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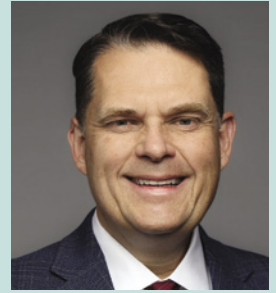
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President's message

BY DR. STEPHEN MERAW



As I reflect upon my term as AAP President, I am immensely grateful for the opportunity given to me by our members to learn, grow, and better connect with my fellow AAP community. Although the season is changing and my term is ending, I am proud of all that we have achieved. I'm also proud to have been able to make a difference within the Academy and our profession, and I'm looking forward to gathering with my peers at the upcoming AAP Annual Meeting in San Diego.

This past year, I have spent time meeting with various periodontal committees and societies. You can hear more about what has come out of these meetings in my Monthly President's Messages, which are available on the Academy's YouTube channel. We began 2024 by organizing for the year ahead. Our Meetings department gathered volumes of data from the 109th AAP Annual Meeting in Austin and spent time evaluating the data and comments from attendees so that the best choices were made in preparation for the 110th Annual Meeting in San Diego.

The 110th AAP Annual Meeting, taking place Oct. 31-Nov. 3 in sunny San Diego, is the largest conference in North America dedicated exclusively to periodontology. What does this mean for you? This meeting is the hub to connect with like-minded individuals and discover the latest in the field of periodontology. It is the place to ask questions, share your experiences,

and learn from others' experiences. With a variety of sessions (with some Halloween-themed ones, of course), the Academy has thought of everything for everyone. This year, we have the Dental Hygiene Symposium taking place on Saturday, Nov. 2, in-person Dental and Medical Coding Workshops as well as an Insurance Panel for best practices on submitting claims, the Educator Symposium, Lunch and Learns and Speaker Studio in the Exhibit Hall, the Corporate Forum, a hands-on workshop, sedation courses, the Robert J. Genco Symposium, and so much more. We want you to be at your best, alert and happy, so coffee breaks and an ice cream social will be available in the Exhibit Hall this year. I am also eagerly anticipating our Balint Orban Memorial Competition and Research Forum Poster Competition to see what our young protégés have in store for us this year. Additionally, you can learn more about your Academy and make sure your voice is heard at the District Forums, which provide a platform for members to learn about AAP initiatives and share thoughts with their District Trustees.

One of the most important parts of the Annual Meeting is collaboration—collaboration with one another as dental experts, and collaboration with outside organizations, societies, and companies. We are grateful to welcome back our colleagues from

the Japanese Society of Periodontology (JSP), Japanese Academy of Clinical Periodontology (JACP), and the Osteology Foundation. Global collaboration is key to long-term success, and you can learn more about the Academy's history with the JSP, JACP, and the Osteology Foundation in our International Periodontics section on pg. 43. The Academy is proud to collaborate with the AAP Foundation for our fun variety of events at the Annual Meeting, including the AAP Foundation Booth, Silent Auction, Estate Planning Breakfast, and the AAP Foundation's Future Horizons in Periodontology. We would also like to thank our corporate sponsors who you can find at the Corporate Forum and within the Exhibit Hall.

Once again, I would like to express my utmost gratitude for the opportunity to serve as the AAP President and represent our organization and specialty. It has truly been an honor. I look forward to seeing you all in San Diego! ■

Sincerely,
Dr. Stephen Meraw
President
American Academy of Periodontology

COVER STORY



Dr. Caitlin Darcey



Dr. Sejal Thacker

Beyond the Practice: The Importance of Continuing Education

As periodontists, there are days when we may feel limited by the walls of our practices. Although it is important to give it the attention it needs—dealing with complex cases, building relationships with our patients, and making sure these patients receive our highest level of care—remaining solely within the practice can limit both professional growth and the quality of care we provide. Peer-to-peer education ensures that we are growing as individuals professionally while also staying up to date on the latest techniques, technologies, and research. It also combats the isolation that sometimes comes with a demanding profession.



The Academy asked this year's CEOC co-Chairs – **Dr. Sejal Thacker** and **Dr. Caitlin Darcey** – some questions about the importance of continuing education and peer-to-peer learning, as well as what made them join the CEOC.

What inspired you to become a part of the Continuing Education Oversight Committee?

When we initially joined the CEOC, our primary motivation was to give back to an organization that has profoundly impacted our life, providing not only a sense of community and belonging but also invaluable education. We felt we could contribute to this committee given our experience as Program Directors, clinical researchers, and private practitioners. It aligned perfectly with what the committee was seeking.

However, as we became more engaged with the CEOC, our goals evolved. Being part of the CEOC became much more than a means of contributing to the community. It became an opportunity to advance knowledge, raise awareness about our specialty, promote innovation, and enhance patient outcomes. We also valued the dynamic, energetic environment of the group, united in our focus on supporting our membership and exploring ways to better serve their needs.

Why is it important for periodontists to engage in continuing education outside of their daily practice?

Continuing education is crucial for professionals, especially in specialized fields like periodontics, where the landscape is constantly evolving. By stepping outside your everyday bubble and engaging in continuing education, you expose yourself to the latest techniques, technologies, and research. This not only helps you stay at the forefront of your field but also introduces you to innovative approaches that can enhance patient care.

Moreover, continuing education provides a platform for networking with peers and experts, fostering collaborations that can lead to new ideas and solutions to complex clinical challenges. It's an opportunity to challenge yourself, push the boundaries of your current knowledge, and gain fresh perspectives that can revitalize your practice.

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How do you think stepping outside of the practice setting and engaging with peers influences the overall quality of periodontal care?

As mentioned earlier, stepping outside of our routine practice allows us to engage with the latest innovations, evidence-based research, and clinical advancements. This exposure directly enhances our ability to deliver optimal periodontal care. Ultimately, our primary focus is the well-being of our patients, and by continually expanding our knowledge and skills, we empower ourselves to manage patient care more effectively. Embracing opportunities for growth outside our comfort zone ensures that we remain at the forefront of our field, providing the highest standard of care.

What strategies does the CEOC use to ensure that educational programs foster meaningful content, connections, and exchanges among participants?

The CEOC has always prioritized delivering the highest quality experiences to its members. To meet the evolving needs and expectations of our membership—who seek to remain current, innovative, and creative—the CEOC meticulously reviews audience surveys, speaker evaluations, and

member recommendations. This valuable feedback is then consolidated and enhanced through insights from key opinion leaders, shaping the goals and objectives of our upcoming meetings and webinars. We then infuse these plans with our creative touches, carefully curating diverse topics and tracks that align with our goals. This approach results in a unique, engaging, well-balanced, and inclusive program that truly resonates with our members.

What advice would you give to new periodontists about the importance of continuing education?

To new periodontists, we urge you to get out there, attend continuing education events, and connect with others—this will be one of the best decisions you'll ever make. Our organization and our specialty are truly invaluable, bound together by a shared passion for periodontics. This passion is contagious, and when you immerse yourself in it, you'll feel the energy and be inspired. It's a powerful cycle—one that, in time, will allow you to inspire the next generation of periodontists. ■

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2025 Annual Meeting: Call for

Innovations in Periodontics abstracts

The Continuing Education Oversight Committee (CEOC) is soliciting presentations that address advances in clinical periodontics, basic sciences, or related subjects for the Innovations in Periodontics program for the 111th Annual Meeting to be held Oct. 15 – 18, 2025 (Wednesday – Saturday), in Toronto at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. These sessions will consist of 15-minute presentations. A five-minute question-and-answer period will follow each lecture.

There will be four sessions offered:

Advances in Periodontics: These two sessions are intended to showcase clinical advances and/or translational research with direct application to patient care. The target speaker is anyone who has a validated innovation to share. Individual and team-based presentations are welcome for this session.

Rising Stars: This session is intended for speakers in practice for ten years or less following post-graduate training. The selected candidates will receive training to present their material in a brief live or virtual platform showcase.

Perio Open Mic: This session is a platform to present a pivotal concept, perspective, or paradigm-shifting philosophy. The target presenter is a mid- to late-career periodontal clinician or scientist with a validated innovation to showcase. Unlike Advances in Periodontics, this is the forum to present a philosophy, ideology, or thought, rather than a case presentation.

Individual presentation abstract submission procedure:

- Abstracts will be subjected to a blind review and scoring by members of the CEOC.
- Presenters will be informed of the committee's decision in spring 2025.
- Presenters can submit as many abstracts as they would like. However, no one can present more than once.

You will need to provide the following information about your presentation:

- The title, which should be ten words or fewer, and not include brand names or acronyms.
- Why this presentation is innovative.
- How your presentation impacts practicing periodontists.

Have something innovative to share?





- Which of the following topics it covers:
 - Emerging Concepts and Innovative Therapies
 - Implant Surgery and Prosthetic Rehabilitation
 - Interdisciplinary Therapy (ortho, endo, restorative)
 - Leadership, Personal and Practice Development
 - Oral Pathology, Oral Medicine and Oral Diagnosis
 - Periodontal and Systemic Interrelationships
 - Periodontal Plastic and Soft Tissue Surgery
 - Sedation and Anxiety Management
 - Tissue Engineering and Hard Tissue Reconstruction
 - Treatment of Periodontal Diseases and Peri-Implant Diseases

Team-based presentation abstract submission for Advances in Periodontics procedure:

- The team-based presentation will consist of presenting a case and then describing the treatment and rationale for therapy, or an etiopathogenetic mechanism or pathway.
- Teams are limited to two speakers.

Teams will need to submit one of the following cases:

- Periodontal-restorative dentate aesthetic
- Complex periodontal-restorative aesthetic implant
- Complex periodontal-orthodontic demonstrating Periodontally Accelerated Osteogenic Orthodontics (PAOO) or orthodontic site development for implants
- Correct aesthetic implant complication with interdisciplinary therapy

Interested parties should submit abstracts and cases for committee consideration by **Friday, Feb. 7, 2025**, via the Abstract Manager website. General submission information and directions for accessing the site can be found at **perio.org/ce-meetings/abstract-submissions/** or contact the Continuing Education department at **continuingeducation@perio.org** or 312-787-5518 ■

Please note that as an Innovations in Periodontics speaker, complimentary meeting registration is not extended by the Academy. Speakers must take care of their registration fees and related travel accommodations and expenses for the meeting if they wish to present.

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2024 Balint Orban and Research Forum Finalists

Congratulations to this year's Balint Orban Memorial Competition and Research Forum Poster Competition Finalists! Watch the finalists present at the AAP Annual Meeting in San Diego: the Balint Orban Competition will take place on Oct. 31 at 1 p.m. and the Poster Competition will take place on Nov. 2 at 11:30 a.m.

Special thanks to **SPECIALTY 1**
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Balint Orban Memorial Competition Finalists



Basic Science

Ana Bujila, DDS
University of California
Los Angeles

*Gingival Inflammation
Around Implants Increases
the Risk of Osteonecrosis of
the Jaw in Mice Receiving
Zoledronic Acid*



Gazelle Crasto, MSc,
PhD, DDS
Columbia University

*Oral Genesis & Radiant
Rescue: Innovating
Pharmacotherapy for Acute
Radiation Syndrome*



Jessica Latimer DDS,
DMSc
Harvard University

*Abaloparatide Enhances
Bone Regeneration in
Peri-Implant and Extraction
Socket Defects*



Annette Ko, DDS
University of Pennsylvania

*ICAM1+ Fibroblast Subset
Modulates Inflammation to
Abate Periodontal Damage*



Clinical Science

William Burns, DDS, MS
University of Iowa

*Decoding the Oral Impact
of Tobacco and Nicotine
Using Integrative Omics
Approaches*





Priyanka Kodaganallur
Pitchumani, BDS, MS
Ohio State University
*E-cigarettes and
Perturbations in the
Subgingival Bio-dialogue*



Umer Daoood
International Medical
University
*Unraveling the Programmed
Inflammation and Tissue
Repair by a Multipotential
Antimicrobial (K21) Silane:
The Theory of Everything*



Elsy Orellana, DMD, MSD
Medical University of South
Carolina
*Spatial Imaging of the Novel
Intracellular Interactions
Between Porphyromonas
Gingivalis, Filifactor Alocis,
and Autophagic Markers
in Periodontally Diseased
Versus Healthy Gingiva*



Evelyn Spencer
University of Connecticut
*Lineage-Tracing Identification
of Progenitor Cells in
Maxillary Sinus Augmentation*



Aziz Saqr, DDS, MSD
University of Texas Health
Science Center at Houston
*Ridge Dimensional Changes
and Implant Stability Utilizing
the Osseodensification
Protocol: A Randomized
Clinical Trial*



Kang Wei Tu
Chi Mei Medical Center
*A Comprehensive Evaluation
of the Therapeutic Effect
of Hyperbaric Oxygen on
Periodontitis: From Oral
Microbiota Metabolites,
Osteoimmunology, and
Osteoclastogenesis to
Regeneration in a Rodent
Study*

Research Forum Poster Competition Finalists



Basic Science
Rami Alsabbagh
Ohio State University
*Induced Periodontitis
in 3xTG Mice Increases
Neuronal Inflammatory
Responses*



Clinical Science
Alaa Alsaffar
University of Texas
Health Science Center at
Houston
*Accuracy of Rule-Based
Algorithm and Deep-Learning
Platform in Periodontal
Disease Diagnosis*

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Ana Carolina Ferreira
Bonafe
Sao Paulo State University
*Enhanced Palatal Wound
Healing with Novel Silk
Fibroin/Chitosan-Based
Neurotensin Drug Delivery
System: Randomized
Clinical Trial*



Hamoun Sabri
University of Michigan
*Development and Clinical Validation
of an Artificial Intelligence-Based
Model for Non-Invasive Periodontal
Soft Tissue Thickness Measurement
Based on Ultrasonographic and 3D
Intraoral Scans* ■



Tamires Dutra
University of Michigan
*Shifts in the Peri-Implant
Microbiome During the
Transition from Health
to Peri-Implantitis: A
Longitudinal Analysis*



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In 2024, **Periospectives** received its largest update in look, feel, and content in over a decade. Those changes were just the beginning.

