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President's message

BY DR. STEPHEN MERAW



Sharing our knowledge with one another is the best way to ensure we are not only staying ahead of the curve as periodontists, but also building meaningful connections. Each of our experiences is unique and discussing them is one of the best ways to ensure that we are making a difference and constantly learning something new. An important topic this issue is periodontics in the U.S. Military and what that entails. I believe this is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to learn something new from our fellow peers and dive deeper into a world we may not know much about.

In this theme, it is worth mentioning that Perio Profiles continued for the month of April with residents and new service member periodontists sharing the best parts of being a periodontist in the U.S. Military, some of which included not having to discuss finances with patients and serving the very deserving population who protect the United States.

Beginning on pg. 6, our feature *Sharing Knowledge* continues with a look into Army Periodontics. Colonel Thomas M.

Johnson of Augusta University shared that until now, the last time a civilian periodontics residency program trained an Army periodontist at the university was 20 years ago. Captain Drew Gottwald and Captain Khalid Shafie, who will enter residency in 2025, shared the unique experiences and opportunities of their journeys with us. Their stories celebrate their dedication and the evolving landscape of periodontal education and practice. To share your own story of how you are making a difference in your periodontal or general community for the Beyond the Practice section, email publicrelations@perio.org

As you may recall from the last issue of *Periospectives*, the Academy is highlighting four individuals and their periodontal paths in a new series for 2024 called Gen You. These individuals possess unique experiences that we will continue to share as we follow their journeys and check in on them periodically. Read pg. 23 to discover the challenges these individuals have faced on their

separate career paths and the ways in which the AAP has been a vital resource for them. You may be able to relate to some of these experiences and even gain some insight or advice you can take with you as you begin or continue your own career path.

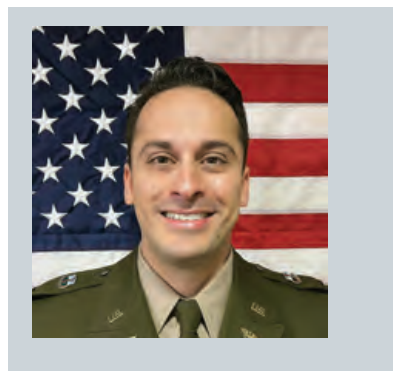
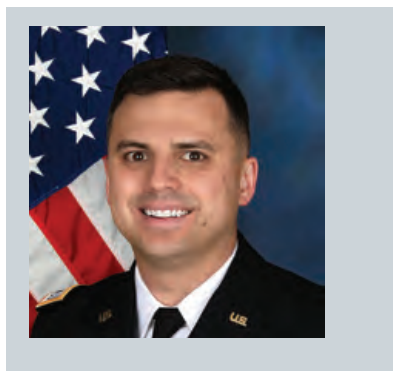
Stay connected with periodontics worldwide by reviewing the International Periodontics section of this issue on pg. 28. Here, we keep members informed about important meetings, collaborations, and more happening around the globe. In this issue, we have included an Australian and Spanish edition of International Periodontics. Additionally, we have highlighted an international member – Dr. Saravanan Sampooranam Pape – to learn more about his experiences as an international AAP member.

The 2024 Annual Meeting is only four months away and if you're not sure what awaits you or need help choosing where to spend your time, a program highlights section can be found in this issue. Look through the specially curated compilation of can't-miss programming in San Diego on pg.10.

Periodontics is a unique specialty, and our members are all unique in the ways they express their passions. *Periospectives* continues to highlight these experiences and I'm proud to share how our members have been helping their communities and sharing their knowledge and experiences. I hope you enjoy this unique theme as much as I have, and I hope to see you at the 2024 Annual Meeting in San Diego to further connect. ■

Sincerely,
Dr. Stephen Meraw
President
American Academy of Periodontology

COVER STORY



The last time a civilian residency program trained an Army periodontist was 20 years ago... until now.

As Colonel Thomas M. Johnson, Army Periodontics Program Director and Periodontics Consultant to the Surgeon General, stated, "People are leaving the Army sooner than in the past and many of the more experienced service members are retiring. More periodontists are needed to fill the gap." That need exceeds the capacity of the Army Periodontics Program. To remedy this, the Army has partnered with two civilian periodontics residency programs.

Having service members train in civilian programs can result in new knowledge shared with the Army's program. Two Army officers were accepted for this exciting opportunity— Captain Drew Gottwald and Captain Khalid Shafie. Captain Gottwald will train at the University of Louisville (UofL) and Captain Shafie will train at Augusta University (AU).

From a young age, Captain Drew Gottwald felt a strong calling to serve in the armed forces. "Initially, I received an ROTC Air Force scholarship during high school, but I decided it wasn't the right time to pursue that path. Later, when I entered dental

school, I discovered the Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP). This opportunity aligned perfectly with my desire to provide dental care to soldiers and support their readiness for deployments." Captain Gottwald applied for and was fortunate to be awarded the HPSP scholarship, solidifying his commitment to a career in the Army.

Several factors influenced Captain Gottwald's decision to pursue dentistry. "Growing up, I always enjoyed interactions with my dentist, who not only cared for my teeth but also sparked my interest in dental anatomy by comparing human and animal teeth." Captain Gottwald's passion for science and health during his college years further drew him to the field. Additionally, his father's work as a carpenter and plumber instilled in him an appreciation for hands-on work and the satisfaction of building or repairing things. "I saw parallels between his work and dentistry, which involves precision and manual dexterity." Finally, shadowing both physicians and dentists in college, Captain Gottwald shared how he noticed that dentists consistently expressed strong enthusiasm for their profession, whereas the physicians he shadowed often had mixed feelings about their career choice. This positive advocacy from dentists solidified his decision to enter the field.

Captain Gottwald refers to his journey to periodontology as "unexpected." During his second year of dental school, he realized he wasn't enthusiastic about becoming a general dentist. "I was much more drawn to the systemic health courses than to prosthodontics and restorative dentistry. Additionally, my interest in anesthesiology, influenced by my brother who is an anesthetist, and my background in biochemistry, made me initially consider dental anesthesiology." However, his plans changed when he started shadowing Major Megan Bunting, DMD, a periodontist at Fort Drum. Working with her in the surgical suite revealed that periodontology was a perfect blend of Captain Gottwald's interests: surgery, systemic health, and providing moderate IV sedation. He also found periodontic patients to be particularly rewarding, as their treatment often involves "significant patient education and a commitment to managing periodontal disease."

One of the most valuable lessons Captain Gottwald has learned is the importance of understanding patients' chief complaints and taking the time to educate them. "Effective communication often outweighs the technical perfection of a restoration. It's crucial to slow down and genuinely listen to patients to fully grasp their concerns and provide the best care. Additionally, patients vary widely in their oral hygiene knowledge. Educating them on the significance of oral health is essential to fostering their cooperation and

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ensuring they work with us, not against us, in their treatment plans.”

He shared that he is incredibly excited to attend the esteemed civilian program at the UofL and to train under the exceptional mentorship of Dr. Himabindu Dukka. The historical significance of this program, once led by Dr. Henry Greenwell, whose research and mentorship have had a lasting impact on periodontology, adds to his enthusiasm. “This opportunity represents a significant step towards fostering a stronger partnership between the Army Dental Corps and the civilian academic dental community.” Captain Gottwald believes that both can greatly benefit from this collaboration, and he hopes to set a positive example for future Army dentists to pursue and excel in civilian residencies.

When asked what Captain Gottwald would like to bring back to the Army after completing his residency in a civilian program, he pointed out, “I’ve discussed this with Colonel Johnson, and my hope is to bring back a fresh perspective on periodontics. Different institutions often emphasize various aspects of dentistry and procedural techniques, and I believe residencies are no different. I aim to share unique insights and methodologies learned at the UofL with my colleagues that trained at Fort Eisenhower, fostering an environment of mutual learning and continuous improvement in oral healthcare for our soldiers.”

On a personal level, Captain Gottwald’s long-term goal is to engage in the teaching side of Army dentistry. “I am a strong advocate of the ‘see one, do one, teach one’ model and aspire to educate the next generation of Army dentists or periodontists. To this end, I plan to take continuing education modules through the Uniformed Services University at Walter Reed Hospital, focused on dental faculty development. Ultimately, my goal is to ensure the Army Dental Corps is equipped to provide the highest quality periodontal care and to mentor other healthcare providers to do the same.”

