

# AAMP Connections



## President's Address

To liberally paraphrase my distant cousin Charles Dickens, "It was the best of times, it was the best of times." That's how I see it for our academy. My presidential year began in Baltimore with a very successful meeting thanks to the commitment of Arun Sharma and his Program Committee. It was an excellent scientific program traversing a wide spectrum of topics. If you looked closely and stayed awake, you even noticed yours truly on the podium; last but by no means least. But that was just the beginning of an eventful year for AAMP.

We have redesignated committee assignments and for the first time have included students involved in maxillofacial prosthetic fellowship programs as committee members. I am pleased to say our faith in them has been rewarded by their valuable input. And speaking of fellows, for the third year we have invited a maxillofacial prosthetics fellow to join us in Chicago for our interim board meeting. This year we were fortunate to have Dr. Christine Fortmann from UCLA. I know she enjoyed the meeting but maybe not the weather. (Christine, I promise no snow in Miami.)

One of the most exciting events of the year has been the activity of Suresh Nayar and his Internet Committee. They are in the process of updating our AAMP website as well as working on plans for AAMP to actively engage all aspects of the valuable world of social media. Look for previews and updates coming soon.

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Another area where we have seen much activity in the past year is at the Maxillofacial Foundation. For those of you unfamiliar with the Foundation, we are looking to change all of that! This is a not-for-profit group that is dedicated to supporting the activities of AAMP and its members for research, education, and related endeavors. Kudos to Sal Esposito and Larry Brecht for working together to move the foundation forward. Look for more news about the Foundation in Miami.

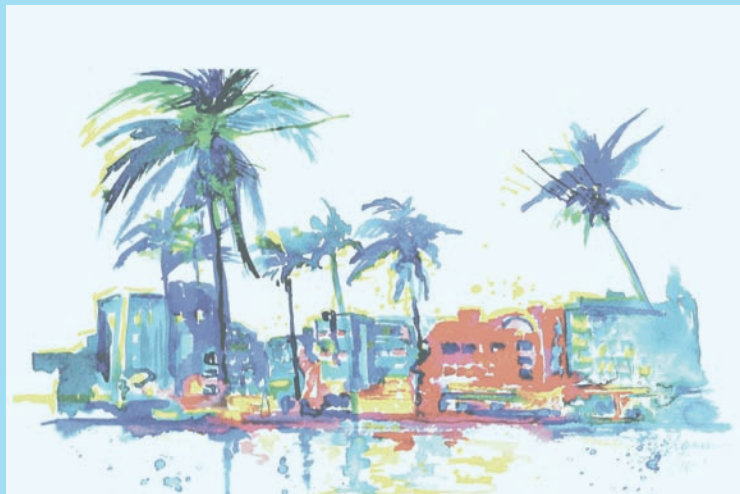
Of course the most notable activity annually is our scientific session. This year we will be meeting in Miami Beach at the Eden Roc Hotel from October 26-29. Our partners at RES (we could never do without them) have once again managed to secure an incredible room rate at this iconic hotel where each room has a view of the ocean. Did I mention the 4 pools and of course, the beach? These facts only serve to enhance the magnum opus of a scientific program constructed by Tom Salinas and committee. Registration is now open so please register, submit abstracts, make your reservations and consider attending the excellent workshops available. I know I am looking forward to another active research competition overseen by Evan Rosen and his committee and Sujei Morgan's raucous silent auction with yet another Formlabs printer up for grabs.

Much credit for such a great and growing organization goes to our officers, board of directors, committee chairs and committee members. Special thanks to Alvin Wee and Jim Kelly as executive secretary/treasurer and recording secretary, respectively. Jim is also chair of Fellowship and Student Membership as well; keeping fellows and student alike engaged in AAMP. And the fact that we even have a newsletter points to the important role Ruth Aponte Wesson and her committee play in our academy's activities.

So there you have it; your academy, its activities and the folks that make it work. Thanks for being a member of this important and unique group.

I hope you have enjoyed the summer and can't wait to see you in Miami. You never know, maybe you'll even run into my distant cousin Charles walking along the beach.