Digital Periospectives

In autumn of this year, there will be massive updates to the digital version of *Periospectives*. That's because we're moving into a more mobile-friendly website. This new format will make it easier to read *Periospectives* anywhere, on any device. It will also make it much easier to find useful archived information such as insurance coding questions from our Ask the Coding Coach feature.

This will be followed in 2025 by the biggest change of all- the discontinuation of the printed version of *Periospectives*. A flipbook version of the magazine will still be available for download for members who prefer to read *Periospectives* in print. ■



Spotlight on Success: The Academy's 2024 Award Winners

*The American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) is proud to announce the **2024 award recipients**, a distinguished group of professionals who have made a lasting impact on the field of periodontics. These individuals have demonstrated exceptional dedication, innovation, and leadership in advancing oral health. Their achievements will be celebrated at a special ceremony on Friday, Nov. 1 during the AAP's 110th Annual Meeting in San Diego.*



Gold Medal:

Dr. Pamela McClain

The Gold Medal is awarded in recognition of outstanding contributions and service to the Academy and the understanding of

the field of periodontology and the diagnosis and treatment of periodontal diseases. It is the highest honor bestowed by the Academy. The Academy is pleased to present the 2024 Gold Medal award to Dr. Pamela McClain.

Dr. McClain received her Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) from the University of Colorado School of Dentistry. Her post-doctoral training in periodontics was completed at the University of California in San Francisco. She then joined her father, Dr. Robert Schallhorn, in his periodontal/implant practice in Aurora, Colorado.

While maintaining a full-time private practice, Dr. McClain has been active in periodontal research and education. Her research has appeared in various professional publications, including the *Journal of Periodontology* (JOP). In recognition for her research in periodontal regeneration, Dr. McClain was awarded the first R. Earl Robinson Periodontal Regeneration Award from the AAP in

1989 (and subsequently in 2004, 2006, 2014, and 2017). She holds or has held appointments as an Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of Colorado School of Dentistry and as a Research Professor at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry.

She has given professional presentations nationally and internationally for many years and has numerous publications in peer reviewed journals as well as chapters in books. Dr. McClain is a fellow of the American College of Dentists as well as the International College of Dentists.

From 2011-2012, she served as President of the AAP and in 2018 as president for the AAP Foundation. She has chaired national and international meetings and workshops and has been very active within the AAP as well as other organizations. In 2020 she was presented the prestigious Master Clinician Award from the AAP.

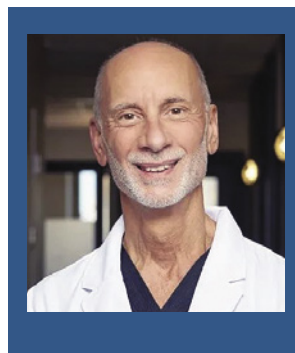
Master Clinician:

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Dr. Kirk Pasquinelli

The Master Clinician Award is presented to an Academy member who has practiced and demonstrated consistent clinical excellence in periodontics and has willingly and unselfishly shared that clinical experience with members of the profession. The recipient is held in the highest esteem by the periodontal community and is recognized as a master clinician in periodontics. The 2024 winner of the Master Clinician Award is Dr. Kirk Pasquinelli.

Dr. Kirk Pasquinelli received his Doctorate in Dental Surgery from the University of California San Francisco School of Dentistry (UCSF). He



completed a general practice hospital-based residency at Mount Zion Medical Center in San Francisco and remained on the hospital dental and training staff while also practicing restorative dentistry in San Francisco for several years. He received his periodontal training at the University of Washington in Seattle.

He is an Associate Clinical Professor at the University of California San Francisco School of Dentistry, Division of Graduate Prosthodontics and has taught continuing dental education at both UCSF and the University of the Pacific School of Dentistry. He is on the faculty of the Foundation for Advanced Continuing Education. Dr. Pasquinelli is a Fellow of the American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry and has been a consultant for the *International Journal of Periodontics and Restorative Dentistry* as well as the *Journal of Esthetic and Restorative Dentistry*. He is currently enrolled in the Stanford/Pacific Comprehensive Clinical Research Training Program in order to hone his skills for future clinical research projects.

Dr. Pasquinelli continues to teach select groups nationally and internationally and has authored numerous articles in the periodontal and restorative dentistry literature. He is known for his particular excellence in connective tissue grafting, esthetic periodontal surgery, implants in the esthetic zone, hard and soft tissue ridge augmentation, pocket reduction and combining multiple surgical procedures into one session. He has developed and refined many surgical techniques in these disciplines. His profound appreciation for, and demonstration of, interdisciplinary care have been a hallmark of Dr. Pasquinelli's practice and teaching.

Since 1988, Dr. Pasquinelli has maintained a private practice in downtown San Francisco dedicated to periodontics, esthetic and pre-prosthetic oral surgery, as well as dental implants.



Distinguished Scientist:

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Dr. Purnima Kumar

The Distinguished Science Award is presented to an Academy member who has actively contributed to the basic science and/or clinical science of periodontology through published literature

and contributed to pre- or postdoctoral education and/or scientific conferences or symposia. The Academy is pleased to honor Dr. Purnima Kumar with the Distinguished Scientist award.

Dr. Purnima Kumar is the William and Mary K. Najjar Endowed professor of Dentistry and Chair of the Department of Periodontology and Oral Medicine at the University of Michigan. She received her dental degree from Annamalai

University in India, and her Masters in Periodontology and PhD in Molecular Microbiology from The Ohio State University. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology and a Fellow of the Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) program, the International College of Dentists, the American College of Dentists, the Pierre Fouchard Académie and the American Association of Oral, Dental and Craniofacial Research.

Dr. Kumar is the Principal Investigator of Oral Microbial Ecology Laboratory at the University of Michigan that is funded through the NIH, NCI, and oral healthcare industry. She has authored over 100 papers and book chapters and serves as the Associate Editor of *Periodontology 2000*, *Nature Scientific Reports* and Senior Editor of *Microbiome*. She is an active researcher, clinician, teacher, and administrator, has mentored several pre-dental, dental, master's, doctoral and post-doctoral students and junior faculty colleagues, and has served on several grant review panels for the NIH.

She serves on the Continuing Education Oversight Committee and Budget Committee for the AAP and chairs the AAP's Task Force for Oral Medical Integration. She also serves on the board of directors of the Osteology Foundation and the American Academy of Periodontology Foundation. She is the Chair of the Council of Scientific Affairs of the ADA and is their official spokesperson on e-cigarettes and vaping. Dr. Kumar has served on various committees of IADR and is presently the Past-President of the Periodontal Research Group. She also serves on several task forces for women in science, women in surgery and women in STEM and volunteers for groups that empower women locally and nationally.



H. Dalton Conner Humanitarian:

Dr. John C. Aniemeke

The H. Dalton Conner Humanitarian Award is presented to an Academy member who has given selflessly through extraordinary actions that benefit a deserving

population. The award acknowledges the member's selfless acts. The 2024 recipient of this award is Dr. John C. Aniemeke.

Dr. Aniemeke is a graduate of University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio, Texas where he graduated Cum laude in May 2009 with a Doctorate of Dental Surgery (DDS) and received the Quintessence

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academic achievement award as an outstanding student in periodontics. Dr. Aniemeke received his specialty training at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center in San Antonio, where he obtained a combined Certificate of specialization in Periodontics and Oral Implantology and a Master of Science Degree (M.S.) at the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. His anesthesia training was at the Veterans Hospital in San Antonio. He also trained at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia on oral surgery externship.

Dr. Aniemeke is a man of faith known for his compassionate heart towards his patients. He was honored with the Dr. Robert Dale Memorial Award for selfless service to the community and devotion to patient care at the UTHSCSA Dental School (2009). In addition, Dr. Aniemeke lectures both nationally and internationally in the field of General Dentistry, Oral medicine, Oral Implantology and Periodontics. He also lectures to college students and young professionals in career related topics. He is a member of numerous professional organizations, including American Academy of Periodontology (AAP), American Dental Association (ADA), Texas Dental Association (TDA), Southwest Society of Periodontists (SWSP), San Antonio District Dental Society (SADDS), American Academy of Osseointegration (AO), International Team for Implantology (ITI), International Congress of Oral Implantologists (ICOI), and American Dental Society of Anesthesiology (ADSA). Dr. Aniemeke has kept his clinical skills current through an ongoing commitment to continuing education courses through these professional organizations. He is a Diplomate of both the American Board of Periodontology and the International Congress of Oral Implantologists (ICOI).

In 2013, Dr. Aniemeke and his wife were both commissioned as Pastors and began Bethel Covenant Assembly of God (BCAG) in San Antonio with nine foundation members. Under his servant leadership the ministry has grown exponentially to over 1000 members from across 35 different nations. In 2017, he was ordained as a Reverend by the General Council of the Assemblies of God Church USA. In 2024 He was elected as an executive presbyter in the South Texas AG Ministries Network.

Dr. John Aniemeke maintains a private practice limited to periodontics and implant surgery. In addition to his practice, he also teaches periodontics part-time in the Advanced

Education in General Dentistry residency program. Dr. Aniemeke is happily married to his beautiful wife Chidinma, who is a Family Medicine/Geriatrics physician and Associate Professor at UT Health San Antonio Long School of Medicine and they are blessed with three beautiful children: Miriam, Timothy & Emmanuel. He enjoys listening to music, playing soccer, watching football, and spending time with his family.

Outstanding Periodontal Educator Award:

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Dr. Wayne Kaldahl

The Outstanding Periodontal Educator Award recognizes an exemplary periodontal faculty member whose career demonstrates excellence in teaching and is an inspiration to students. The Academy's 2024 Outstanding Periodontal Educator is Dr. Wayne Kaldahl.



Dr. Kaldahl's educational background includes an undergraduate degree (B.A.) from Nebraska Wesleyan University and a dental degree (DDS) from University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) College of Dentistry. He completed a hospital internship at Carswell Air Force Base in Texas in the United States Air Force which was followed by two years of active duty and received his Certificate in Periodontics from the University of Washington College of Dentistry.

Dr. Kaldahl is a Professor of Periodontics at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC), College of Dentistry, as well as a practicing periodontist. His research interests include clinical trials in periodontology and periodontal regeneration, and he has performed major clinical research on non-surgical and surgical therapies with funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), has numerous scientific publications – including the *Journal of Periodontology* (JOP) – and has lectured both nationally and internationally. Dr. Kaldahl is a Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology, Fellow of the American College of Dentists, and a member of the Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honorary Society.

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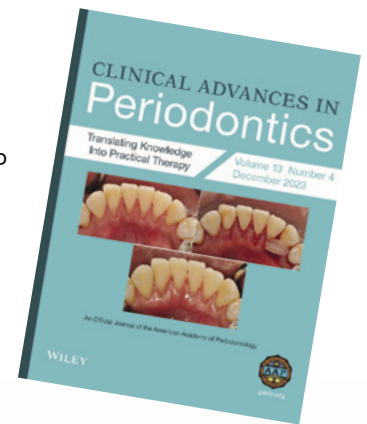
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Special Citation Award:

R. Earl Robinson Regeneration Award:
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The R. Earl Robinson Regeneration Award was established by Dr. R. Earl Robinson (1922-1995) to encourage research in periodontal regeneration. It is presented to the author(s) of the peer-reviewed published paper that has contributed most to the knowledge of periodontal regeneration in a given calendar year. The research work can be either in the basic or clinical sciences.