Captain Khalid Shafie said that the decision to pursue a career in the Army is not one that he made lightly. “It required careful consideration, a deep sense of purpose, and a strong commitment to serving one’s country.” Growing up, Captain Shafie developed a strong sense of duty toward his country. The values of honor, loyalty, and sacrifice were instilled in him from an early age. “As I witnessed the bravery and dedication of the men and women in uniform, I felt

a deep admiration for their selflessness and commitment to protecting our nation.” This sense of duty and patriotism fueled his desire to contribute to the defense and security of his country.

“In my opinion, the Army presents a unique opportunity for personal growth and development. The prospect of facing challenges and overcoming obstacles in a dynamic and ever-changing environment is incredibly appealing to me. The Army offers a chance to push myself physically, mentally, and emotionally, allowing me to discover my true potential and develop essential skills such as leadership, resilience, and adaptability. The prospect of serving in different locations and being exposed to diverse cultures and experiences also adds an element of adventure to the career.” Captain Shafie deployed to Afghanistan in 2018 and is currently serving in Egypt as part of the Multinational Forces and Observers.

One of the primary reasons Captain Shafie says he chose a career in the Army is the opportunity to make a tangible difference in the lives of others. “The Army plays a crucial role in safeguarding the freedoms and liberties we hold dear. Whether it is providing humanitarian aid in times of crisis, participating in peacekeeping missions, or defending our nation against threats, the Army allows me to contribute to something greater than myself.”

In Captain Shafie’s case, the decision to study dentistry was driven by a series of events and factors that shaped his passion for oral health care. As a child, he was always fascinated by the medical field. The idea of helping others and making a positive impact on people’s lives intrigued him. His mother’s influence played a pivotal role in guiding him toward a career in dentistry. “As a dental hygienist herself, she not only instilled in me a passion for oral health but also served as an inspiration for my professional journey.” Captain Shafie also had the opportunity to shadow a family friend who was a dentist. This experience allowed him to observe the daily routines, patient interactions, and procedures involved in the dental profession. He was captivated by the dentist’s ability to

transform a patient’s smile, alleviate their dental troubles, and improve their overall well-being. It became evident to him that dentistry was not just a medical field but a unique blend of science, artistry, and patient care.

In addition to these personal experiences, Captain Shafie also developed a strong interest in the sciences during his academic journey. “The intricacies of biology and chemistry fascinated me, and I found joy in unraveling the mysteries of the human body. Dentistry, with its strong foundation in the biological sciences, offered the perfect platform for me to apply my passion for science in a practical and hands-on manner.” The prospect of continuous learning and professional growth in dentistry greatly appealed to him. He states, “The field of dentistry is constantly evolving, with advancements in technology and techniques. This dynamic nature ensures that dentists are always at the forefront of innovation and can provide the best possible care to their patients. The opportunity to engage in lifelong learning and stay abreast of the latest developments in the field was a compelling factor in my decision to pursue dentistry.”

So, what made Captain Shafie choose periodontology?

“I was captivated by the intricacies of the periodontal tissues and their crucial role in maintaining oral health.

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Witnessing the significant impact that periodontal diseases can have on individuals' overall well-being sparked a deep curiosity within me to understand the subject further." Throughout his dental education, he shares that he had the privilege of being mentored by experienced periodontists who shared their knowledge and passion for the field. Their guidance and encouragement ignited his interest in periodontology even further. "They opened my eyes to the vast potential for research, advancements, and innovations within the specialty. Their mentorship instilled in me the belief that periodontology not only offers opportunities for my personal growth but also provides me a platform to contribute to the improvement of patients' lives."

He adds, "Periodontology is a field that necessitates collaboration with other dental and medical specialties. This interdisciplinary approach appealed to me, as it allows for comprehensive patient care and the opportunity to work closely with a diverse team of healthcare professionals. The prospect of collaborating with prosthodontists, oral surgeons, and other specialists to provide holistic treatment for patients with complex cases inspired me to specialize in periodontology."

The most valuable lesson that Captain Shafie has learned throughout his dental studies and practice is the importance of empathy. He strongly believes that empathy forms the foundation of a strong patient-provider relationship. "When patients sense that their dentist genuinely cares about their well-being, trust is built, and anxieties are alleviated. This trust allows patients to feel more comfortable sharing their concerns, fears, and expectations. By actively listening and empathizing, dental professionals can address these concerns effectively, leading to a more positive experience for the patient." He emphasizes that empathy is an important part of effective communication, and this allows him to better understand patients' unique circumstances, including their lifestyle, fears, and financial constraints. "This understanding enables dentists to tailor treatment plans that align with the patient's specific needs, leading to improved patient satisfaction and compliance."

Captain Shafie is confident that the opportunity to complete a periodontics residency at a civilian institution holds great promise and potential, and that it marks a significant milestone in bridging the gap between the military and civilian sectors in dentistry. "By offering this opportunity, an avenue for exchange of knowledge, experiences, and techniques is created, benefiting both the military and civilian dental communities."

"Civilian institutions often cater to a wide range of demographics, presenting a unique opportunity to encounter various oral health conditions and treatment approaches. As a military dentist, this exposure can enhance my clinical skills and broaden my understanding of periodontal diseases and their management."

He also discussed how collaboration between military and civilian institutions fosters the exchange of best practices and the advancement of research in periodontics. "Each sector brings its own expertise and experiences to the table, creating a rich and dynamic environment for innovation and growth. By tapping into the resources and knowledge of both sectors, advancements in periodontal treatment modalities and techniques can be shared, ultimately benefiting patients from all walks of life."

One of the benefits of completing a periodontics residency at a civilian institution is that it allows him to establish professional networks beyond the military community. He emphasized that connections and collaborations forged during this residency can lead to lifelong partnerships and mentorships, opening doors to future career opportunities and growth. "The integration of military dentists into the broader dental community can foster a sense of camaraderie and collaboration, strengthening the overall dental profession. As we move forward, it is crucial to recognize the importance of continued collaboration and integration between military and civilian dental institutions. By embracing this opportunity, we can ensure that our armed forces' dental professionals are equipped with the latest knowledge and skills, ultimately benefiting the oral health and well-being of our service members and the broader population."

Because periodontal health is closely interconnected with overall health, Captain Shafie aims to promote interdisciplinary collaboration between periodontists, general dentists, and other healthcare professionals within the Army. "By fostering a team-based approach, we can address the systemic implications of periodontal diseases and provide comprehensive care that considers the overall well-being of our soldiers. This integration of disciplines will result in a more holistic and effective approach to periodontal care." Bringing these advancements in periodontal care to the Army to enhance the quality of dental services provided to our soldiers is Captain Shafie's goal.

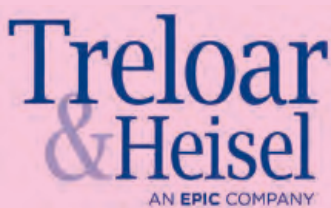
Colonel Johnson is thrilled that an Army officer will begin periodontics training at AU in 2025. Multiple connections between the Army periodontics program and AU already exist. Army periodontics residents complete two years of instruction in oral biology at Augusta University's Graduate School. In addition, the AU and Army periodontics programs together conduct oral mock board examinations annually in May, and multiple AU faculty members are alumni of the Army Periodontics Program. Having an Army officer train in the AU Periodontics Program will further strengthen the existing ties.

"Dr. Mira Ghaly is an exceptional Program Director," Johnson said. "I am always impressed by the professionalism and skill of AU residents."

Army periodontics faculty and residents collaborate with elite AU researchers such as Dr. Jennifer Bradford, Associate Professor of Biology, Department of Biological Sciences; Dr. Ashok Sharma, Associate Professor, Center for Biotechnology and Genomic Medicine, Medical College of Georgia; and Dr. Ahmed El-Awady, Associate Professor, Department of Periodontics. ■

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ANNUAL MEETING

One of the most valuable parts of any career path is connection. Through connecting, we learn from others, teach others, and build relationships, and that is exactly what the AAP Annual Meeting is all about. We'll be spending Oct. 31 through Nov. 3 enjoying science and sunshine as the Annual Meeting visits the San Diego Convention Center.

