide outpatient dental care services in several specialised units. In addition to treating patients, the staff of each unit are also involved in research. In conservative dentistry, research is focused on endodontics. Paediatric Stomatology pays attention to caries prevention in children. The periodontology unit makes use of conservative and surgical techniques with an emphasis on secondary prevention. The oral surgery unit provides not only routine surgical services but also highly specialised reconstructive procedures with the application of dental implants and pre-treatment with special biomaterials. For more demanding care, a dental day-stay unit is available. These novel techniques and their application are also the main topics of ongoing research. The activities of the prosthetics unit are associated with dental implantology using modern prosthetic materials, metal-ceramics and special impression materials.

In addition to dental care services, the Department of Stomatology, is as part of the Faculty of Medicine, responsible for the education of undergraduate students. It provides courses in all specialties of dental medicine, with the exception of oral surgery, for about 200 students of dental medicine and courses in stomatology for all students of general medicine, including foreign students, at the Brno Faculty of Medicine.

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