For their article, "Control of tissue homeostasis by the extracellular matrix: Synthetic heparan sulfate as a promising therapeutic for periodontal health and bone regeneration," the Academy recognizes Drs. Patricia Miguez, Ellie Bash, Marta Liliana Musskopf, S.A. Tuin, Angeliz Rivera-Concepcion, Iain Chapple, and Juan Liu.

Clinical Research Award:

The Clinical Research Award is presented to the most outstanding scientific published article with direct clinical relevance in periodontics. The paper should present new information which may be readily used by practitioners in the evaluation and/or management of patients with periodontal diseases.

For their article, "Nisin a probiotic bacteriocin mitigates brain microbiome dysbiosis and Alzheimer's disease-like neuroinflammation triggered by periodontal disease," the Academy recognizes Drs. Yvonne Kapila, Chuanjiang Zhao, Ryutaro Kuraji, Changchang Ye, Li Gao, Allan Radaic, Pachiyappan Kamarajan, and Yoshimasa Taketani. ■

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- Dental Hygiene Study Club resources
- AAP Connect online member community
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- Subscription to *Periospectives*, the quarterly member magazine
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- This Week in Perio newsletter

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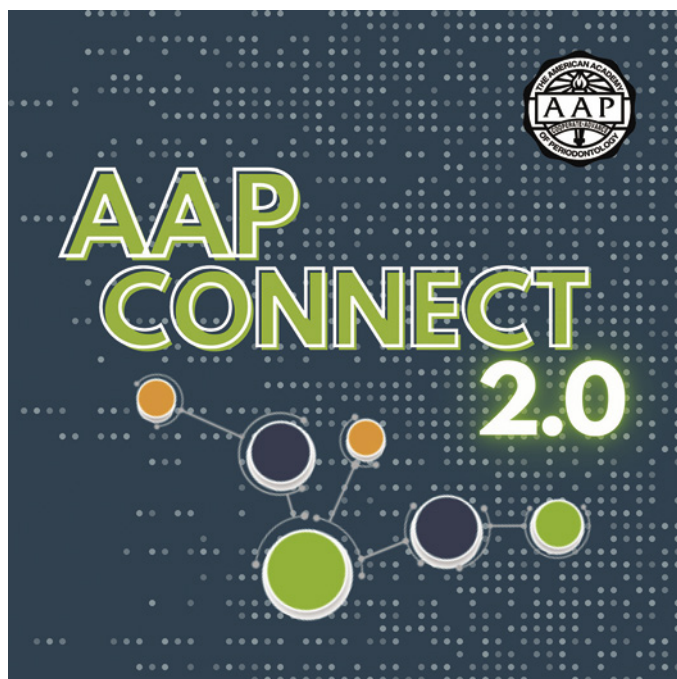
YOUR ACADEMY AT WORK

New District Communications Program

To better accommodate the busy schedules of our members and volunteers, the AAP has decided to evolve the District Town Hall program into a more contemporary model which better aligns with the Academy's member engagement and communications strategy.

Scheduled to launch in Q4 of this year, the District Communications Program will continue to utilize email messages via the District Digest e-newsletters, while embracing new communication channels including video messages and dedicated District communities hosted within AAP Connect.

Stay tuned for additional information on this exciting new program!



Introducing PerioSphere on the New AAP Connect

As part of its bold and refreshing update, the AAP Connect online community prominently features an updated discussion group called PerioSphere.

In the same spirit as the Open Forum, PerioSphere encourages participation from AAP members to seek guidance from peers on challenging cases, share unique insights and discoveries on their own cases, or to simply start conversations on topics of interest to the periodontal community.

Created and designed to foster collegial, courteous, and professional engagement amongst members, PerioSphere content will continue to be subject to the Terms of Use and contributions and content determined to violate these terms will be subject to review. ■

Ask the Board



Why isn't there going to be a printed program at this year's Annual Meeting?

Active Member- Downey, CA

Thank you for your timely question. Each year, usage of the Annual Meeting app has increased. Last year, over 70% of the people at the meeting used the mobile app. It's great to see our members getting so much value from this tool, but the downside is that it resulted in over a thousand unused printed programs.

Producing a printed program costs the organization a lot in both staff time, freelance support, printing, and shipping. Simply put, the value of the printed guide, based on how many people used it, no longer justified the expense.

In addition to the mobile app, the Annual Meeting website for San Diego will feature more information than ever before, with a new plugin that pulls information directly from the app. That information will also be the most accurate, because quite often changes to session times, locations, or speakers occur after a physical guide has already been printed.

We do realize that many members still prefer having a printed program instead of a digital

app. To meet the needs of these members, there will be a downloadable PDF schedule of events for them to print out and carry.

Thank you again for your timely question, and I look forward to seeing you in San Diego. ■

Sincerely,

Dr. Sayward Duggan

District 3

AAP Board of Trustees



YOUR ACADEMY AT WORK

Academy announces election results

Results are in for the AAP 2024 election. The individuals below will begin their terms after the 2024 Annual Meeting.

The results are as follows:

American Academy of Periodontology

Officers

Richard Nagy Secretary/Treasurer

President Elect Maria (Mia) L. Geisinger will succeed to the Presidency, Vice President Ana Becil Giglio to the office of President Elect, and Secretary-Treasurer Kristi Soileau to the office of Vice President.

Trustees

Stephen Morse	District 1
Mark Reynolds*	District 2
Jennifer Doobrow	District 3
Catherine Bishop*	District 4
Natalie Frost*	District 5
Mark Fagan	District 6
Dee Nishimine	District 6

Officer Nominating Committee

Hanae Saito+	District 2
James G. Wilson	District 3
Thomas Kepic	District 6

Nominating Committee for the American Board of Periodontology

Karin Schey	District 3
Robert Eber	District 4

American Board of Periodontology

Directors

Mary Neill
Dimitris Tatakis

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Call for District and National Candidates

The Academy is always seeking qualified candidates for future elections. Elected district positions include Trustee, Officer Nominating Committee, and ABP Nominating Committee. National positions include Secretary-Treasurer and ABP Director. If you're interested in running for a district or national position in future elections, please reach out to your District Trustees for more information and visit the AAP website. Questions? Email volunteer@perio.org for assistance.

Please note, the deadlines for national positions in the 2025 elections have passed. Applications for ABP Director candidates are due by July 31 each year, and for AAP Secretary-Treasurer by Aug. 31 each year. However, we are still seeking candidates for district-level positions, which are accepted year-round until the Annual Meeting. Email your District Trustees or volunteer@perio.org to connect directly with your District's Nominating Committee and learn more. Visit the AAP website for additional details. ■

www.perio.org/for-members/aap-organizational-information/aap-elections/nomination/



August 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting

The AAP Board of Trustees recently met in Chicago this past Aug. 9 - 10. One of the most important things that take place at these meetings are the discussions about various topics affecting our profession. Topics at this past meeting included dental anesthesia, engaging social media influencers, how to effectively provide clinical guidance to practitioners, and the role and responsibility of being an elected fiduciary.

Here are some of the highlights we're most excited about:

- Approved the 2025 annual budget which includes funding to continue to the Dental Hygiene Engagement Initiative and funding for the inaugural Resident Retreat for rising third-year Student members.
- Approved revised terms of use for AAP Connect. This coincides with the launch of a new and improved

platform which will connect you with members around the globe while simultaneously making it easier to learn about updates in your home district.

- Ratified the selection of participants for a collaborative workshop with the European Federation of Periodontology.
- Officially endorsed a partnership with the Canadian Academy of Periodontology, the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association, and/or the Ontario Society of Periodontology for the 2025 Annual Meeting in Toronto.
- Approved the distribution of a new insurance-related member resource titled Claim Attachments at a Glance.

Academy of Osseointegration Consensus Conference

Near the end of August, members of the AAP leadership team met with leaders from the Academy of Osseointegration during their Consensus Conference. Learn more at osseointegration.org/2024-consensus-conference ■



Join Us at the 2024 AAP Annual Meeting: District Forums & General Assembly!

Exciting Opportunities Await at the District Forums!

Don't miss the chance to connect and collaborate with your peers at the District Forums on Friday, Nov. 1, from 12:15 – 1:45 p.m. at the San Diego Convention Center, Mezzanine Level. These forums are your opportunity to:

- Engage with Your District Trustees: Share your thoughts, ask questions, and get firsthand updates on Board of Trustees actions and local district concerns.
- Shape the Future: Participate in discussions about nominations and help select candidates for important positions such as Board of Trustees and Nominating Committees.
- Discover Key Updates: Learn about the latest on the 2024 budget, Academy programs, and more.
- Voice Your Opinions: Make sure your voice is heard on local issues and announcements.

Celebrate and Connect at the General Assembly!

Join us for the General Assembly on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. in Upper-Level Meeting Room 15B at the San Diego Convention Center. This event will feature:

- Research Forum Honors: Be there as we announce and award the recipients of the AAP's Research Forum Competition, recognizing outstanding contributions to the field.
- Budget Approval: Participate in the membership vote to approve the proposed 2025 Operating Budget and have a say in the Academy's financial direction.
- Policy Ratification: Witness the ratification of policy actions passed by the Board of Trustees, ensuring that key decisions are endorsed by the membership.
- Special Recognition: Enjoy a champagne toast as we honor our dedicated Officers and Trustees, celebrate volunteer achievements, and present awards to distinguished members.



Stay Informed and Engaged

To include new business items on the General Assembly agenda, please email Jodi Sassana at Jodi@perio.org by Oct. 11, 2024. Items submitted by this date will be included on the agenda. Any additional new business items submitted after this deadline will be addressed from the floor during the meeting.

Stay updated by checking the AAP Annual Meeting Mobile App and our website for the latest information on the District Forum and General Assembly agendas.

We look forward to seeing you in San Diego for these exciting and important events! ■

Call for Volunteers: District Nominating Committees

Are you interested in serving the Academy by participating on a District Nominating Committee? These committees will be elected during the 2024 District Forums on Friday, Nov. 1 at the Annual Meeting in San Diego. The responsibilities of the District Nominating Committees include selecting two or more candidates, and an alternate, for each district vacancy that occurs on the Board of Trustees, Officer Nominating Committee, and the American Board of Periodontology Nominating Committee.

The District Nominating Committees elected at the 2024 District Forums will be responsible for identifying and vetting eligible candidates for district office vacancies in the 2026 election. If you are interested in serving on your district's nominating committee or learning more about the process, please connect with your District Trustees or email volunteer@perio.org for more information.



FOR YOUR PRACTICE

Host Study Club Meetings with the AAP Dental Hygiene Study Club!

The AAP Dental Hygiene Study Club aims to foster collaborative relationships between periodontists and dental hygienists and offers a variety of resources to help you facilitate a dental hygiene study club and connect with dental hygienists in your community.

Members who sign up to be part of the Study Club get access to:

- **Video modules:** Professionally produced video modules on compelling topics relevant to the dental hygiene audience to be used as the main study club presentation followed by in-person discussion.
- **Background materials:** Supplemental information to help members familiarize themselves with the study club video topic.
- **Template resources:** Invitations, sign-in sheets, newsletters, and social media posts to facilitate the hosting of a dental hygiene study club.
- **Best practice tips and tricks:** How-to guide for hosting a successful dental hygiene study club.

Enjoy the first 12 months for FREE! AAP members can use coupon code **DHEI-COUPON** to access complimentary study club content for one year.

Visit the Member Resource Center at the AAP Annual Meeting in San Diego to learn more or scan the code and sign up today! ■

Thank you to Philips Oral Healthcare for sponsoring the AAP 2024 Dental Hygiene Engagement Initiative.

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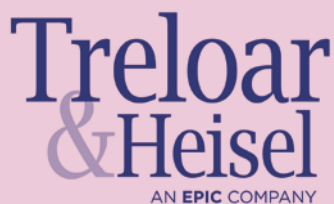


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Are you carrying enough life insurance?

Contributed by

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Overall, 52% of American adults report owning life insurance, and 41% of adults — both insured and uninsured — say they don't have sufficient life insurance coverage.