Highlights



The Academy is celebrating 110 years of gathering periodontal educators, researchers, and clinicians together for a weekend of collaboration and fun. If you're wondering what you can anticipate at the Annual Meeting, we've compiled a few of the many highlights taking place at the meeting.

Meeting Highlights: 110 Years of Collaboration

As always, the Annual Meeting is filled with sessions, workshops, and symposiums you can attend. There is a wide range of events available, so how can you choose what's right for you? Visit the schedule of events at am2024.perio.org to learn more.

Below we've highlighted some of our exciting courses taking place at the meeting:

Wednesday, Oct. 30:

EV4: Educator Symposium: Say Hi to AI: Exploring the Role of AI in Periodontal Education (ticketed course)
Sponsored by Philips Oral Healthcare

Thursday, Oct. 31:

Corporate Forum
Balint Orban Memorial Competition

EV1: Moderate Sedation: Managing Emergencies, Records, and Requirements in 2024 Part 1 (ticketed course)
EV2: Moderate Sedation: Managing Emergencies, Records, and Requirements in 2024 Part 2 (ticketed course)
Sponsored by Specialty1 Partners





Friday, Nov. 1:

GS1: Opening General Session

AAP Research Forum Poster Competition

GS2: Robert J. Genco Perio-Systemic Symposium

Sponsored by Crest + Oral-B and Sunstar GUM

Saturday, Nov. 2:

GS3: A Morning with the Masters

EV3: Dental Hygiene Symposium (ticketed course)

Sponsored by Crest + Oral-B

EV21: Insurance Panel (ticketed course)

EV22: Dental Coding Workshop (ticketed course)

GS4: Are Biologics Replacing the “Gold Standard” of Autogenous Bone?

Sunday, Nov. 3:

GS5: Nightmare on Peri-Implantitis Street

EV23: Medical Coding Workshop (ticketed course)

GS6: Interdisciplinary Treatment Planning: An Interactive Session

... and there's so much more waiting for you!

Exhibit Hall: New Two-Day Format

This year, the Exhibit Hall introduces a new two-day open format and each day, the AAP will take care of you. Begin your day with morning coffee and anticipate a complimentary daily lunch in between your learning and networking. Explore the research conducted by your fellow AAP members as well as our colleagues from the JSP and JACP during the Research Forum Poster Session.

Coffee breaks are sponsored by Hiossen Implant.

And, don't forget to join your colleagues at the Speaker Studio to engage with invited speakers and key opinion leaders. See some of this year's Speaker Studio topics below:

Speaker Studio sponsored by Colgate-Palmolive Company and Pacific Dental Services

Grab a lunch and head over to the Lunch & Learns. Topics include:

Lunch & Learn 1: Proper Use of Legal Entities for Lawsuit Protection and Tax Reduction (Non-CE).

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Lunch & Learn 2: Dynamic Navigation Assisted Procedures with AI Planning (CE Provided by Navident by ClaroNav Dental)

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Lunch & Learn 3: Dynamic Navigation Implant Surgery and Photogrammetry. Enhancing, Accuracy, and Simplicity (CE Provided by Navident by ClaroNav Dental)

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If you're looking to renew your membership, learn more about your AAP membership benefits, or simply connect with the AAP staff, visit the AAP Membership booth and the Member Resource Center. Additional elements and resources of the Exhibit Hall include the Networking Reception, CE Pavilion, Charging Lounge, and AAP and JSP/JACP Poster Area.

The Charging Lounge is sponsored by ACE SOUTHERN and the Networking Reception Drink Ticket is sponsored by Specialty1 Partners.

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AAP Foundation: Fun and Informative Events

Visit the AAP Foundation (AAPF) Booth to learn more about the Foundation's work, bid on the silent auction, and celebrate 34 years of service to the specialty. Enter raffles, score fun giveaways, snap selfies, and more! The AAPF Silent Auction allows you to bid on a wide array of items from your smartphone or computer. You'll even receive text messages if you've been outbid!

On Saturday, Nov. 2, attend the AAPF Estate Planning Breakfast, where a representative from T&H Financial Group and an estate planning attorney will share financial and legal principles of estate planning. *The AAPF Estate Planning Breakfast is sponsored by Treloar & Heisel, Inc.* After you've learned about estate planning, it's time to go back to living in the now and attend the AAPF Future Horizons in Periodontology, where we showcase the talent that AAPF award recipients bring to the specialty.



Head to the Annual Meeting website to register today and see what's new. Sessions, speakers, and information are being added weekly.

am2024.perio.org ■



Ask the Board



Does the AAP still partner with Mobiltape for Annual Meeting recordings?

Life Active Member- San Diego

Thank you for your timely question!

The Academy has been working with Mobiltape to record sessions at the AAP Annual Meeting since the early 1980s. Recordings were made available for purchase shortly after the annual meeting concluded. Currently, AAP members can access individual courses from the 2001-2020 Annual Meetings on the Mobiltape website.

The Academy still works with Mobiltape for recording the sessions, but the partnership has changed since 2020. Beginning with the 2021 meeting in Miami, annual meeting recordings are now available for purchase on the AAP's e-Learning Center (e-LC). Now members can watch online courses and are eligible to earn CE credits upon passing a short quiz.

In addition to annual meeting content, the e-LC includes a library of online continuing education courses, both complimentary and for purchase. Whether you're at home or in

the office, you can learn at your own pace, time, and convenience.

Thank you once again for your question, and as always, thank you for your membership! ■

Sincerely,

Constantine Pavlakos, DDS

District 7

AAP Board of Trustees



YOUR ACADEMY AT WORK



Volunteer Activities

The **Education Committee** developed a plan to support the Match program and recommended new appointments to the CODA Review Committee on Periodontics Education.

Dr. Marie Schweinebraten, representing the **Patient Benefits and Advocacy Committee**, participated in the annual ADA Code Maintenance Committee meeting in March.

The **Research Submissions Committee** selected finalists and winners for several Scientific Awards, including the AAP Clinical Research Award and the R. Earl Robinson Award, and is now reviewing abstract submissions for the 2024 Balint Orban Competition and Research Forum Poster Session.

The **Scientific Strategy Committee** reviewed a proposal for a potential collaborative scientific consensus workshop. ■



Dental Hygiene Engagement Initiative



On May 15, Cassandra McKenzie, DDS, hosted an AAP Instagram Takeover. Her takeover featured a day in the life of the AAP's new Dental Hygiene Study Club program. Members got to meet Dr. McKenzie and learn more about her Kansas City hygiene study club: Gums Quarterly (GQ). When planning for an upcoming GQ meeting, Dr. McKenzie shared, "I like to take a look at our evaluations to see what people are interested in and implants have been coming up a lot." GQ sends out postcards and digital invites six weeks before a meeting. See the testimonials Dr. McKenzie shared with us from dental hygienists attending the GQ study club below:



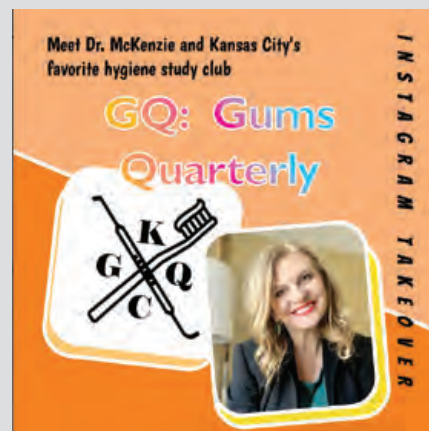
"I love how fun these are. We have to be professionals at work all day, and it is nice to learn in a laid-back environment."

"I could have listened for two more hours!"

"I always love learning something new."

The AAP Dental Hygiene Study Club Program builds relationships between periodontists and hygienists, provides turnkey content for AAP members to use, positions the periodontist as a mentor and leader, and encourages collaboration among the dental team. Study club content includes video modules, background materials, template resources, and best practice tips and tricks.

You can **host your own dental hygiene study club** and get access to study club modules complimentary for one year as an AAP member by using the coupon code **DHEI-COUPON**. ■



Why you need to go through medical underwriting for disability income insurance as soon as possible

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Buying disability income insurance (DI) early on in your career gives you the opportunity to secure insurance at a younger age and while you are (theoretically) in better health.