*David Reisberg -*



## Spotlight on President Elect

**Q:** *Tell us about your journey to become a maxillofacial prosthodontist and how is your set up at UCSF?*



While in my second year of dental school in Bombay (now Mumbai) India, I was on a rotation in the Emergency room. A young man with a very large facial tumor was sitting in the waiting room. The patient was transferred to the Oral surgery service and was on the surgical schedule in 2 days. I was shocked that the surgeons resected his maxilla and orbit to remove the tumor but had no plan for his rehabilitation. I continued to see this patient over the next few weeks and then he was discharged and sent home without any prosthetic or surgical reconstruction. It bothered me that nothing was being done to help improve his quality of life.

After finishing dental school and a mandatory year of general practice residency I moved to London with the intention of becoming an oral and maxillofacial surgeon, but after 6 months as a House officer (resident) I was disenchanted with the specialty and saw an advertisement in the British Dental Journal for Masters in Prosthetic Dentistry at Guy's Hospital. I applied and was accepted and that career decision changed my life and brought me to where I am today. While at Guy's training under Bob Nairn and Harold Preiskel, I was very fortunate that Jim Kratochvil chose to spend his sabbatical year in England. I discussed with Jim my desire to learn about maxillofacial prosthetics. Jim persuaded me to apply to an American Prosthodontic residency before considering maxillofacial prosthetics. With his support I was accepted to a few programs and chose to come to UCSF so that I could learn from Tom Curtis. After completing my prosthodontic residency I was fortunate to be accepted by John Beumer at UCLA. I have been blessed to have had some amazing teachers and mentors, many of whom continue to mentor me even today. My co-residents were another significant component to my education; they challenged me to do my very best.

After UCLA, I moved back to San Francisco to be primarily in private practice. Ian Zlotlow then moved to New York, and I was recruited to UCSF to run the maxillofacial prosthetic service on a part time basis. In 1995 I moved my private practice to UCSF with an unusual appointment - 50% FTE with a two and half day faculty practice. The ability to practice more than one day a week, has allowed me to develop a viable private practice with a significant component of maxillofacial prosthetics. Unlike other institutions I only provide intra and extra oral prosthesis. All pre radiation and chemotherapy patients are managed in the oral medicine clinic that was established by the late Dr. Sol Silverman. UCSF has a very active center for craniofacial anomalies. I have been the consulting prosthodontist in this center since 1991 and we see a large number of young patients (mostly ectodermal dysplasia and cleft lip and palate) who need prosthodontic treatment. The prosthodontic faculty practice and the prosthodontic residency program share the same facility. This offers several advantages with staffing and laboratory space. The residents are exposed to a significant number of maxillofacial procedures both clinical and the laboratory phase. I am proud to have stimulated an interest in the sub specialty, nine of UCSF's pros residents have pursued a maxillofacial prosthetic fellowship. Our patients undergo significant procedures to treat congenital anomalies and malignant disease and it is very satisfying that we can play a small role to help improve their quality of life. It has been an honor and a privilege to be able to do what I love - maxillofacial prosthetics, in an institution where some of the giants of our profession have built a legacy.

*Arun Sharma-*

## 2018-2019 Executive Officers of the AAMP

Dr. Alvin Wee (Executive Secretary Treasurer), Dr. Arun Sharma (President Elect), Dr. Thomas Salinas (Vice President), Dr. Joseph Huryh (Vice President Elect) Dr. David Reisberg (President), Dr. Jeffery Markt (Immediate Past President), and Dr. James Kelly (Recording Secretary).

(Left to Right)



## AAMP Board of Directors

The current AAMP Board of Directors includes: Dr. Joseph DiFazio, Dr. Theresa Hofstede, Dr. Evan Rosen and Dr. Ruth Aponte Wesson. Our newly elected members Dr. Richard Cardoso and Dr. JR Wilson.