Having worked with dentists and physicians for decades now, we believe we understand their career trajectory, and with that comes an understanding of their financial trajectory. Most incur a substantial amount of debt to fund their education. Upon graduation, that debt trend shifts as they begin to make money. If this is you, then you know what I mean (and if you are still in training, hopefully this will be your story soon). At some point, you will be able to save money toward future goals. You may purchase your home, perhaps you will start a family and choose to provide opportunities for your children. All of this is possible.

How will your family continue living the way you envisioned?

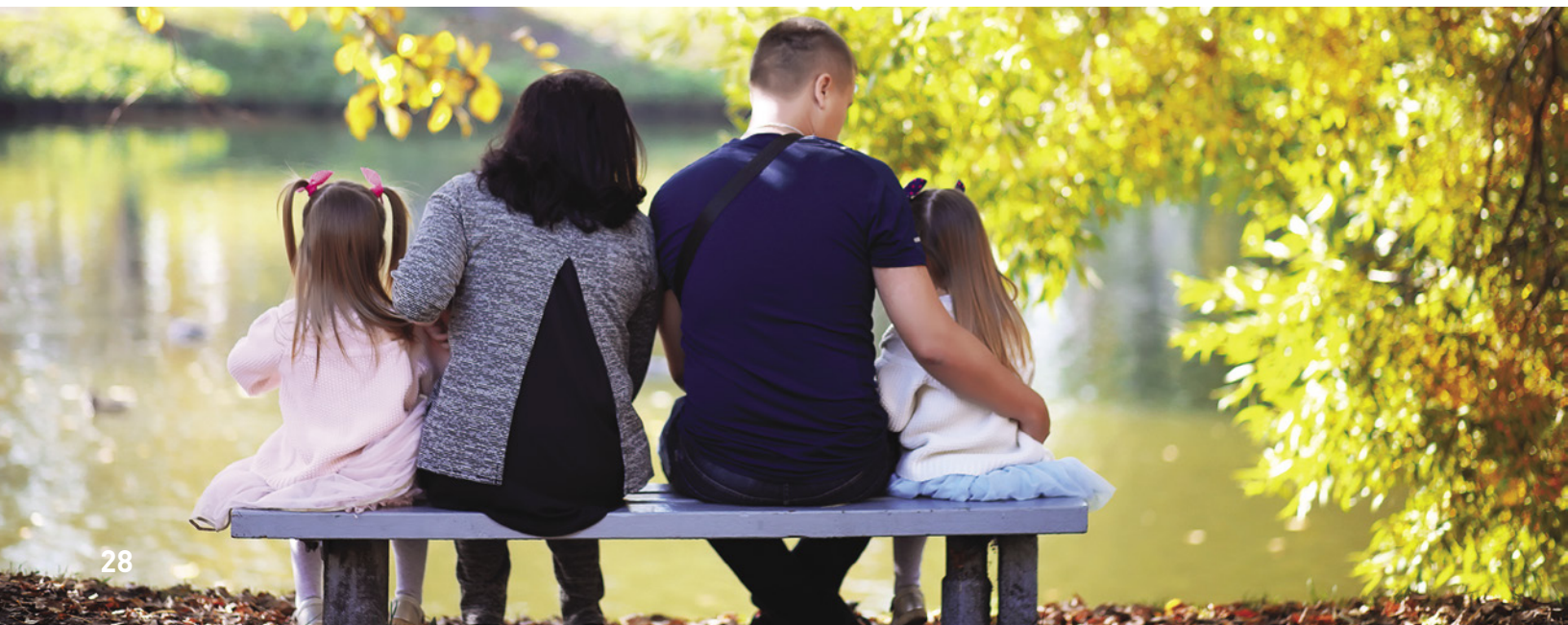
When all this growth is happening in your life, it's easy to ignore the potential risks that could get in the way of your vision for the future. Or, you may be so busy with an expanding practice, a growing family, and other initiatives that you simply forget to account for possible disruptions to your financial picture. What if the unexpected happens?

Something I know from personal experience through giving financial advice to many dental and medical professionals is that from a life insurance perspective many of you are woefully underinsured. What does it mean to be underinsured? It may seem obvious, but it basically means that if you were to unexpectedly pass away, your family would not be able to maintain the lifestyle to which they have become accustomed based on your income.

A significant portion of the population is underinsured.

It's not just dentists and physicians who are underinsured when it comes to life insurance; it's a big swath of the working population. According to research conducted by the Life Insurance Marketing and Research Association (LIMRA) and Life Happens, “Overall, 52% of American adults report owning life insurance, and 41% of adults — both insured and uninsured — say they don't have sufficient life insurance coverage.”

If you are reading this, chances are high you are a dentist or physician, and it's possible that you, too, may be among the 41% of the American population that doesn't have sufficient life insurance coverage. For example, unless there are significant additional assets, a specialist earning say \$400,000-500,000 a year may not be appropriately covered with just \$2 million of life insurance.





Whether you make more or less than this in annual income is not the question. The point is: when was the last time you sat down to calculate how much insurance you truly need? People tend to buy life insurance in their thirties when they are thinking of starting a family. Many never go back to revise that amount as their family grows, or as their income grows.

Private equity has driven up the price of practices.

Another reason to re-evaluate your life insurance coverage has to do with practice values. If you are a partner in private practice, you may have noticed that practice values have gone up dramatically in recent years. This is because private equity firms have entered the dental and medical space and have started acquiring practices, thereby driving up prices. If you were to have a valuation done on your practice, and it showed an increase in value, that should propel you to increase your life insurance coverage to adequately fund your buy-sell agreement.

Other things that have been trending upwards in the past few years are incomes – which ties into another upward trending factor, namely inflation. Rising inflation means that the cost of everything is going up, and with it naturally the replacement cost of everything in your life is going up. Your life insurance policies need to be updated to reflect these increases in price.

How do you know how much life insurance you need?

You may ask, how does one calculate life insurance needs? Without getting into too detailed of a calculation here, the simplest answer is that your life insurance need is the amount of money your family will need in the future to live minus the assets (including retirement plans) and life insurance you currently have. This will give you a ballpark number, it's a starting point. If you work with a financial professional, they will ask you how much you're saving, how much you're paying in taxes, what assets you have, and how they are invested. That will give you a more accurate picture.

Another way to look at this is to ask, in your current life – how much are you saving, versus spending (and that includes taxes, because taxes reflect money that you are not saving). Whatever you make in income, if you are spending 80% and saving 20%, that “spending” column needs to be replaced in the unfortunate event that you are no longer here to make that money. That 80% of your income today needs to be produced plus inflation protection for the rest of your spouse's life, and it needs to provide for the amount you want to provide for your children's educational needs, as well as legacy desires, if you have any. Typically, we do not include your home as an asset in these calculations because if you pass away, your family will still need a place to live and will likely incur costs associated with this expense. Anyway, you do the math, and you will probably realize that you are underinsured.

Review your existing life insurance coverage with an experienced professional

The best gift you can give yourself and your loved ones is to set up a meeting with an insurance professional to accurately calculate your life insurance need. From there, if you identify that you are underinsured, you can look at what is the right kind of insurance for you. Too many people get caught up in the question of “what kind of insurance should I buy?” and then abandon it altogether because they don't understand the different products or they get overwhelmed by price-shopping, etc. The best place to begin is to figure out how much you need. Once you know that, you can move to the next step of determining how best to fill your insurance coverage gap.

If you have any questions about this, feel free to reach out to me!

About Treloar & Heisel

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Ask the Coding Coach

Based on feedback from past complaint resolutions, as well as questions that are asked at the AAP's insurance workshops, certain issues with carriers arise frequently. Offices can avoid some of these issues, reducing frustrations by making sure claims are sent correctly with adequate documentation. Let's review these common mistakes so that claims can be submitted more effectively, resulting in more efficient payments and fewer frustrations.

One of the most frequent mistakes made involves soft tissue grafts. There seems to be confusion related to which codes to use when multiple teeth or implants are grafted, regardless of the type of graft. It does not matter how many teeth or implants are grafted; each should have its own code for the soft tissue graft. The key in the use of these codes is the word "contiguous." The first tooth or implant in the area should have the correct code used depending on the type of graft place:

D4273 Autogenous connective tissue graft procedure

D4275 Non-autogenous connective tissue graft procedure

D4277 Free gingival graft procedure

If multiple teeth or implants are grafted, are these the next tooth or implant sequentially in the arch? If so, then the codes for each additional contiguous tooth or implant should be used:

D4283 Autogenous connective tissue graft procedure each additional tooth or implant

D4285 Non-autogenous connective tissue graft procedure each additional tooth or implant

D4278 Free gingival graft procedure each additional tooth or implant

For example, if teeth #3, #4, and #5 are grafted, then D4275 would be used one time and D4285 would be used twice. However, if it includes teeth #3, #4, and #6 then the correct codes would be D4275, D4285, and another D4275 since teeth #4 and #6 are not contiguous.

These soft tissue graft codes also apply to edentulous areas that have soft tissue grafting. In the case of an edentulous area, grafts are considered by site, which is the equivalent of two tooth areas. It may be contiguous with teeth or implants if the graft is placed at the same time.

Also related to soft tissue grafting are denials based on the prognosis of a tooth or implant. Carriers request a radiograph to verify the prognosis of the tooth or implant being treated. Make sure that the radiograph is of diagnostic quality to prevent delays in processing. Although carriers in most cases do not require a photograph, the AAP highly recommends a photo of areas to be grafted. Photos can aid in justification of the soft tissue graft either during the initial claim or a later appeal.

The most common complaints are related to scaling and root planing (SRP). Although most offices understand the need for charting and radiographs for claims involving SRP, the quality of the documentation is a factor. Periodontal charting always needs to be legible, but radiographs are more often the issue. Carriers want to see radiographic bone loss in the areas of SRP. This can be difficult with panoramic radiographs, which do not show enough detail, or even with horizontal bitewings, which may not show enough root surface. Periapical radiographs are the gold standard for viewing bone loss. If an isolated area is being treated, provide at least a periapical radiograph of that area. Diagnostic quality vertical bitewings may be acceptable under certain circumstances. The key is to provide evidence of bone loss, which is considered objective, rather than pocket depths alone, which can be subjective.

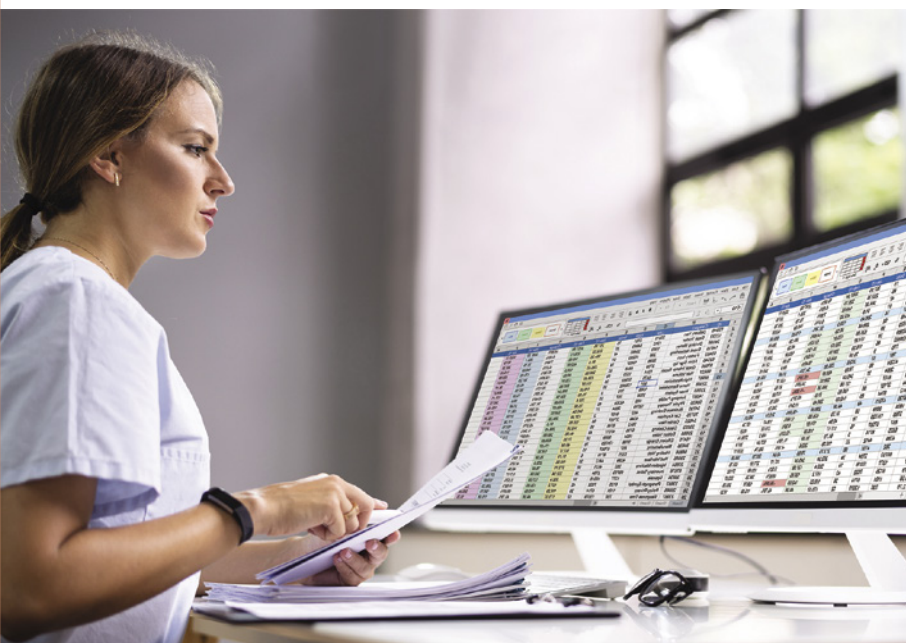
There has also been confusion regarding D4355, full mouth debridement. Previously, no evaluation could be performed at the same appointment after a full mouth debridement was completed. The criteria have changed, and at this time some evaluations, including a comprehensive oral evaluation, a periodic evaluation, or a problem-focused evaluation can be completed the



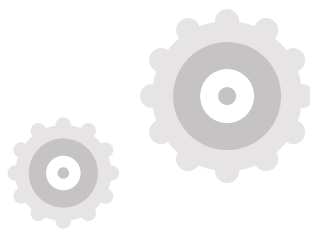
same day. A comprehensive **periodontal** evaluation, however, still cannot be completed on the same day, since it is necessary for soft tissues to heal to clinically examine and evaluate the periodontal conditions for a diagnosis.