One of the necessary steps in applying to purchase disability income insurance is medical underwriting. What is medical underwriting? It's the insurance company's review of your health. Underwriting allows the insurance company to review each applicant, assess their health history, and determine an offer based on their risk factors.

Age and health drive the cost of your policy

I have helped thousands of dentists with their planning for almost two decades and recommend taking the steps to secure your insurance as soon as possible.

Given that both age and health impact pricing, it's best to go through medical underwriting... today! Well, perhaps as soon as you finish reading this article.

Buying disability income insurance (DI) early on in your career gives you the opportunity to secure insurance at a younger age and while you are (theoretically) in better health. You may be thinking, this is yet another expense to take on, especially if you have not yet graduated, or if you have recently graduated. Finances may very well be tight early on in your career timeline. But if you compare a 28-year-old purchasing disability policy versus a 38-year-old buying the same policy, there's a substantial difference in cost. The long-term cumulative savings that come from purchasing insurance early are significant compared to buying insurance when you are farther along in your career path.

Get your foot in the door, make changes later

By going through medical underwriting now, you will be able to get your 'foot in the door' and secure the insurance at a lower rate. Keep in mind, you don't have to insure a high income. The important thing is to get the insurance; you can always adjust how much coverage you buy as your income increases. That's one way to keep your out-of-pocket costs low while you get financially established.





Eliminate the 'what-if's'

Once you secure a policy, you have peace of mind that you're covered in the case of an injury or illness. Don't assume that degenerative conditions only affect older people. Anyone can get sick, and anyone can be injured at any age.

But if you get your DI insurance while you are young and healthy, and even a year later a health condition results in you filing a claim – you are protected. Once you have a policy, you eliminate many of the “what if's” in life. What if your health changes? What if you need to use your policy and didn't buy one? We've seen many young doctors still in training experience health conditions or injuries, and when they have a policy in place, they are obviously in a much better position than if they delayed purchasing it.

Don't disregard the student discount!

If you're still in school, or a (very) recent grad, make sure to take advantage of student discounts for disability income insurance. Most companies offer it, and it's highly advisable to buy DI when you are still in school. If you are putting it off because you don't have time, remember that life is not going to get any less busy after graduation. You will have many more decisions to make as you enter the working world, so this really is the best time to buy. What if you forget to lock in the discount? I don't know about you, but I really like to save money. You don't want to pay too much for insurance. If there's a training discount available to you, grab it while you can.

Super flexible policies

As we mentioned earlier, one of the great things about DI policies is how flexible they are. There are many bells and whistles that can enhance a basic policy. Those features are called ‘riders’ and they allow you to tweak your policy to say, make your student loan payments if you are not able to work, or they give you the option to easily increase your insurance without undergoing medical underwriting. Features can be added and subtracted along the way. You can even increase or decrease your base coverage. If you have the policy, that is...

Your first business decision

Buying disability insurance is one of the first business decisions you will make early on in your career. Research it, make the decision, and then review your limits each year. Disability

insurance is something you don't simply buy and set aside. You want to look at it every year as you progress through your career. An experienced financial advisor should be able to guide you. I suggest you work with someone who knows not only about disability income insurance, but also has experience working with dentists and specialists.

How much should you insure and for how long?

Our suggestion to doctors looking for guidance on how much of their income to insure is to protect as much of your income as you can until you're financially independent. If you become independently wealthy at 55 or 60, you can potentially self-insure the need for disability insurance. You may decide, I don't need to pay for this anymore, I'm going to let it go. But you also have the option of maintaining the policy until you're 65 years old. You don't need to keep your policy forever. It's only until you're financially independent, at which point you can decide to keep it or not.

Multiple line discounts

If you're an established doctor, or if you are looking to purchase a practice you may have several insurance needs in addition to disability income. Most insurance companies offer discounts when customers buy several products at once. That's worth keeping in mind, too, as you explore DI.

Don't delay!

I hope I've made a solid case for why you need to go through medical underwriting now. If you are a dentist or specialist or medical doctor reading this, then you need disability income insurance. Perhaps this article is a reminder to call your advisor. If it brought up any questions, don't hesitate to write me at jpantoja@treloaronline.com

Good luck with your search for the policy that's right for you!

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Ask the Coding Coach

I performed exposure of an impacted maxillary canine and placed an orthodontic bracket at the time of surgery. When we submitted for insurance reimbursement, payment was denied based on plan limitations. Is there anything we can do to get benefits?

Receiving benefits for procedures related to orthodontic treatment can be difficult. The most obvious rationale is that the procedure is performed for esthetic purposes. For example, after completion of orthodontic treatment, a gingivectomy may be performed to obtain a more ideal contour and/or crown to root ratio, especially for anterior teeth. The code for this procedure is:

D4230 anatomical crown exposure, four or more bounded teeth or bounded tooth spaces

This procedure is utilized in an otherwise periodontally healthy area to remove enlarged gingival tissue and supporting bone (ostectomy) to provide an anatomically correct gingival relationship, or

D4231 anatomical crown exposure 1-3 teeth or bounded tooth spaces

This procedure is utilized in an otherwise periodontally healthy area to remove enlarged gingival tissue and supporting bone (ostectomy) to provide an anatomically correct gingival relationship.

These cases are primarily considered esthetic or cosmetic and as a result, most carriers will deny benefits even though they are performed related to orthodontic therapy.

Another common procedure performed in conjunction with orthodontic treatment is:

D7280 exposure of unerupted tooth

An incision is made, the tissue is reflected, and bone is removed as necessary to expose the crown of an impacted tooth not intended to be extracted.

This is completed many times in conjunction with:

D7283 placement of device to facilitate eruption of impacted tooth

Placement of an attachment on an unerupted tooth, after its exposure, to aid in its eruption. Report the surgical exposure separately using D7280. In both cases, treatment is considered part of the orthodontic therapy, so benefits are applied under the plan's orthodontic policy. Most plans have a lifetime maximum for orthodontic reimbursement, which is usually reached when the orthodontist collects benefits. By the time the patient is seen for these procedures, reimbursement will be denied because the maximum allowable benefit has been reached even though the procedure itself may be periodontal or oral surgery.

It is always best to obtain a pre-treatment estimate before these procedures, making it clear to the patient that the procedures may not be reimbursed and are the responsibility of the patient.

A teenage patient was referred to me from their orthodontist. The patient was missing tooth #28 congenitally, resulting in very little height or width of the edentulous area. The orthodontist wants to preserve the bone for implant placement when the patient is 18. I submitted for a ridge augmentation to preserve the site, D7953, but reimbursement was denied by the carrier. Is there anything I can do about this?

This question seems like a very straight forward one that should have any easy answer. First, the coding for the procedure that was submitted is incorrect. In all cases, make sure you understand a code, reading the descriptor as well as the nomenclature.

The code submitted was:

D7953 bone graft for ridge preservation, per site

Graft is placed in an extraction or implant removal site at the time of extraction or removal to preserve ridge integrity (e.g. clinically indicated for preparation for implant reconstruction or where alveolar contour is critical to planned prosthetic reconstruction.) Does not include obtaining graft material. Membrane, if used, should be reported separately.



This states quite clearly that this code is used only when the bone graft is placed at the same time as the tooth or implant is removed.

The correct code in this instance is:

D7950 osseous, osteoperiosteal or cartilage graft of the maxilla or mandible, autogenous or non-autogenous, by report

This procedure is for ridge augmentation or reconstruction to increase height, width and/or volume of residual alveolar ridge. It includes obtaining graft material. Placement of a barrier membrane, if used, should be reported separately.

This is an unusual case; I would strongly recommend that a pre-treatment estimate be obtained. There

are several red flags that may slow down the process of reimbursement. First is the patient's age. This is a procedure that is not normally performed on a teenager. It is also unusual if there is only one tooth missing. I assume there is no indication that periodontal disease exists, so it cannot be submitted as treatment of a vertical defect. D7950 is "by report" and I would send as much information as possible including radiographs, intraoral photographs, and inform the carrier of the request for this treatment by the orthodontist. This may result in another issue; depending on the plan's policy and limitations, treatment might be considered part of the patient's orthodontics benefit and may have reached their maximum.

