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- Honorary Professor Leeds and Jordan Universities

Education Tara Renton (Specialist in Oral Surgery) is a dentist with a particular interest in trigeminal nerve injuries and pain. She completed her dentistry at Guys (1984), Oral and Maxillofacial surgical training in Melbourne (1991), undertook a PhD in Trigeminal Nerve injury at KCL (1999-2003) and senior lectureship at QMUL (2003-6). Over the past 20 years at KCL Tara has developed;

- Education programmes
 - UG teaching of dental students modernising the Oral Surgical teaching with minimal access approach and modern LA techniques.
 - Supervised/supervising 14 PhDs
- Research
 - In collaboration with Imperial College, UCL, Oxford University, Centre neuroscience imaging centre IOPPN, Wolfson Institute Tara has established an international leading programme of trigeminal nerve injury and orofacial pain research publishing over 290 peer reviewed articles and grants from MRC, Grunenthal, Pfizer, Brit Pain Society.
- Service
 - Tara leads the Kings Health Partners Orofacial Pain Service seeing patients involving oral surgery and medicine, neurology, neurosurgery, ENT, pain management, clinical psychology and liaison psychiatry. Tara has set up two patient facing websites first a patient lead initiative resulted in the development of the [Trigeminalnerve.org.uk](https://www.trigeminalnerve.org.uk) a website advising both patients and clinicians in preventing and managing iatrogenic nerve injury in relation to dentistry and a website for patients with chronic trigeminal pain (www.orofacialpain.org.uk). Tara is currently developing an online orofacial pain diagnostic tool using AI in Beta phase (Faceyourpain.org).
- Policy & awards
 - Tara Led the patient safety for dentistry Chair for tool kit in prevention wrong site surgery in dentistry
 - Chair M3M parameter of care guidance for FDS RCS Third molar guidelines published 2020 (<https://www.rcseng.ac.uk/dental-faculties/fds/publications-guidelines/clinical-guidelines/>)
 - Member of the International classification of orofacial pain guideline group published Jan 2020 (<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32103673/>)
 - ACCEA Bronze National Award 2010-2021
 - Awarded Honorary Fellowship American Association Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS) Sept 2017
 - Won "José Luis Ferrer Award" from the Spanish Society of Craniomandibular disorders and Orofacial Pain (SEDCYDO) 2019
 - Sydney University visiting Chair Noel Martin Award 2018-2020
 - Distinguished Speaker Invitation Tuttleman Family Foundation and the Temple University Department of Periodontology and Oral Implantology 2020
 - Invited Sir Thomas Kay Sidney Visiting Professor, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Otago 2021
 - Invited Steven Graff Radford Lecture Keynote American Society Headaches 2020
 - Award for Developmental Research by IMPARTs team Kings College London 2023. This reflects Tara's novel approach to a holistic approach in patient care by integrating psychosocial assessment and treatment of orofacial pain patients.

- Invited Honorary Professor University of Jordan 2023-
- OBE New year Honours Awards 2025 for services to dentistry
- Visiting Chair Orofacial Pain Leeds University 2026
- Spanish Society of Oral Surgery (SECIB) International Award 2026 SECIB. This distinction is conferred annually to individuals who have made exceptional and internationally recognised contributions to the field of oral surgery.

Tara is on the Dental Update Editorial Board, she has co-edited the BDA clinical manuals for Oral Surgery Books I and II and editor for the BDA Orofacial Pain for the dental team book. Tara was an elected member of the RCS England FDS Board RCS Eng 2010-2019, she was Chair of the Oral Surgery SAC 2019-2023. She is an invited member National Advisory Board for human factors in dentistry, Wessex Pain Consortium, Global Nerve Institute Research Panel and she is a Past President of the British Association Oral Surgery.