Lastly, let's discuss the difference between D6011 and D4245. D6011 is surgical access to an implant body (second stage implant surgery). This is the typical procedure for exposure of an implant when it is to be restored. It can be a punch technique or the use of an instrument to create access through the tissue. D4245 is an apically positioned flap. This can also be used for implant exposure, or at times, it can be used in conjunction with the D6011. In these cases, two separate procedures must be done: one to expose the implant and the second to retain the keratinized gingiva by repositioning it. Again, photographs might be of benefit for a claim.

In all of these situations, a pre-treatment estimate is strongly recommended. And most importantly, make sure claims are correctly submitted and all documentation is of diagnostic quality. ■



Submit your third-party questions to **insurance@perio.org**. Members with coding questions or difficulties with insurance claims can also contact the AAP's third-party specialist at 312-573-3241 or **michellef@perio.org**.



2024 Annual Meeting Live Insurance Workshops



The AAP's Dental Coding and Medical coding workshops will be presented live at the AAP's Annual Meeting in San Diego!

- Dental Coding Workshop: Saturday, Nov. 2 from 2-5 p.m.
- Medical Coding Workshop: Sunday, Nov. 3 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Learn about best practices for submitting claims directly from the AAP's Insurance Consultant and representatives from the insurance industry. This course will feature a case study discussion of insurance claims that will highlight the appropriateness of submission, reasons for denial, and issues to avoid when submitting a claim. There will be plenty of time for Q&A with the panel to discuss issues specific to your practice.

- Insurance Panel: Best Practices for Submitting Claims: Saturday, November 2 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

The sessions can be purchased in conjunction with full meeting registration or as stand-alone sessions. There is a \$50 savings if you purchase both the dental and medical coding sessions. For more information and to register for these courses, visit am2024.perio.org ■



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Education Updates

Periodontal Reference List

The American Academy of Periodontology's Postdoctoral Program Directors Committee has developed a comprehensive list of relevant literature to serve as a resource for periodontal residents and educators. This Periodontal Literature Reference List serves as a foundation from which programs or individuals can select articles tailored to their specific needs. It's important to note that this reference list is not exhaustive, and additional literature may also be beneficial.



Topics were selected and organized based on the blueprint of the American Academy of Periodontology's In-Service Examination and the American Board of Periodontology's Qualifying Examination, while aligning with the standards of the Commission on Dental Accreditation. ■

Special thanks to Philip Kang for leading this effort, with help as well from the those who served on the workgroup that selected and organized the topics.

Find the Reference List at www.perio.org/periodontal-education/periodontal-resource-list/

Perio people on the move

The following individuals have been named Postdoctoral Program Director:

Keith R. Merchant, DDS, MS
Naval Postgraduate Dental School

James I. Lin, DDS, MS
VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System

Henry Foerster, DMD, MS
Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center

Jay R Bowling, DDS, MSD
Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Indianapolis

The following individual has been named Predoctoral Program Director:

Bruna Tanello Neiva, DDS, MS
Temple University

The following individuals have been named Chair:

Ronaldo Santana, DDS, DSc, MSCD
Temple University

Yoon Jeong Kim, DDS, MS
Loma Linda University

Lukasz Skomial, DDS
VA Medical Center New York

Ningyuan Sun, DMD, PhD
University of New England

Hsun-Liang Chan, DDS
Ohio State University

John R. Francis, DDS, MS
Midwestern University, Glendale

Effie Ioannidou, DDS, MDS
University of California San Francisco

Melissa S. Lang, DDS, MS
Creighton University

Sivaraman Prakasam, DDS, PhD
University of Iowa College of Dentistry

Arif Salman, DDS, MDSc
West Virginia University

Gen You is almost wrapping up for 2024, but there's still so much more that our four individuals have to share with you. Looking ahead to the future, we asked Demetrius Harmon, Dr. Kristen Richey, Dr. Donna Klauser, and Dr. Wayne Aldredge to share what they see as their next step or phase in their periodontal career and how they expect the AAP will be a resource to them as they continue on their journeys.



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



Demetrius Flood MPH, MBS

Student

DSIG member since 2022

"Looking ahead, my first step after completing my residency program is to secure an Associate position in the Greater Seattle area. This will allow me to gain valuable clinical experience while also developing essential practice

management skills. In the future, I aspire to open a group practice that integrates multiple dental specialties offering comprehensive care to my patients. Once I'm established and in a stable position, I also aim to return to academia, sharing my expertise to help shape the future leaders in the field. As I continue on this journey, I am confident that the AAP will be a valuable resource to me. During residency, the Annual Meeting will provide an excellent opportunity to network, learn, discuss concepts, and connect with likeminded professionals. Moving forward, I plan to utilize resources like the Career Center and scientific journals to support my ongoing research efforts. Ultimately, I hope to be nominated for the LEAD program, where I can continue to develop the skills needed to become an effective leader."



Dr. Wayne Aldredge, DMD

Past AAP President

Active member since 1995

"First of all, periodontics has been a fantastic specialty and a lifelong passion of mine. I use the AAP as a resource on many different levels. One of the most important aspects is the insurance workshops

to update my staff, so we have the newest codes and the best ways to reimburse our patients because really, what we're here about is patient care. The other most important thing that the Academy has come up with is the Dental Hygiene Engagement Initiative. We all know that our livelihood is based on our skillsets and how we treat our patients, but more importantly it's about relationships: relationships with our patients and the community we work with—dental hygienists and general dentists. I utilize the Dental Hygiene Study Club to enhance my practice and build more relationships so the next third of my career will be as fruitful as the first two thirds." ■



Dr. Kristen Richey, DDS

Resident

Student member since 2022

"My next step in my career is to look for a job in private practice. I'm going to use many of the resources that the AAP has to offer including networking opportunities at the Annual Meeting

coming up in San Diego and resources on the website including the Career Center. I'm very thankful for the AAP providing so many resources for those looking for jobs."

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Welcome New Members

Congratulations to the new members of the Academy who joined between May 2, 2024 and Aug. 14, 2024

New Member	Location	Category
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District 1

Matias Abarca	Winthrop, MA	STUDENT
Mohammad Abu-Samak	Halifax, Canada	STUDENT
Alaa Ahmed	Woburn, MA	ACTIVE
Ali Hadian Amrei	New Britain, CT	STUDENT
Michael Chen	Boston, MA	STUDENT
Ben Kahan	Newington, CT	STUDENT
Aditya Kakkar	Boston, MA	STUDENT
Pranav Kataria	Farmington, CT	STUDENT
George Khalil	Hartford, CT	STUDENT
Tiffany Kisway	Halifax, Canada	STUDENT
Olivier Leclerc	Halifax, Canada	STUDENT
Xiaoping Li	Lexington, MA	STUDENT

District 2

Nelly Badr	Philadelphia, PA	STUDENT
Ryanna Comelli	Philadelphia, PA	STUDENT
Ravneet Dhillon	Cheltenham, PA	STUDENT
Cecilia Horchos	Philadelphia, PA	STUDENT
Anthony Luong	Philadelphia, PA	STUDENT
Neha J Patel	Ambler, PA	ACTIVE

District 3

Ricardo Ramirez	Alameda, San Juan, PR	STUDENT
Craig Correia	Louisville, KY	STUDENT
Stephanie Dye	Gainesville, FL	STUDENT
Eric Jimenez	San Juan, PR	ACTIVE
Harrison Menard	Memphis, TN	STUDENT
Jens Nielsen	Louisville, KY	STUDENT
Alessandro Pedercini	Louisville, KY	ACTIVE
Abigail Raymond	Gainesville, FL	STUDENT
Fatemeh Samavatijame	Davie, FL	STUDENT

New Member	Location	Category
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Amin Soolari	Gainesville, FL	STUDENT
Colton Terrell	Charleston, SC	STUDENT
Jacob Trammell	Memphis, TN	STUDENT
Laura Fajardo Turrent	Humacao, PR	STUDENT
Pardis Vakili	Davie, FL	STUDENT
Tigerwin Yang	Johns Creek, GA	STUDENT
Daniela Zavala	Mount Pleasant, SC	STUDENT
Sixto Rafael Cornejo Zavala	Winter Garden, FL	ACTIVE

District 4

Luai Akhras	Homer Glen, IL	STUDENT
Abdulmalik Aldawood	Columbus, OH	STUDENT
Rita Banno	Warren, MI	STUDENT
Kelly Cusack	Iowa City, IA	STUDENT
Timothy Vincent Erdle	Gurnee, IL	ACTIVE
Olivia Fink	Columbus, OH	STUDENT
Vivian Ha	Chicago, IL	STUDENT
Fajer Hasan	Indianapolis, IN	STUDENT
Tekira Hypolite	Cleveland, OH	STUDENT
Taylor Leos	Iowa City, IA	STUDENT
Eric Macfadden	Milwaukee, WI	STUDENT
Patrick Malone	Chicago, IL	STUDENT
William Meyer	Columbus, OH	STUDENT
Deepthy Nair	Indianapolis, IN	STUDENT
Christine Nguyen	Cleveland, OH	STUDENT
Athan Nicolozakes	Zionsville, IN	STUDENT
Joseph Samona	Bloomfield Hills, MI	STUDENT
Maria Latorr Sanchez	Detroit, MI	STUDENT
McKenna Schnack	West Allis, WI	STUDENT
Charles Seawell	Roseville, MN	ASSOCIATE
Laura Tsiouvaras	Minneapolis, MN	STUDENT
Amanda Vicari	Chicago, IL	STUDENT



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

New Member	Location	Category
Tony Wren	Indianapolis, IN	STUDENT
Siraj Zabadi	Columbus, OH	STUDENT

District 5

Colton Allen	Lincoln, NE	STUDENT
Afarin Arghami	Baton Rouge, LA	ASSOCIATE
Javier Perez Colina	Irving, TX	STUDENT
Matthew Gamache	Denver, CO	STUDENT
Ryan Higgins	New Orleans, LA	STUDENT
Pedram Kajeh	Houston, TX	STUDENT
Clayson Knight	Denver, CO	STUDENT
Amritha Minisandram	Denver, CO	STUDENT
Serife Ozdemir	Oklahoma City, OK	STUDENT
Amy M Riffel	Castle Pines, CO	ACTIVE
Mahya Sabour	New Orleans, LA	STUDENT
Kylie Sestak	Lincoln, NE	STUDENT

District 6

Sabrina Alterman	Newport Beach, CA	STUDENT
German A Antillon	Corona, CA	STUDENT
Leila Hakim	Bell, CA	STUDENT
Liza Harutyunyan	Van Nuys, CA	STUDENT
Rachel Koh	Loma Linda, CA	STUDENT
Aaron Nelson	Gilbert, AZ	ACTIVE
Rafi Rafiee	Los Angeles, CA	ACTIVE
Rami H Rashed	Highland, CA	STUDENT
Anisha Krishnan Thondukolam	Dublin, CA	ACTIVE

District 7

Michael Abrams	Manhasset, NY	ACTIVE
Gabriela Klaz	New York, NY	STUDENT
Rachel Sebastian	Central Islip, NY	STUDENT
Eric Winnie	North Chili, NY	STUDENT

District 8

Cody Clark	Gaithersburg, MD	STUDENT
Joseph Gedge	San Antonio, TX	STUDENT
Benjamin Hicks	Rockville, MD	STUDENT
Jacob Lubben	Los Angeles, CA	STUDENT
Kristen Quartararo	Grovetown, GA	STUDENT
Alia Rubaie	Monte Sereno, CA	STUDENT

INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS

New Member	Location
Alanoud Fawzi Almuaibid	Dhahran, Saudi Arabia
Nima Bazrafshan	Bulleen, Australia
Jaekook Cha	Seoul, Republic of Korea
Stephan Eidam	Crailsheim, Germany
Spencer Gibbs	London, ON, Canada
Sabrina Gomes	Porto Alegre, Brazil
Andre Hattingh	Sevenoaks, United Kingdom
Omid Kiarash	Greenfield Park, Canada
Stefanie Kretschmar	Ludwigsburg, Germany
Omar Valero Monroy	Mexicali, BC, Mexico
Thanapoj Nilmoje	Bangkok, Thailand
Irving Rendon	Durango, Mexico
Woongkyu Song	Seoul, Republic of Korea
Takenori Uto	Shizuokashi, Japan



PerioProgress – Digital Networking

What is your favorite part about the Annual Meeting? The answer we hear the most to this question is personal connections. However, the way AAP members connect includes not only face to face interactions, but selfies and shares on social media. In a way, there are two meetings happening at the same time: the in-person Annual Meeting and the virtual Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting is the setting where individuals discuss their opinions and thoughts on new technologies, techniques, or a session they just sat in together. They have the chance to meet new people and reconnect with old friends, and almost any experience is certainly better with a friend or colleague by your side. But it doesn't end there.