The bottom line is to gather as much information as possible, both clinically during the evaluation and in the form of conversing with the carrier, and having a pre-treatment estimate prior to performing the treatment. ■

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, Michelle Flesch, at 312-573-3241 or **michellef@perio.org**

FOR YOUR PRACTICE

2024 Virtual Insurance Workshops

Looking to expand your coding expertise? Join the AAP's third-party specialist, Michelle Flesch, for the AAP's Virtual Insurance Workshops! These live workshops teach attendees how to correctly submit and manage both dental and medical insurance claims. Workshops are intended for office staff and members in private practice.

The workshops are held live via Zoom, and are offered on the following dates from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Central Time:

Dental Insurance Workshop

Friday, August 2

Registration Deadline

Thursday, July 25

Medical Insurance Workshop

Friday, August 9

Registration Deadline

Thursday, August 1

The American Academy of Periodontology designates this activity for **2.75** continuing education credits.

Visit perio.org > For Members > Insurance and Third-Party Issues for more information about the workshops and how to register! ■

2024 Annual Meeting Live Insurance Workshops

Do you prefer to learn about coding and insurance in person? 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.

For more information and to register for these courses, visit am2024.perio.org ■



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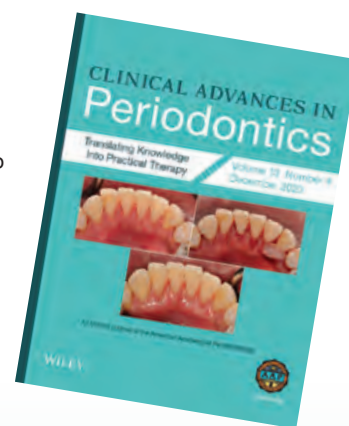
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Educator Updates

2024 Educator Symposium

Save the date! The 2024 AAP Educator Symposium will happen at the Annual Meeting in San Diego on Wednesday, October 30. Join fellow educators for a full-day session on “Say Hi to AI: Exploring the Role of AI in Periodontal Education.”

As technology continues to advance, AI is becoming increasingly relevant in shaping the future of dental education. This workshop will explore the transformative impact of AI on dental education from both the learner and the educator’s perspectives, and on clinical periodontal practices.

All educators are invited to the symposium, which also includes breakfast, lunch, and happy hour. This is a ticketed event, so be sure to add the ticket to your Annual Meeting registration.

Thank you to Philips Oral Healthcare for sponsoring the Educator Symposium.

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New Education Access Modules

The Academy is pleased to announce two new Education Access modules through a collaboration with LifeNet Health: “Tissue Transplantation Ensuring Safety” and “Bone Regeneration and Bone Physiology in Periodontics.” The content was developed and provided by LifeNet Health, and the AAP’s Education Committee reviewed and approved the courses. You can view the modules by visiting the Education Access page on perio.org

Thank you to LifeNet Health for sponsoring the two new Education Access modules.



New Resource for Educators!

At the 2023 Annual Meeting Educator Symposium, the postdoctoral workshop participants, under the leadership of the Postdoctoral Directors Organization chair Dr. Philip Kang, developed a new comprehensive periodontal literature reference list that was designed to provide a standardized, updated, comprehensive list of periodontal literature that all periodontal residents should know. Thank you to Drs. Philip Kang, Carlos Parra, Monica Gibson, and Sejal Thacker for finalizing the list. Look for the new reference list on perio.org this summer. ■

Program Director Updates

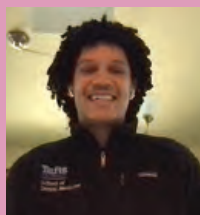
The following individual has been named **Postdoctoral Program Director**:
Andrea Ravida, DDS, MS • University of Pittsburgh



Gen You continues with Demetrius Flood, Dr. Kristen Richey, Dr. Donna Klauser, and Dr. Wayne Aldredge giving us more insight into their journeys. In the last issue, we were introduced to these unique, hardworking individuals. This issue, we learn more about each of their individual paths, including challenges they have faced, what it's like to own a practice, and how the AAP has been a resource throughout each of their journeys.



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



Demetrius Flood MPH, MBS

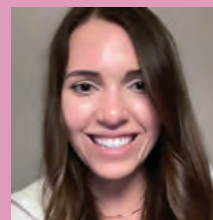
Student

DSIG member since 2022

After earning two master's degrees prior to my dental school matriculation, I was eager to join the dental workforce as soon as possible. However, during the first few months of dental school my perspective changed when Dr. Paul Levi Jr. — who is

now my mentor — stated, “The periodontium is the foundation of the mouth and you do not build anything upon a bad foundation.” This statement resonated with me deeply and led me to explore the field of periodontics through shadowing, seeking mentors, and using online resources like [perio.org](https://www.perio.org). Shortly after, I realized that periodontics was my calling. I felt confident that this specialty would allow me to have the deepest impact, not only in my local community but also within the dental profession as a whole.

During the early phases of my search and after deciding to pursue periodontics, the AAP has been an excellent resource. While searching for programs, I found the AAP website incredibly helpful for navigating through various schools and their locations. This helped organize my efforts during the application process. Additionally, after joining the Dental Student Interest Group (DSIG), I gained access to the AAP's online library. The journals and thousands of articles available there were invaluable to me and my research team as we delved into the effects of orthodontic therapy for adult patients with a history of periodontitis. I look forward to continuing to utilize the AAP as a resource as I embark on my periodontics residency.



Dr. Kristen Richey, DDS

Resident

Student member since 2022

As I complete my residency training, I look forward to using the AAP resources such as the Career Center and Member Directory in order to find a periodontist who is hiring so I can find a job that is a great fit. As a resident, I have loved

being an AAP member. There are so many amazing benefits such as access to CE, the Annual Meetings, access to journals, and of course the great community. I look forward to being an AAP member for the rest of my time in residency and after, and I appreciate the AAP's help with this transition from residency to being a periodontist.



Dr. Donna Klauser DDS, FACD

Practice owner

Active member since 1997

I am very grateful to the AAP for providing me with resources to help me thrive as a clinician and practice owner. Last year's sessions at the Annual Meeting were fantastic, and I learned about the oral implications with

Alzheimer and dementia. I continue to share this information with my patients, and they look to me to help keep them healthy and informed. I'm very grateful to Dr. Mandelaris' SFOT lecture that is now the bulk of my practice. I continue to network with my AAP colleagues, and I'm very grateful for the relationships I've formed over the years.



Dr. Wayne Aldredge, DMD

Past AAP President

Active member since 1995

There are three main ways in which the AAP has helped me become more successful in my periodontal practice. Firstly, the Annual Meeting. I get to reconnect with colleagues, find out what works in their practices, and

learn from the best and brightest out there at the lectures. It's about our relationships. Because I stay in touch with my colleagues and classmates throughout the years, we sit around and have a roundtable. We ask each other questions like, “How are you doing?”, “What do you think about this grafting technique as opposed to this one?”, “Why would you do this?”, “What materials work?”, “What insurances are successful?”

Number two would be the content, which includes position papers or workshops that the Academy provides. For example, if there's a workshop on the perio-systemic link, I would get reprints of that article. I have a database of 260 general dentists in my area, so I would put a cover letter together explaining what we're doing, how we're furthering the science, and how we're providing information so you can educate your patients, and I'd mail it to them.

Sometimes I have a study club, so the third way in which the AAP has helped my practice is study club material. I've had a study club now for several years and the challenge has always been getting content for the study club. Recently, the Academy has provided content for that which is phenomenal and allows me to interact at a high level. ■

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Welcome New Members

Congratulations to the new members of the Academy who joined between March 16, 2024 and May 1, 2024.