## AAMP Committees

### Standing Committees

**Auditing:** Villa Guillory

**Awards:** Jeffrey Markt

**By-Laws:** Harold Kolodney

**Corporate Liaison:** Richard Cardoso

**Insurance & Oral Health:** Betsy K. Davis

**Life Fellowship:** Lawrence E. Brecht

**Nominating:** Jeffrey Markt

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**International Relations:** Martin Osswald

**Investment:** Mark S. Chambers

**Memorial:** Lawrence E. Brecht

**Program:** Tom Salinas

**Publications & Professional Relations:** Lawrence E. Brecht

**Research and Strategic Planning:** Evan Rosen

**Silent Auction Committee:** Sujey Morgan

**Strategic Alliances:** Gerald T. Grant

**Student Membership and Fellowship:** James Kelly

**Subspecialty Recognition:** Betsy K. Davis

**Time and Place:** Alvin G. Wee

**Website:** Suresh Nayar

If you are interested in becoming involved in a committee please contact your president, Dr. David Reisberg, at the following address:  
dreisber@uic.edu

### Demographics

Current Membership	590
Fellows	111
Associate Fellows	77
Affiliates Fellows	22
Allied Affiliate Fellows	5
Life Fellows	88
Life Affiliate Fellows	4
Students	283

### Elevation of Status

**Associate Fellow:** Drs. Rishabh P. Acharya, Jacqueline Medina, Olivia M. Muller, Jeffrey T. Oyama, Ahmad A. Qazali, Joy K. Wang, Alexander M. Won, Xuan Yue, Sasha D. Valentin, Woo J. Chi

**Fellow:** Drs. Cynthia MT Aita-Holmes, Amanda C. Colebeck, Kirstin T. McCarville, Adegbenga O. Otun, Tanya Somohano-Marquez, Marcelo Suzuki, Suresh Nayar, Mark C. Hutten

**Life Affiliate Fellow:** Dr. Hisashi Taniguchi

**Retired Fellow:** Dr. Samuel R. Zwetchkenbaum

***Congratulations to the New Diplomates of the  
American Board of Prosthodontics***



# **Highlights of the 65th Annual Session of the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics"**

**Four Seasons Hotel in Baltimore, MD  
October 27-30, 2018**

The focus of this national session was:

**"The Impact of Digital Revolution on Maxillofacial  
Prosthetics"**



Total number of attendees	226
Invited Speakers	21
Poster Presentations	20
Workshops	3

**Awards given during the Annual Session Banquet:  
Maxillofacial Foundation Excellence Award  
Poster Awardees**

## ***Maxillofacial Foundation Excellence Award 2018***

Dr. Amos Chi was awarded the Maxillofacial Foundation Award. This award is to recognize Maxillofacial Prosthetic Fellows who exemplify personal qualities and academic prowess with a potential to be major contributors to the specialty.

Left to Right:

Dr. Lawrence Brecht (President of the Maxillofacial Foundation) and Dr. Amos Chi (Awardee of the Maxillofacial Foundation Award)



## ***Poster Awardees 2018 Case Presentation & Research Categories***

### **Poster Award sponsored by The Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry**

Dr. Waleed Asiri, received 1st Place in the case presentation category. Titled: Jaw in A Day- Immediate Mandibular Resection and reconstruction Using 3D Printed Surgical and Prosthetic Guides. UAB School of Dentistry

Dr. Eleni Voltidi, received 2nd place in the case presentation category. Titled: Prosthetic Rehabilitation of Maxillary Defect due to Mucormycosis. Mayo Clinic College of Medicine & Science

Dr. Sarah Lee, received 1st Place for the research category. Titled: Comparison of Dental Biomaterials for Oral positioning device used in Proton Therapy. Mayo Clinic College of Medicine & Science

Dr. Afnan Alfouzan, received 2nd place for the research category. Titled: Predictive factors of outer Cortex Loss in Advance Jaw reconstruction. IRSM



**AAMP Poster Presentation Winners (Left to Right)**  
Dr. Sarah Lee, Dr. Waleed Asiri, Dr. Arun Sharma (AAMP Officer), Dr. Eleni Voltidi and Dr. Afnan Alfouzan



## Update from the AAMP website committee

Coming to the internet near you - **New AAMP website!** - The AAMP website committee (formerly - Internet Homepage Committee) is hard at work redesign and renewing the AAMP website. The new website will be hosted by the JPD. It will be streamlined and with more up-to-date information. It will also be mobile friendly to allow access of the website on a mobile device. It is envisaged that the new website will go live after the AAMP conference in Miami.