As our world becomes more and more digital, social media has grown into a powerful extension of our in-person interactions. Through story mentions, being tagged in new posts, session insights, and live updates, online conversations amongst members and attendees go above and beyond the physical boundaries of the convention center. Not only do members connect online with one another, but they connect with AAP staff. Our staff members reshare and interact with members' individual experiences on Instagram, X, Facebook, and LinkedIn by reposting stories, liking posts, and interacting with members



online throughout the meeting. Hashtags and live updates also make it possible for those who couldn't attend in person to still be part of the dialogue and get a glimpse of what is happening at the Annual Meeting.

So... What was your favorite session? Which speaker stood out to you? What is something new you learned? The Academy encourages our members to think about these questions and continue sharing their Annual Meeting experiences on social media while in San Diego. Remember to tag the AAP in San Diego and use the hashtag **#PerioAM24**. We can't wait to see things from your POV! ■



Visit the Membership Resource Center – Booth #1125 in the Exhibit Hall

Are there times when you wish you could speak to an AAP staff member in-person to ask questions directly?

At the Member Resource Center (MRC), you can learn more about the Academy's new Dental Hygiene Engagement Initiative, which was created to facilitate collaboration amongst periodontists and dental hygienists. Have a chat with AAP staff to see what components make up the Dental Hygiene Engagement Initiative, and you could end up hosting your own study club or participating in one near you! Additionally, Michelle Flesch – AAP's Third-Party Specialist – will be available LIVE on Friday, Nov. 1 to answer any questions you may have regarding dental coding, medical coding, or insurance claim submissions, so visit the MRC on Friday for all your coding and insurance claim needs! And if you love periodontal research, you probably are an avid reader of the *Journal of Periodontology* (JOP) and *Clinical Advances in Periodontics* (CAP). Learn more about all the new JOP and CAP initiatives at their specially dedicated booth in the MRC.

MemberFlix is back in-person and better than ever, and the Academy wants to hear from YOU! Record a video at the MemberFlix station and be entered in a raffle for a chance to win a \$200 gift card. MemberFlix is a video gathering service which allows the Academy to collect stories, testimonials, and successes from our members, so don't forget to stop by (and you may just see yourself in future AAP marketing campaigns).

You can also receive a FREE AAP tote bag by paying your 2025 dues fees at the MRC, mingle with other international members in the International Lounge, sign the AAP's 110th anniversary card, snap a picture at the selfie wall, and reminisce about AAP memories from the past 110 years. Clearly, the MRC is the place to be when you're not participating in sessions, and we can't wait to interact with you! ■



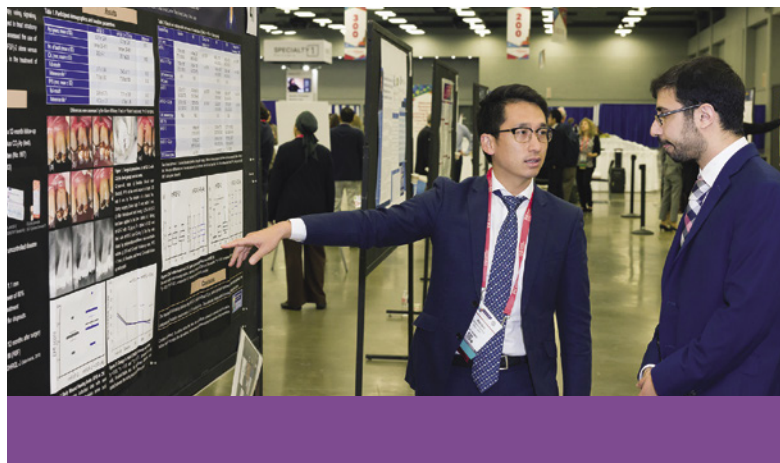
MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Research Forum Poster Session

Have you heard about the Academy's Research Forum Poster Session at the Annual Meeting? The Research Forum Poster Session offers a valuable platform for presenting clinical research, basic research, and case studies within the field of periodontics. Open to all researchers, abstract submissions are accepted through an online portal and reviewed by the Research Submissions Committee. Submissions that are not selected as finalists for either the Balint Orban or Research Forum Poster competitions or do not meet the eligibility criteria are invited to present their posters at the general poster session during the Annual Meeting. This allows presenters to showcase their research to attendees during a designated time, with posters displayed throughout the Meeting.

The Research Forum posters will be on display in the Exhibit Hall on Friday, Nov. 1, from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The poster presentation will take place on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

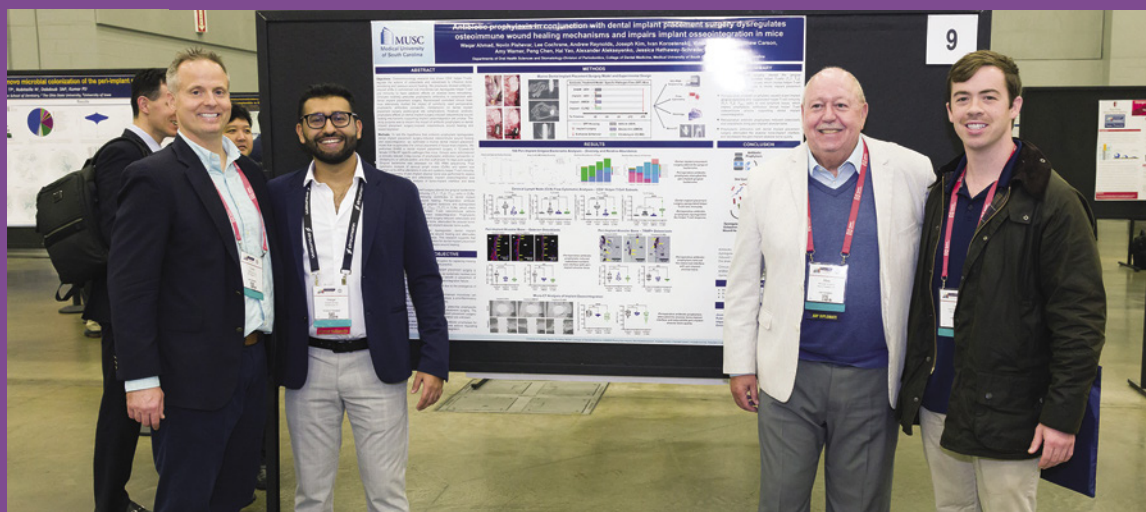
Every other year, the Japanese Society of Periodontology (JSP) and the Japanese Academy of Clinical Periodontology (JACP) are also invited to share their research at the Annual Meeting. The JSP/JACP Poster Session is conducted and judged independently of the AAP Research

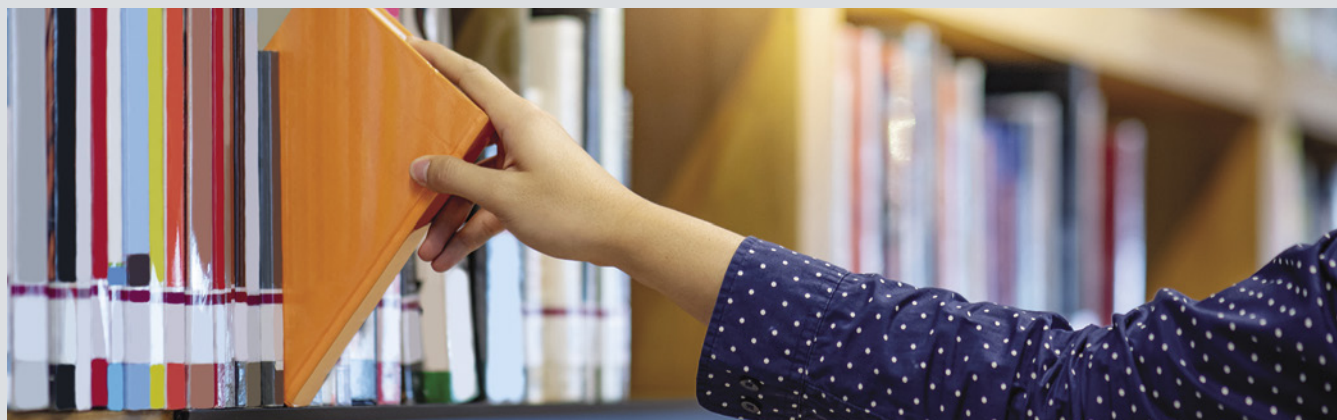


Forum Poster Session. This facilitates collaboration with international experts and creates an exciting event!

The JSP/JACP posters will be displayed on Friday, Nov. 1, from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

We can't wait to see you there! ■





AAP Journals Roundup

The Academy, journal editors, and Wiley continue to work for you to provide the best AAP Journals experience. Learn more about the latest activities and initiatives for *Clinical Advances in Periodontics* (CAP) and the *Journal of Periodontology* (JOP) below.

2024 Annual Meeting

Peer Review Workshop

The Editors of JOP and CAP will lead our second Peer Review Workshop in San Diego. Peer review is an essential aspect of research publishing and helps to maintain the quality and integrity of research. In this workshop, participants will learn the tools to become skilled reviewers. Gaining these skills and understanding the elements of peer review can help you become a better author and scholar, too.

The workshop will take place on Thursday, Oct. 31 from 8 a.m. to Noon Pacific Time. Simply purchase a ticket for the workshop when you register for the Annual Meeting. We hope to see you there!

Member Resource Center

Come visit the Journals booth at the Member Resource Center in the Exhibit Hall. Our editorial staff will be available to answer questions, discuss the latest journal offerings, and share giveaway items. We'll also be kicking off the 95th anniversary of JOP, which was first published in 1930.

JOP 95th Anniversary Special Issue

In honor of JOP's milestone anniversary, a special virtual issue with the theme "Celebrating Science" will be published in late 2025. The Editors are seeking high-quality original research and reviews in periodontology and implantology for inclusion in this issue. A call for papers was announced in June, and the deadline for submissions is May 31, 2025. More details are available here:



Reduced Open Access Fees for AAP Members

Did you know that CAP and JOP publish open access articles? And that AAP members receive a discount on open access fees? With open access, articles are immediately free to read, download, and share, which helps to disseminate research to an audience beyond journal subscribers. The fees that authors pay to make their articles open access are often covered by their institutions or funding agencies, but in cases where this support isn't available, members can receive a discount of at least 33%. Scan the QR codes below to see your reduced open access rates. ■

CAP fees:



JOP fees:



Advocating for Perio

ADA opposes NIH restructuring proposal

The American Dental Association (ADA) has joined a coalition expressing opposition to a House Republican proposal that would fundamentally restructure the National Institutes of Health, the nation's largest health research agency. The ADA, American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (AADOCR), and 20 other groups, including the AAP, urged House Republicans in a letter to consider the impact on dental, oral, and craniofacial research. "Having a dedicated institute centered on this region ensures research funding for areas like tooth development, gum disease, orofacial pain, and craniofacial birth defects without being overshadowed by broader health concerns," the coalition wrote. ■



SCIENCE & COLLABORATION

AAP/JACP/JSP

The Academy is proud to be collaborating once again with the *Japanese Society of Periodontology* (JSP) and the *Japanese Academy of Clinical Periodontology* (JACP) at the 110th AAP Annual Meeting in San Diego. This year's meeting not only continues the tradition of shared knowledge and innovation, but it also highlights the strength of this enduring partnership.

It began with shared values. All three organizations recognized the importance of global cooperation toward the complex challenges of periodontology and implant dentistry. This resulted in the first joint meeting, which took place nearly 25 years ago! Now, periodontal experts from both sides of the Pacific gather every other year to share cutting-edge research in the same setting, this time in San Diego. Attendees can be a part of the Pan-Pacific Session which takes place Oct. 31 from 8 a.m. – noon, and they are also invited to view the research of their colleagues during the poster presentation.

Even when the Annual Meeting isn't taking place, the Academy's relationship with both organizations is strong and distinguishable. Dr. Stephen Meraw, AAP President, represented the Academy at the Annual Meeting of the JACP in Osaka in June of this year. Not only did Dr. Meraw interact with other organizational leaders, learn from the variety of

sessions, and show his support for the Academy's peers in Japan, but he was honored at one of the Annual Meeting sessions—where he also was given the opportunity to do karaoke on stage to “Stand by Me” by Ben E. King.