New Member	Location	Category
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District 1

Thamir Alhoutan	Boston, MA	STUDENT
Rawaa Alshatti	Boston, MA	STUDENT
Mayvadee Apirugnunchai	Boston, MA	STUDENT
Steven Litwin	Worcester, MA	ACTIVE
Nika Mehrnia	Cambridge, MA	STUDENT
Nasgoll Viola	Boston, MA	STUDENT

District 2

Paul R Friedman	Owings Mills, MD	ACTIVE
Samia Hardan	West Chester, PA	ACTIVE
Shruti Natarajan	Richmond, VA	STUDENT
John E. A. Powe	Pittsburgh, PA	ACTIVE

District 3

Hajera Bano	Tampa, FL	STUDENT
Yvonne De Paiva Buischi	Miami, FL	ACTIVE
Farahnaz Fahimipour	Birmingham, AL	ACTIVE
Jean-Max Jean-Pierre	Fayetteville, GA	ACTIVE
Robert Lemberg	Sunny Isles Beach, FL	STUDENT
Gian D Lourido Martinez	Guaynabo, PR	STUDENT
Briana Lung	Stedman, NC	ASSOCIATE
Azeem Mohiuddeen	Gainesville, FL	STUDENT
Wesley Mullins, DDS	Powell, TN	ASSOCIATE
Joseph P Richardson	Eustis, FL	ACTIVE
Gianna Tsesselis	Saint Petersburg, FL	STUDENT

District 4

Hatem Alassy, BDS	Medina, MN	ACTIVE
Mehmet Akif Ekan	Naperville, IL	ACTIVE
Muhammad H Saleh	Farmingtn Hls, MI	ACTIVE

New Member	Location	Category
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District 5

Nicholas Lobo	Metairie, LA	STUDENT
Daniel McQuillan	San Antonio, TX	STUDENT
William S Neale	Wichita Falls, TX	ACTIVE
Craig Sommer	Colorado Springs, CO	ASSOCIATE

District 6

Ara Bakian	Newport Coast, CA	STUDENT
Jaclyn Chalmers	Los Angeles, CA	STUDENT
Carlos Alberto dos Santos Figueredo, Jr	Edmonton, Canada	STUDENT
Sohail Ebrahimi	Pleasanton, CA	ASSOCIATE
Lloyd Herman	Calabasas, CA	ACTIVE
Kayla Lieu	San Francisco, CA	STUDENT
William McNew	Phoenix, AZ	ASSOCIATE
Arash Ashton Merati	Woodland Hills, CA	ACTIVE
Luke Amos Nordlie	Portland, OR	STUDENT
Samin Sirous	Los Angeles, CA	STUDENT
Neha Tamhane	San Francisco, CA	ACTIVE
Lindsey Williams	Sacramento, CA	ACTIVE
Bryan Yang	Del Mar, CA	STUDENT
Debora Yoon	Anchorage, AK	STUDENT

District 7

Amir Fakhrzadeh	East Brunswick, NJ	ACTIVE
Suh Yeon Oh	New York, NY	STUDENT
Brendon Ursomanno	Staten Island, NY	ACTIVE

District 8

Joseph C Yang	San Diego, CA	ACTIVE
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INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS

New Member	Location
Elizabeth Acevedo Ambriz	Zapopan, Mexico
Oscar Adrian Andrade Arroniz	Zapopan, Mexico
Chun-Jung Chen	Yongkang City, Taiwan
Hung Hui Chi	Taipei, Taiwan
Sophie R Couto	Ottawa, Canada
Valentin Dabuleanu	Toronto, Canada
Jorgen Peder Hjortland Frostad	Eidsvag, Norway
Chuan Chen Ho	Taichung, Taiwan
Ren-Yeong Huang	Taipei, Taiwan
Suk Ji	Suwon, Republic of Korea
Zongting Lai	New Taipei City, Taiwan
Tinghuan Lai	Taipei City, Taiwan
Zimeng Li	Hangzhou, China
Yu-Cheng Lin	Taipei, Taiwan
Yu-Ching Liu	Tainan, Taiwan
Dimitrios Malamis	Alimos, Greece
Hiroaki Midorikawa	Okayamashi, Japan
Pierre Simonis	Strasbourg, France
Tsung-Hsun Wu	Taipei City, Taiwan
Nikola Zitnik	Havirov, Czech Republic

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MEMBERS

New Member	Location
Mehak Khajuria	Jammu, India
Xitlaly Martinez Morga	Durango, Mexico



PerioProgress

Periodontics progresses every day, in more ways than one. In this issue, we will turn the spotlight toward generational differences in dental academia—specifically for pre- and postdoctoral students. This information has been made available from a presentation by the AAP Education Committee.

There are *four major ways* that the world has changed for the current generation of students:

Technology and access to information

Extensive and rapid exposure to an enormous and ever-increasing amount of information has made the current group of students the most informed generation ever. This information is tied to technology, which has been a part of the current generation of students' lives since birth. In general, their technological proficiency is higher than any generation who came before them.

Wellness and mental health

According to the American Psychological Association, 45% of Gen Z report that their mental health is very good or excellent. Millennials rank noticeably higher at 56%, while Gen Xers ranked second lowest at 51%. Baby Boomers rated the highest with 70% reporting excellent mental health. While Generation Z has been called the most depressed generation, members of this group are more likely than their older peers to seek out mental health counseling or therapy. What plays a role in this? Safety, the pandemic, debt, job availability, politics/polarization, technology, and a hyper-connected world.



Financial wellbeing

Financial well-being has changed due to many factors including the skyrocketing cost of education, debt, and inflation. These factors lead many students to take on part time jobs, which in turn diminishes their time for academics.





Aspirations

When it comes to aspirations, Gen Z ranked more entrepreneurial in looking for independent work environments such as startups and businesses. Students typically do not get involved in political and community-based services but do so within a circle of influence that is familiar and connected to their local interests.

So, how do you navigate the generational differences at your workplace?

Foster a diverse and inclusive workforce- Today's student is connected to a global community, with thousands of viewpoints, ideas, and goals. A practice which reflects this model on a smaller scale creates an environment where knowledge is shared and built upon.

Offer a variety of development opportunities- Many young students thirst for knowledge, new experiences, and the next step in their career. Give them the opportunity to flourish.

Don't form opinions based on stereotypes- Never forget that people are individuals, and young people are no different. One size doesn't fit all, and the ability to see a mentee or student as an individual will lead to the most fulfilling outcomes. ■

SCIENCE & COLLABORATION

New advancements and discoveries in periodontics are constantly happening around the globe, and being aware of the latest news is crucial to continue learning and providing the best care for patients. This includes awareness of international news, meetings, and collaborations, which is what this new section is all about!

This year, the International Association for Dental Research (IADR) invited the AAP to exhibit with a complimentary booth space at the IADR/AADOCR/CADR meeting in New Orleans, March 13-16. Two AAP staff people from the membership team were on hand to answer questions regarding Dental Student Interest Group (DSIG) membership, student membership, international, and international student membership.

AAP's Deputy Executive Director, Meg Dempsey, and the Director of Scientific & Clinical Affairs, Stephanie Heffner

also attended to connect with dental students, periodontal residents, program directors, members, researchers, and exhibitors from the U.S. and abroad.

The meeting consisted of 4,800 attendees. The AAP was the only dental specialty that had an exhibit booth at the meeting.

Spanish Edition

Stay tuned because the International Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research will host its 103rd General Session in conjunction with the Pan European Regional Congress in Barcelona, Spain, June 25-28, 2025.

Australia Edition

What else is going on in periodontics worldwide? Before the AAP Annual Meeting in San Diego taking place Oct. 31-Nov. 3, Australia is the place to be. Our perio friends worldwide will be at the Australian Society of Periodontology Biennial Conference from Sept. 19-21. This will be the first ever combined conference of the Australian Society of Periodontology (ASP), Australasian Osseointegration Society (AOS), and the Australian Prosthodontic Society (APS), and will take place in Gold Coast (Queensland) at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre. The theme for the conference is *Staying Between the Flags*. ■

International Periodontics





SCIENCE & COLLABORATION

Part of international periodontics is not only being up to date with relevant meetings and news worldwide, but also being familiar with our internationally based colleagues. Periospectives interviewed Dr. Saravanan Sampooranam Pape who is based in Bhubaneswar, India to learn more about him and his experience as an international member. Dr. Pape became a member of the AAP in 2023.

Tell us a little about yourself.

I graduated from Tamil Nadu Dr MGR Medical University in Chennai, India. I pursued a master's degree in periodontology at the esteemed Armed Forces Medical College in Pune, India. I am currently pursuing a PhD in periodontology from KIIT University in Bhubaneswar, India, and am employed at Central Government Health Services, also in India. My mother is Sampooranam, and I am married to Dr. Delfin Francis. We have a young son named Rohit.

