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Kavita P. Ahluwalia is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Dentistry at Columbia University's School of Dental and Oral Surgery. Dr. Ahluwalia earned both her DDS and MPH from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and completed a residency in Dental Public Health at the Veterans Administration in Perry Point, MD.

Dr. Ahluwalia's primary research interests include oral cancer early detection, feasibility and utility of non-dental providers for the provision of oral care in the elderly, oral health related quality of life in the elderly and tobacco control in diverse populations. In addition to assessing the oral cancer prevention curriculae of US Medical Schools, Dr. Ahluwalia has assessed the oral cancer practices and opinions of older adults in Central Harlem and is currently studying oral cancer risk in South Asian Seniors in New York City. Dr. Ahluwalia works on a project funded by the American Legacy and W.K. Kellogg Foundations to implement tobacco control measures in eleven communities across the nation, and has served on a project funded by the RWJ Foundation's Addressing Tobacco in Managed Care Initiative. She is Principal Investigator on a study designed to assess the utility of training home care workers to provide oral health services to homebound elderly in Northern Manhattan and another study to determine the relationship between oral health status and functional status in homebound seniors. Both these studies are funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.