Osteology Foundation

The Academy's collaboration with the Osteology Foundation began with the 101st Annual Meeting in Orlando. As mentioned in the Winter/Spring 2024 issue of *Periospectives*, the Academy has collaborated with the Osteology Foundation – an organization based in Lucerne – for five different annual meetings. Last year, the AAP/ AAP Foundation/Osteology Foundation Regeneration Symposium offered a comprehensive exploration of bone augmentation, covering its historical evolution, current practices, and future trends.

This year, the Academy is collaborating with the Osteology Foundation for a brand-new session: The Art & Science of Regeneration. This will be the grand finale of the first case competition by the National Osteology Group USA, which will be followed by a captivating panel discussion featuring some of the field's most renowned experts. Case presentations from young dentists and residents have been carefully selected from a multitude of excellent clinical cases. Winners will be announced in each category, showcasing the best of the best. Additionally, there will be a panel discussion on “Regeneration Around Teeth and Implants – What's the Evidence?” This is an invitation only session. ■

Thank you to the Osteology Foundation for hosting this session.

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DIPLOMATE INTERVIEW



Caitlin Darcey, DMD, MS
Member, ABP Continuing
Certification Committee



Charles A. Powell, DDS, MS
ABP Interim Director of
Continuing Certification

The American Board of Periodontology (ABP) is excited to offer its Diplomates an innovative way to refresh your periodontal and dental implant knowledge. The ABP, in coordination with the AIME Center, has created a learning platform, ABPerio Minute, that can be accessed on a desktop computer, tablet, or mobile device. The new platform has been in development over the past two years with full rollout planned for January 2025. ABPerio Minute replaces the prior recertification process, which required Diplomates to take an exam every six years to maintain certification. In this issue of Periospectives, Caitlin Darcey DMD, MS, ABP Continuing Certification Committee member, interviews Charles Powell DDS, MS, ABP Interim Director of Continuing Certification.

Dr. Darcey: What is the reason for the shift to continuing certification?

Dr. Powell: All dental specialty boards are governed by the National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards (NCRDSCB). In 2022 the NCRDSCB made a specific change to its "Operation of Boards" requirements that each Board must follow to continue to be a NCRDSCB-recognized Board. Specifically, the new language states that each certifying board must require its Diplomates to engage in lifelong learning and encourage continuous quality

improvement. Fortunately, the ABP began discussions on the continuing certification process late in 2021 and moved to investigate new approaches in early 2022.

Dr. Darcey: How did the ABP Directors decide on ABPerio Minute as the new continuing certification platform?

Dr. Powell: At each Directors' meeting there is a focus on providing ongoing value to our Diplomates. The Directors strongly believe that the Board's partnership with Diplomates shouldn't end after the attainment of board certification, but instead be a lifelong engagement that promotes their professional development. The ABP's goal was to create a platform that a) incorporates valid metrics to demonstrate proficiency, and b) promotes personalized knowledge acquisition and continuous assessment. All of this is being provided at no additional cost to you. After further discussions, the ABP Directors approved the development of a pilot project in October of 2022. Throughout the Spring of 2023, the ABP worked closely with the AIME Center developers to create ABPerio Minute. ABPerio Minute is a user-friendly, lifelong learning cloud-based platform for ABP Diplomates that promotes personalized knowledge acquisition and assessment with minimal time commitment.

Dr. Darcey: What sets ABPerio Minute apart from other methods to maintain and enhance my knowledge of periodontics and dental implant surgery?

Dr. Powell: What makes ABPerio Minute unique is its incorporation of techniques that have been shown in evidence-based studies to facilitate adult learning. ABPerio Minute optimizes methods such as spaced study, frequent assessment that requires information retrieval, and provides immediate feedback. Questions are tailored to clinical practice and Diplomates are asked to assess confidence in their answers. They are then provided with the correct response, key points, evidence that supports the answer, and citations for further self-study. Questions answered incorrectly are repeated at varying intervals to reinforce knowledge. Each question is timed to be completed in approximately one minute, so time commitment is minimal.

Another unique feature allows the ABP to push out questions on timely developments in periodontology and implant surgery. These questions appear at the top of the question queue allowing Diplomates to keep their knowledge current on changing developments in the specialty. The platform also employs Measurement Decision Theory (MDT), which provides a real-time probability value on knowledge currency. Think of this as your “Perio Batting Average” which changes as you answer questions. Although Diplomates will see their MDT assessment fluctuate as they answer questions correctly or incorrectly, ABPerio Minute is designed for self-assessment only, is confidential, and is intended for your own knowledge enhancement. Only you see your MDT score; however, when you query your question history, you can see cumulative peer performance data on any particular question.

Dr. Darcey: How has ABPerio Minute been evaluated in its development phase?

Dr. Powell: A pilot of ABPerio Minute was evaluated in the third quarter of 2023. A group of 90 randomly selected Diplomates participated in the pilot phase, of which 50% were from private practice. Two surveys were conducted during the pilot project, one to assess the functionality of the platform and a second to evaluate if ABPerio Minute was a valuable tool for our Diplomates. From the over 2000 questions answered during the pilot, participants told us the following:

- 90% of the pilot participants felt the platform was intuitive to use
- 98% felt the content was clear
- 94% responded that the “key points” provided in the content were extremely useful
- 88% found the format for the references was useful for further study

- 82% preferred the ABPerio Minute concept of answering a fixed number of questions each year to enhance their knowledge rather than a single point in time exam
- More than 90% said the questions were relevant to their practice, were useful learning tools, and helped them stay current in periodontal and implant surgery
- 82% responded that ABPerio Minute will help them provide better care to their patients

Following a report on the performance of ABPerio Minute to the ABP Directors in October 2023, a beta test of the platform to a larger group of participants was approved to begin in January 2024.

Dr. Darcey: Who is participating in the beta phase of ABPerio Minute and what have you learned?

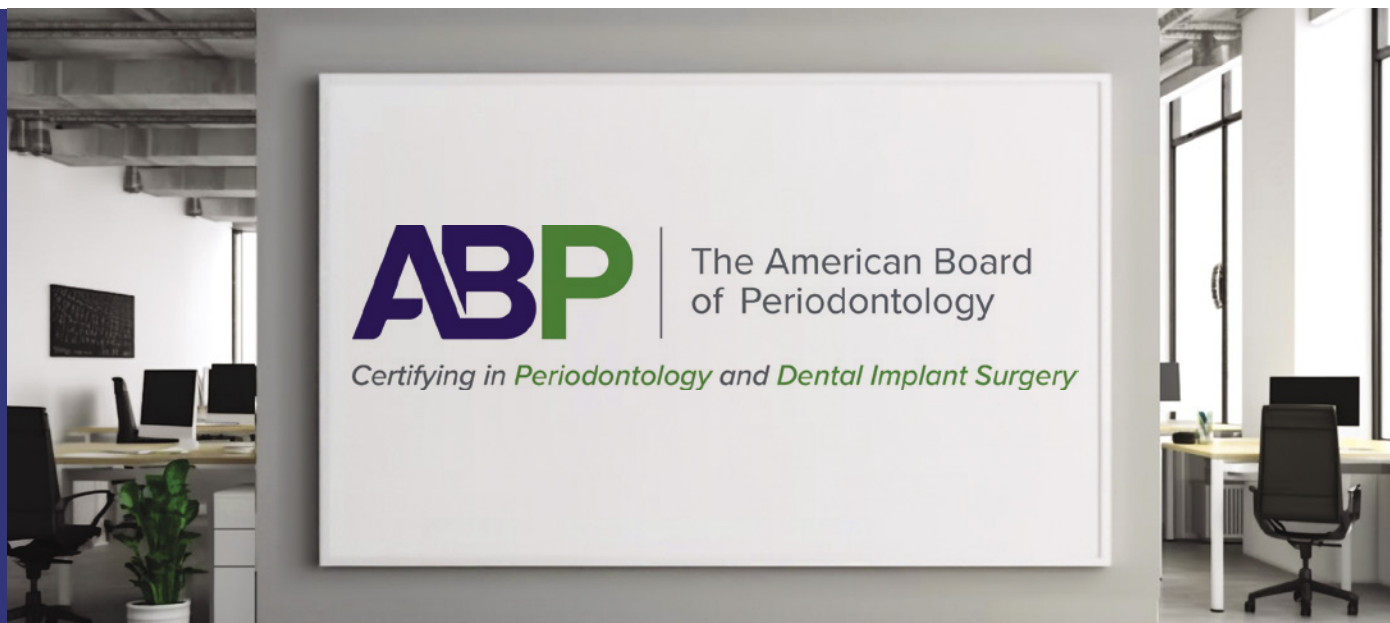
Dr. Powell: The beta version was offered to ABP Directors, Examiners, Diplomates who recertified in 2023, and those Diplomates due to recertify in 2024. Through the first six months of 2024, over 10,923 questions were presented on the platform. Data indicates that participants are answering questions in under 30 seconds, with only 1.7% of questions timing out due to no response within the allotted one minute. Over 90% of Diplomates rate the questions as relevant to their periodontal and implant practices. Feedback received during the beta test has been overwhelmingly positive. Below is a sample of the responses we have received:

- “Great question and very relevant clinically.”
- “Very applicable to everyday practice.”
- “Good information to communicate to patients.”
- “Great refresher and evidence.”

While ABPerio Minute is just one component of the continuing certification process, it is the hope of the ABP and its Directors that this platform will serve as one avenue in helping our Diplomates stay current in the specialty and be able to access “game-changing” information. ABPerio Minute, combined with other continuing education opportunities and Diplomate self-study, is the future for continuing certification.

Dr. Darcey: Where can Diplomates find more information about ABPerio Minute?

Dr. Powell: Further details and information will be sent out via email in the coming weeks. At the AAP Annual Meeting, you can learn more about ABPerio Minute at the district forums; the Speaker Studio on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 3:05 – 3:25 p.m.; the IP4 Perio Open Mic program on Sunday, Nov. 3, from 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.; or stop by the ABP booth for a tutorial. You can also find more information on the ABP website and be sure to follow us on social media for updates and reminders. ■



2024 ORAL EXAMINATION

203 candidates participated in the 2024 ABP Oral Examination. 143 were successful for a pass rate of 70%. The following Periodontists achieved Board Certification Diplomate status and received a certificate in Periodontology and Dental Implant Surgery:

Amanda Abrams	Aaron Colamarino	Andrew Ikazaki	Sergio Muñoz
Orlando Abreu	Matthew Comfort	Matt Imbrogno	Halide Namli Kilic
Panagiotis Afouxenidis	Aaron Compton	Wael Isleem	Victoria Nguyen
Waqar Ahmad	Maher Dadoush	Abdo Ismail	Trung Nguyen
Pooja AjitSankardas	Rosemary Davis	Brett Jessen	Michelle Ordway
Hala Al Barrak	Carlos De Bruzos	Malika Jhawar	Gene Park
Mashael Al Thunayan	John Paul DeGuzman	Mary Jung	Gretel Pellegrini
Waleed Alkakhn	Sharlene Demehri	Michelle Kamel	Sandra Perozo Vazquez
Haider Alramli	Angela E Choi	Sooyoung Kang	Aaron Pfaff
Morgan Atanasio	Ferris Elhein	Yousef Kareem	Sarah Pham
Anastasiya Badziai	Sean Farrell	Brett Kelly	Sepehr Poormonajemzadeh
Karim Basta	Eman Fekry	Dmitriy Klass	William Porzio
Mattie Bertels	Katherine Ferry	Marcela Land	Liana Preto Webber
Kruttika Bhuse	Patrick Fitzgerald	Bradley Lander	Gregory Ramirez
Barry Biner	Christina Fleming	Lauren Langlois	Jose Maria Ramos Toledo
Stephanie Bowers	Roksolana Gala	Wangsoo Lee	Allison Rascon
Brandon Breard	Iya Ghassib	Connie Lee	Chase Richards
Matthew Bryant	Kara Gilliam	Colleen Leong	Tom Rubinstein
Olga Byakina	Demetri Ginosatis	Sara Linstadt	Sejndi Rusi
Giuseppe Carvelli	Mehrnaz Golmakani	Hannah Liss	Erene Saad
Tien-Hsin Chang	David Greco	Scott Lowry	Sarang Saadat
Zhaozhao Chen	Arndt Guentsch	Jad Majzoub	Muhammad Saleh
Christina Chen	Kendal Haddad	Moayad Mardini	Islam Saleh Elderbashy
David Chen	Louai Haddad	Kathleen Chloe Mascardo	Sebastien Salzmann
Yoon Chi	Jessica Hagan	Anthony Michelotti	Weston Sands
Nam Jun Cho	Iain Hart	Lauren Miele	Richard Sawaya
Hyun Jae Cho	Jordan Hekmati	Sasha Mohammadi	Daniel Schinazi
Devin Christiansen	Mylea Hunter	Morvarid Monfaredzadeh	Bansari Shah

Mengyi Shi
Ajitesh Singh
Ramneek Singh
Shaghayegh Sobhani
Muhammad Sohail
Khalida Stanazai
Shayla Steeds
Todd Stone

Shiyamali Sundararajan
Meredith Swisher
Muhammad Takriti
Beniel Tamraz
Jiayin Tan
Mustafa Tattan
Constance Teoh
Justin Tomack

Kelechi Ukaegbu
Brendon Ursomanno
Anupama Viswanathan
Manali Vora
Le Wang
Tzicha Wang
Emily Williams
Lindsey Williams

Kevin Winegar
David Wu
Kristen Yant
Thomas Yoo
James Zaiger
Janet Zalucha
Jonathan Zora

NEW DIPLOMATES RECEPTION

The ABP Board of Directors is pleased to celebrate the accomplishments of the above-listed new Diplomates. The ABP will host a reception for new Diplomates and current Examiners on Thursday, Oct. 31, 2024, at The Rooftop by STK at Andaz San Diego during the AAP Annual Meeting in San Diego. Please contact the ABP at staff@abperio.org for information about registering for this event.