What inspired you to pursue a career in periodontology?

Since the time I received my degree, I have been utterly captivated by the advanced research articles that are associated with periodontology. In periodontal research, there is no end to the frontiers that can be explored. In the beginning, this was something that ignited a fire within me and motivated me to pursue a profession in periodontology.



How did you hear about the AAP, and what made you want to join?

To become a member of the American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) was an ambition of mine ever since I was in my specialization ten years ago. Through participation in the annual meetings, my primary objective was to acquire additional knowledge and to expand my network of mentors and colleagues located on the other side of the ocean.

Tell us about your experience at the Annual Meeting last year in Austin.

Last year I had a spectacular experience in Austin, and I gained a tremendous amount of knowledge there. I had a wonderful time attending all of the events and the keynote addresses were just incredible. Attending lectures given by renowned experts who have made significant contributions to the field of periodontology was, in general, an experience of a lifetime for me.

Tell us a little bit about your poster presentation at the Annual Meeting as well. How did that go?

There were two posters that I had presented, both of which were clinical trials. The experience of presenting posters was entrancing, and I had the opportunity to gain knowledge from a wide range of other poster presenters from all around the world. There were a few residents and postdoctoral students from the United States that I was able to interact with, and my recollections are still fresh.

As an international member, do you feel connected to the Academy? In what ways?

I have a strong sense of connectedness thanks to AAP Connect, which is a very helpful tool. AAP Connect, which puts the world of periodontology closer to my heart, is another way through which I communicate with other members when I am in need of assistance.

How do you stay up to date with the latest advancements in periodontology?

As a member, I make it a point to keep up with all of the publications that the AAP has to offer. Both my knowledge and my interest are increased as a result of this, which allows me to advance my understanding of the subject further. ■

AAP Journals Roundup

The Academy, journal editors, and Wiley work to advance the *Journal of Periodontology* (JOP) and *Clinical Advances in Periodontics* (CAP) to enhance their value for AAP members. Learn about our latest updates and initiatives below.

Effie Ioannidou Named President of AADOCR

The Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Periodontology* and *Clinical Advances in Periodontics*, Dr. Effie Ioannidou, was recently named the 53rd president of the American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (AADOCR). The Academy congratulates Dr. Ioannidou for her distinguished achievements and contributions to the profession.



Peer Review Workshop at Annual Meeting

Our Peer Review Workshop will be returning at the upcoming 2024 Annual Meeting in San Diego. Join our Editor-in-Chief and Associate Editors to learn more about the peer review process and how to write expert reviews. Peer review is an essential aspect of research publishing to maintain quality and integrity. Learn the tools and expertise to become a skilled reviewer by registering for the Peer Review Workshop. Simply purchase a ticket for the workshop when you register for the Annual Meeting. We hope to see you there!

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We've reformatted our podcast episodes to be conversational and interview-style. Hear our editors interview authors on their recently published research in JOP and CAP. Our most recent episodes include Dr. Ioannidou interviewing Dr. Luciana Shaddox on molar incisor pattern periodontitis in families and Dr. Diego Velásquez interviewing Dr. Katerina Georgantza on saving teeth in a pathologic tooth migration case. Stay tuned for more podcast updates and listen at the links below. ■

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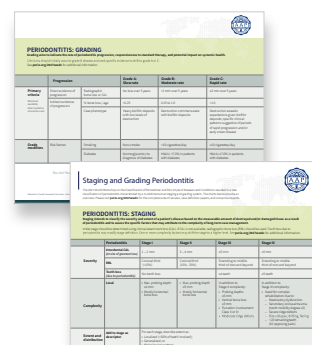
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Please tell us about your background and how you became a periodontist.

I was born and raised in Taiwan, where I earned my dental degree and practiced as a general dentist for two years. During this time, I was inspired by patients who maintained their dentition for function and esthetics through periodontal treatment. Additionally, witnessing patients regain their smiles after receiving proper implant treatment motivated me to pursue a career in Periodontics. In 2013, I moved to the United States to join the postgraduate periodontics program at the University of Michigan. In 2017, I became a Board-certified periodontist, a milestone I am incredibly proud of.

When did you decide to pursue Board certification and why?

Upon completing my residency at the University of Michigan, I was highly satisfied with the didactic and clinical training I received. I decided to pursue Board certification immediately after graduation, believing it was the optimal time to leverage the refreshed knowledge gained during my residency. Achieving Board certification was a career goal that enables me to confidently assure my patients that I have been rigorously evaluated by esteemed periodontists and am qualified to provide the highest standard of care and up-to-date knowledge.

Could you tell us about your faculty role at UCSF Dental Center?

As the residency program director at UCSF Dental Center, I enhance residents' didactic knowledge through literature review courses and supervise their clinical performance, including treatment planning and surgical outcomes. Additionally, I collaborate with colleagues to strengthen the research component of the residency program, guiding residents in developing and conducting their own research projects. One of my career goals is to train residents to become Board-certified periodontists. I always encourage them to pursue this certification, as the Board exam provides an excellent opportunity to showcase the clinical experiences and knowledge they have acquired during their residency.



What trends or developments do you see in the practice of periodontics today?

In today's periodontics practice, periodontists play a pivotal role in managing mucogingival deformities around both natural teeth and implants, as well as in treating peri-implant diseases. These specialized areas demand the unique expertise that periodontists possess. Mastery in plastic surgeries and strategic management of peri-implant diseases are becoming increasingly prominent within the specialty. Additionally, there is a growing emphasis on assessing risk factors, educating patients about disease prevention, and ensuring long-term maintenance, all of which are integral aspects of periodontal care. Therefore, future trends and developments will largely focus on disease prevention and complication management.

As an ABP Examiner, you have been involved in testing the ABP's new continuing certification platform, ABPerio Minute. What can you tell us about ABPerio Minute?

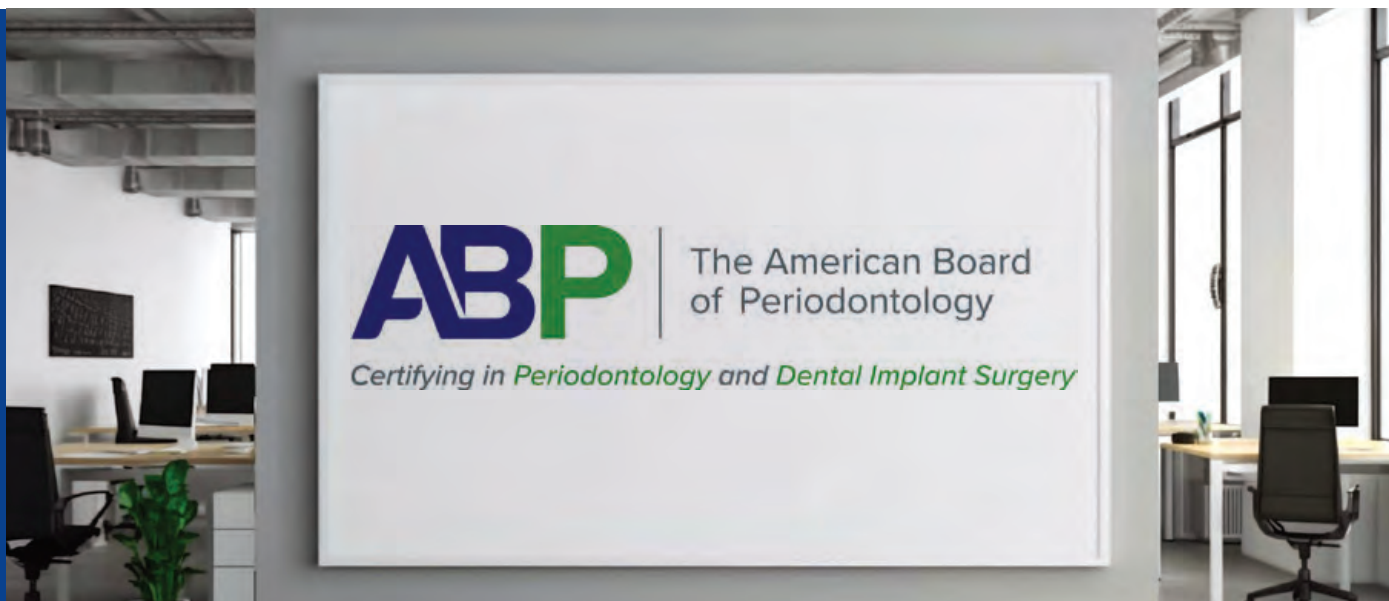
ABPerio Minute is a user-friendly platform designed for ABP Diplomates to support lifelong learning and continuous certification. It allows Diplomates to acquire, assess, and demonstrate knowledge with minimal time commitment. Users can test their

"walking around knowledge," review key points, and consult references on various devices. This platform is central to The American Board of Periodontology's shift from a static recertification exam every six years to a continuous certification model. Research indicates that ongoing assessment is the most effective way for Diplomates to maintain up-to-date knowledge and skills in their specialty. I am highly supportive and excited about the launch of ABPerio Minute.

