



## NIDDK P30 Center for Molecular Studies in Digestive and Liver Diseases Research Seminar



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### ***“Spatial Structuring of Polymicrobial Oral Biofilms”***

**Thursday, September 14, 2023**

**12:00 – 1:00 PM EST**

**901 Biomedical Research Building**

**Lunch is provided, all are invited.**

**901 Biomedical Research Building or <https://pennmedicine.zoom.us/j/92006253598>**

As a dentist-scientist trained in microbiology and clinical dentistry, Dr. Zhi Ren joined Penn Dental Medicine in 2019 as a postdoctoral fellow. His research focuses on understanding how bacterial and fungal pathogens interact in the oral cavity to form sticky dental plaque (biofilm) on teeth that cause severe tooth decay in toddlers. Dr. Ren has the unique distinction of being a double winner of the 2021 Hatton Award at both the American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research and the International Association for Dental Research. Hatton award is the most prestigious research competition that recognizes outstanding young dental scientists both in the US and worldwide.

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