DIPLOMATES CELEBRATING 25TH ANNIVERSARY

The following periodontists achieved 25 years of Active Diplomate status in 2024:

Jeanne Badillo
David Baker
Suheil Boutros
Stephen Chermol
Carlo Coiana
Joseph Cristoforo
Richard Cutler
Walid Dabbagh
John De La Fontaine
Serge Dibart
John Dodge
Paul Ezzo
Mitesh Faldu

Joseph Fiorellini
Lynn Friesen
Richard Green
Mark Gutt
Elizabeth Hall
Geoffrey Haradon
Jeffery Johnston
Nadeem Karimbux
Deena Kuempel
Akshay Kumar
Karl Lackler
Lisa Masters
Thomas McGillicuddy

Mary Neill
Todd Neils
Lauralee Nygaard
Constantine Pavlakos
Douglas Petersen
Thomas Poore
Michael Poth
Christopher Richardson
Stephen Rouse
Thomas Scorziello
Sarah Shih
Don Silberman
Kevin Sims

Ann Somers
Patricia Sukmonowski
Peter Then
Gregory Toback
Pedro Trejo
Herbert Veisman
Cory Wanatick
Heber Windley
Mariam Wozniak
Behnaz Yalda
Samir Zakaria
Roya Zojaji-Ahmadieh

ABPERIOminute

LAUNCH IN 2025

Following successful pilot testing in 2023 and beta testing this year, the ABP will launch its new continuing certification platform, ABPerio Minute, for all Diplomates in 2025. Research has shown longitudinal assessment is the best way to help Diplomates maintain in-depth knowledge and proficiency in the specialty. The platform is accessible via a website or a mobile app and takes advantage of methods such as spaced study, frequent assessment that requires information retrieval, and immediate feedback, all of which have been proven effective for adult learning. **Starting in January 2025, all Diplomates will be required to answer 15 multiple-choice questions each quarter for a total of 60 questions by Dec. 31 each year.** ABPerio Minute will replace the standalone recertification exam once every six years. For more information or to view a demonstration, stop by the Speakers' Studio on Sat., Nov. 2, from 3:05 – 3:30 p.m.; attend the IP4 - Perio Open Mic program on Sunday, Nov. 3, from 10:45 a.m. – noon; or visit us at the ABP booth during the AAP Annual Meeting.

ABP MERCHANDISE

ABP-branded golf shirts and half-zip sweatshirts are now available for purchase:

To view clothing items and place an order, please log into your Diplomate portal at www.abperio.org or stop by the ABP Booth at the Annual Meeting.

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JOB TASK ANALYSIS AND ORAL EXAM WORKSHOPS

The ABP has had a busy summer convening workshops in Chicago for the Job Task Analysis (JTA) project and formulation of the 2025 oral examination. Many thanks to all the hardworking members of the JTA Steering Committee and the Oral Exam Committee!

ABP Job Task Analysis Steering Committee



ABP Oral Exam Committee



UPDATE YOUR PROFILE AND IMPROVE YOUR VISIBILITY

Did you know the “Find a Board-Certified Periodontist” tool is the most visited page on the ABP’s website? Make sure you are visible by adding a profile photo and website address. Do you have multiple offices? We can help you with those listings. Contact the ABP Office if you have any questions or need assistance updating your profile.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

- Oct. 31, 2024: 2025 Oral Examination Registration Deadline
- Nov. 20, 2024: 2025 Qualifying Examination Registration Deadline
- Jan. 27 – 31, 2025: 2025 Qualifying Examination
- May 5 - 9, 2025: 2025 Oral Examination ■

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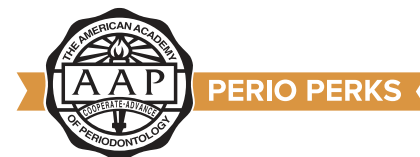


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Annual Meeting Update

We hope you plan to join us at the AAP Annual Meeting in San Diego this October! When you're there, don't miss these fun and informative Foundation events.

AAP Foundation Future Horizons in Periodontology

Join moderators Dr. Beatriz Bezerra (Foundation Fellowship to ADEA, 2021; 2023 Tarrson Fellow) and Dr. Roger Arce (2012 Educator Scholar, 2014 Foundation Fellowship to ADEA, 2015 Teaching Fellow) as they welcome two dynamic speakers who will address Advances in Personalized Periodontal Medicine. Dr. Ahmed El-Awady (2015 Educator Scholar, 2022 Richman Family Foundation Scholarship, 2021 Teaching Fellow) will discuss Pharmacogenomics to Precision Prescriptions in Periodontal Patients, and Dr. Flora Momen-Heravi (2018 Cohen Awardee, 2017 Educator Scholar) will address Immunotherapy Applications in Periodontal Medicine. Future Horizons in Periodontology proudly features past Foundation award recipients, demonstrating ROI to Foundation donors. Come see some of the results of your donations in action! *Saturday, Nov. 2, 10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Upper-Level Meeting Room 2, San Diego Convention Center*

New this year! Join the AAPF Future Horizons in Periodontology speakers and moderators for a 30-minute meet-and-greet session at the Foundation booth! Ask questions, discuss research, and chat with these talented AAP Foundation award recipients! *Saturday, Nov. 2, Noon - 12:30 p.m., Ground Level Hall C Foyer, San Diego Convention Center*



AAP Foundation Estate Planning Breakfast

Join Thomas Barrett, Estate and Business Planning Attorney at MassMutual and member of their advanced sales organization, along with Shawn Johnson, Vice President of Business Development at Treloar & Heisel, as they address salient topics of estate planning that will be of interest to periodontists and their spouses. Get practical ideas you can implement right away. Our thanks to Treloar & Heisel for sponsoring this session. *Saturday, Nov. 2, 6:30 a.m. - 8 a.m., Mezzanine Meeting Room 14AB, San Diego Convention Center*

AAP Foundation Silent Auction

Browse and bid on more than 100 items and support the future of your specialty at the same time! Snag a great deal on items for your



practice, wine, travel, and more. Text AAPF24 to 76278 to register and start bidding after October 30. You'll even get a text message if you've been outbid! *Runs Oct. 30 – Nov. 3*

AAP Foundation Booth

Stop by the Foundation booth in the ground level Hall C foyer in the San Diego Convention Center to learn more about how the Foundation supports your specialty, snap a beach-themed selfie, check out the silent auction, grab a giveaway, and enter our raffle! *Open Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 3 p.m. through 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3.*

AAP - AAP Foundation Awards Ceremony

Celebrate the 2024 AAP and AAP Foundation award recipients at a joint ceremony on Friday, Nov. 1 at 5:30 p.m. in the Upper-Level Meeting Room 5AB at the San Diego Convention Center. ■

PerioDash is turning 10!

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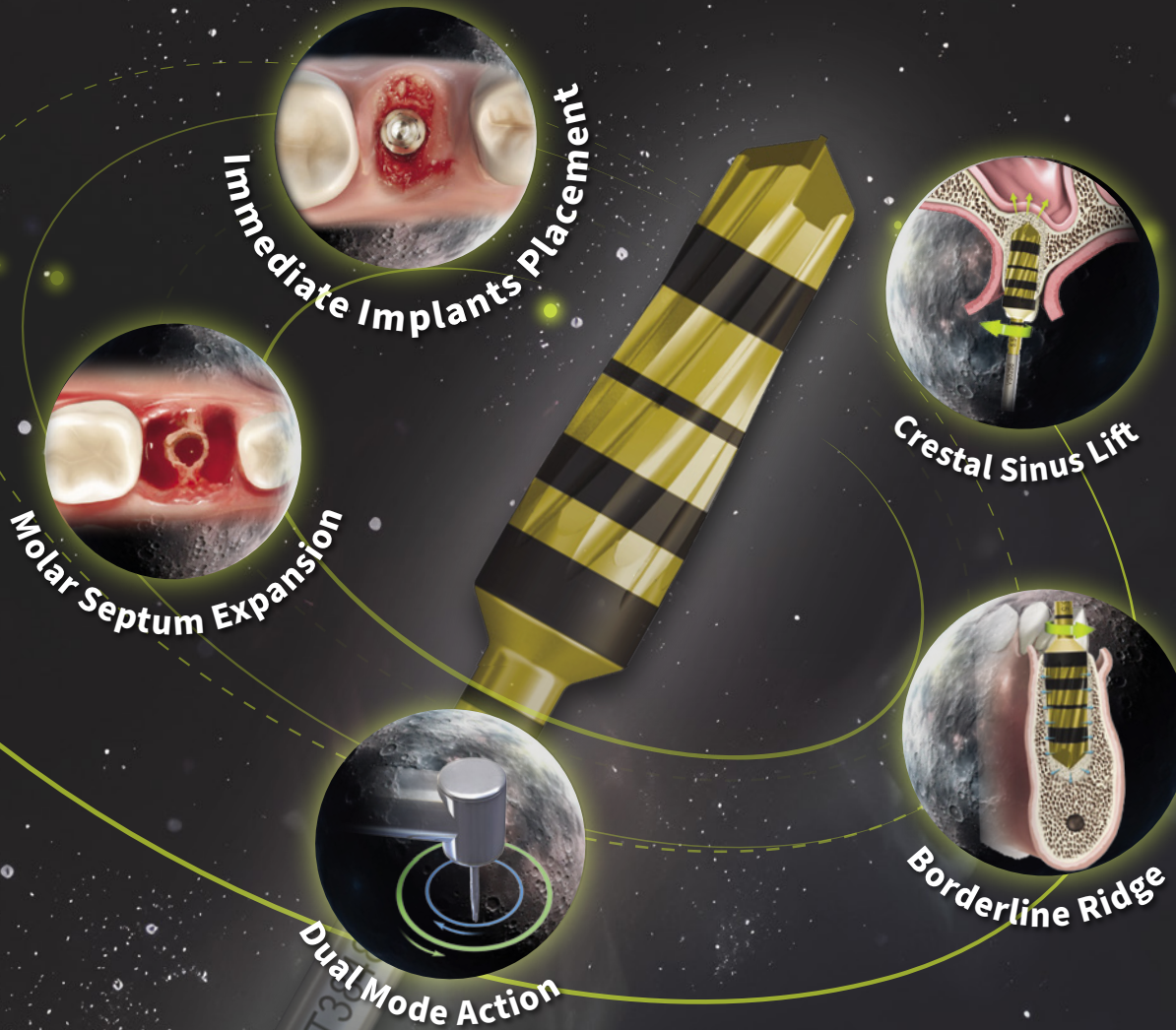
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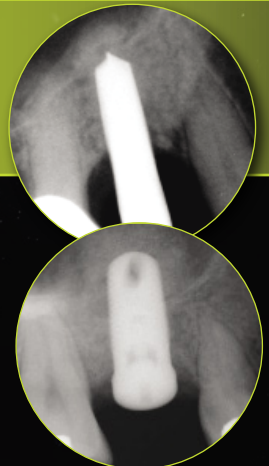
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