Do you have any advice for those considering pursuing Board certification?

Being a Board-certified periodontist is one of the highest recognitions in the field. The American Board of Periodontology certifies proficiency in periodontology and dental implant surgery through examination and continuous certification. Achieving Board certification signifies recognition by peers as a well-qualified clinician capable of accurate diagnosis, treatment planning, therapy, and maintenance. I always recommend Board-certified periodontists to my patients who relocate, as I trust and rely on their expertise without reservation. ■

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2024 QUALIFYING EXAMINATION

The 2024 Qualifying Examination was administered Jan. 22 – 26, 2024, to approximately 248 candidates. The following is a list of successful candidates. These candidates will be eligible to challenge the 2025 Oral Examination.

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Akshay Chhana
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Jaemin Chin
Yuwen Chiu
Ovadia Chocron
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Gabriella Cordero Gallardo
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Blake Crosby

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Rida Kazmi
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Shafia Khawaja
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Sara Kube	Lincoln Nguyen	Nicole Rogers	Andrew Tong
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Jessica Latimer	Kenechi Okany	Erik Rose	Hoang-Anh Tran
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	Umar Rekhi	Ali Tanara	Yingying Zhang

2024 ORAL EXAMINATION

The 2024 Oral Examination was held April 29 – May 3, 2024, in Raleigh, North Carolina. The following Periodontists served as Examiners for the 2024 Oral Examination. The Board is grateful for the commitment and dedication of all the Examiners who served this year.

ABP Directors: Drs. Angela Palaiologou Gallis; Paul Luepke; Bryan Frantz; Rodrigo Neiva; Charles Powell; Craig Yonemura; Rich Kao; Leena Palomo; Nicolaas Geurs; Robert Faiella and Douglas Dixon.

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2024 ELECTIONS – DIRECTORS OF THE ABP

The ABP encourages all Active and Life Active members of the Academy to review the qualifications of the candidates for ABP Director and to cast a ballot in the annual Academy elections. Diplomates interested in running for ABP Director may access more information on the Academy's website. Information on ABP Nominating Committee positions may also be obtained from the AAP or from your District Trustee.

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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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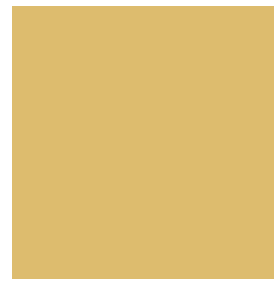
Caring for others at home and abroad: AAP Foundation award recipients are making a difference

At the AAP Foundation, we know that those who receive our awards are special. They have already achieved great things in the field of periodontology and have worked to set themselves apart as leaders and innovators. For some, their work extends to helping underserved populations at home and away.

In addition to helping educate future periodontists as a Lecturer in the Division of Periodontology at Harvard School of Dental Medicine, **2011 AAP Foundation Educator Scholar Dr. Soo Woo Kim** co-founded Dentists for Humanity. Guided by their motto, "Changing Lives by Volunteering and Mentoring," Dentists for Humanity leads mission trips 5 to 6 times per year, providing essential dental services in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Each trip brings a group of 3 to 4 doctors, 5 to 15 dental students, and 2 to 4 pre-dental students, along with non-dental volunteers. The organization built a clinic in the Dominican Republic in 2019. The clinic is the organization's home base when volunteers are there. When they are not, Dentists for Humanity has hired a dentist from Paraguay to perform follow-up care to patients a couple of days per week. Each volunteer trip sees 500-700 patients, serving nearly 2,000 patients per year. Dr. Kim is exploring other geographic areas in need, and has visited refugee camps in Greece, a dental school in Madagascar, impoverished border towns in Mexico, a volcanic village in Nicaragua, and a remote island in Columbia. This year, he will travel to Cambodia and Fiji.

After serving as a predoctoral program director for seven years, Dr. Kim stepped down from this role in 2019 to focus on his nonprofit pursuits. "True dental education starts with empathy. I learned this firsthand during my first mission trip and realized that I could help others understand the vital role compassion plays in care through providing global service-learning experiences," says Dr. Kim.

Dr. Kim ensures that his volunteers have a meaningful experience with his organization. "In addition to patient care, our days conclude with a reflective session and a brief seminar on fostering empathy and accountability in everyday life. We also engage in discussions on overcoming life's challenges and implementing



meaningful changes, acknowledging the difficulty in doing so. Many participants regard this reflective journey as truly transformative, enriching their lives in profound ways," adds Dr. Kim.

"Our nonprofit continues to make a meaningful impact on us, as dentists and periodontists, as well as on the people we serve. I'm grateful for the AAP Foundation Educator Award, as it inspired me to prioritize educating students with not only practical skills, but also the compassion necessary to provide exceptional patient care," concludes Dr. Kim. To learn more about Dentists for Humanity, join a mission, or donate, visit www.facebook.com/dentistsforhumanity

2007 AAP Foundation Educator Scholar, Dr. Meggan Wehmeyer, spent the four years following her Foundation award educating future periodontists at the University of Texas at Houston, then at the University of Mississippi. When her husband's job brought their family to New Hampshire, too far from a dental school to make teaching a viable job choice, she had to weigh her options. Dr. Wehmeyer found an opening at Community Dental Care of Claremont and started working there one day per week. Now, eight years later, she is their full-time dental director. Service runs in Dr. Wehmeyer's family; her father, Dr. Craig Hovick, won the Humanitarian of the Year Award in 2014 from the AAP.

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Community Dental Care of Claremont is one the only offices in a 2-to-3-hour radius that accepts Medicaid for adult patients. It is a nonprofit, self-supported clinic that does not receive government funding. “It is relatively new for adults to receive Medicaid benefits for dental care beyond extractions. There has been a massive influx of people who haven't had care in a long time. People are traveling several hours to come to our offices,” says Dr. Wehmeyer. Many of these patients have difficulty taking time off work to see a dentist, face transportation issues, and other complications. And the Medicaid reimbursement the office receives does not come close to covering the services provided.

In addition to seeing adults and children covered by Medicaid and other insured and private-pay patients, the clinic runs a robust in-school hygiene program, providing cleanings, education, and other services to preschool, elementary, and middle school children in the community. Some students are referred back to the clinic. Dr. Wehmeyer says, “I had a pediatric patient today who needed eight stainless steel crowns. Her family has no insurance. No other office could do this for her. We did it for free.” Providing pro-bono service for cases like these is a weekly occurrence for Community Dental Care. Dr. Wehmeyer also provides Medicaid services for babies, working with breastfeeding parents of infants with tongue and lip ties. “We are the only office in New Hampshire and Vermont offering services for babies on Medicaid,” says Dr. Wehmeyer.

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that doesn't get that very often. They're often surprised because they are treated respectfully; we treat the Medicaid patients the same as those who have insurance. It makes me feel good that we can provide them with a level of respect and care they don't normally get. We're always busy, always booked solid. We're good at understanding and personalizing treatment recommendations for our patients — not all patients want to, or can, or have the time, money, or ability to save their teeth. We come up with plans to meet them where they are and take their situations into account,” adds Dr. Wehmeyer. Visit communitydentalcareclaremont.org for more information and to donate. ■



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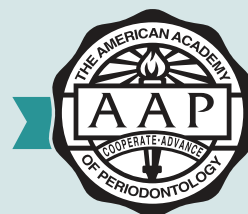


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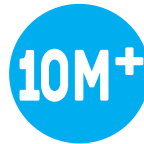
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