

Mert N. Aksu, DDS, JD, FCLM is an Associate Professor, Department of Patient Management, was named Dean of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry on July 1, 2008. At the UDM School of Dentistry, he has served as a faculty member and administrator since 1993. Aksu earned a B.S. in Biological Sciences and Psychology from the University of Michigan Dearborn, a Masters in Health Services Administration, a D.D.S. from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry, and a J.D. from Wayne State University. Aksu is a former attending staff of Henry Ford Health Systems, a member of the State Bar of Michigan, and is a Fellow with the American College of Legal Medicine and a member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon, the Dental Honor Society. The new dean has held numerous administrative positions at the school, including associate dean for clinic administration and most recently executive associate dean.

Through his strong leadership, he began a number of activities to further the mission of UDM and the school. He was the founding chairperson of the Department of Patient Management, enhanced community outreach opportunities, and fostered an environment of patient care, based on a comprehensive care model.

Through strong collaboration with faculty and staff, the School strengthened the delivery of oral health care and implemented a state-of-the-art electronic patient record system. Aksu was responsible for creating the vision for what is today the new location of the School at the Corktown Campus on Martin Luther King Drive. The future has never looked better as the new dean has helped position the dental school for strong growth in educating additional dental professionals and providing care for more patients who are underserved.

Dr. Aksu serves as an advisor to Delta Dental and Blue Cross Blue Shield and numerous law firms throughout the state of Michigan, Dr. Aksu also maintains a private practice in general dentistry in Farmington Hills MI.