Along with the launch of the new website, the Website committee has resurrected the Facebook page of AAMP. Since its resurrection in June 2019, there has been two Page series. The first one was titled **"Know your AAMP Board"** which showcases the AAMP Board members and tells you more about them as a person! The second series **highlights the AAMP Miami conference** and illustrates the speakers and the topics of their presentations. We also have been featuring articles of interest to our members. The AAMP Facebook page can be accessed at - <https://fb.me/AAMaxfaxPros>. The committee welcomes its members to 'Like' the AAMP Facebook page to receive updates on what is happening at the AAMP!

*Suresh Nayar &  
Website Committee Members-*

## Engaging our Members



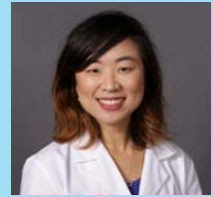
*Student Members participate in Interim Board*

### **My experience at the AAMP interim BOD meeting (April 2018)**

Throughout my prosthodontic residency, I was interested in being involved with AAMP and creating a collaboration with the American College of Prosthodontics (ACP) resident committee to improve networking, collaborations and awareness about maxillofacial prosthodontics programs (MFP) amongst residents. I was very fortunate to be invited to both the AAMP and ACP interim board meetings in 2018, while I was a third-year resident. The AAMP board meeting was an outstanding opportunity for me to understand the operational and administrative aspects of our organization. The board members encouraged me at every step to discuss concerns and ideas from a trainee's perspective, even on issues beyond the agenda. More importantly, this meeting strengthened my personal relations with many senior members that I was only indistinctly acquainted with from previous annual conferences. These board members, beyond my own MFP faculty, continue to be people I can comfortably reach out to for guidance and mentorship. My travel to Chicago and stay were very kindly sponsored by then AAMP president-elect, Dr. David Reisberg, and treasurer, Dr. Alvin Wee. I believe such meetings are also an excellent resource for young professionals who are interested in future administrative positions with the organization and allows them to explore their avenues and continue building a close collaboration with the board and its committees.

*Akanksha Srivastava-*

I had the opportunity to attend the board meeting for AAMP in the Fall of 2018. As a fellow in Maxillofacial Prosthetics, this experience was important to my understanding of the organized representation of the subspecialty. Although the individual practice may make up my day-to-day events, it is the actual camaraderie and networking of the several providers and their experiences that determine the present and pave the future of the overall practice of maxillofacial prosthodontics. In the board meeting, I gained insights into the history, procedures, and significance of the governing body and its efforts. I appreciated seeing the enthusiasm, motivation, and consternation that the leaders of our field demonstrated in assessing and addressing issues and ideas. More so than the seriousness in which they took to their leadership roles, I was impressed by their cordiality and collaborative spirits. I was reassured in the knowledge that the board members strived to make a cohesive and concerted effort to continue to improve the subspecialty. I was also more grateful in understanding the true commitment that these individuals shared in their desire to promote our practice. As such, I believe that inviting the fellows, who are in essence the emerging leaders of our field, has been a positive move in further diversifying the perspectives of varying practices and will also encourage mentoring and provide a means for leading by example to the newer generations of maxillofacial prosthodontists. I am excited to continue to be involved in AAMP and hope to contribute to our organization's efforts.



*Sarah Lee-*

## ***From a Life Fellows Perspective***



### **What motivated you to specialize in Maxillofacial Prosthodontics?**

As a dental student, I always had an affinity for Prosthodontics. My junior year I was exposed to a lecture on Maxillofacial Prosthodontics. That lecture really piqued my interest in the subject. It was obvious the difference that one could make in someone's life was profound. While I was in the USPHS for 3 years, I investigated the subspecialty in more detail and learned as much as I could. I applied for a prosthodontic residency at the University of Michigan, which I entered following the Service. At that time, I got extensive clinical exposure and experience in Maxillofacial Prosthetics, which led me to pursue further training and Residency at UCLA.

### **How has the membership with the AAMP enhanced your career?**

Membership has enhanced my career by helping me to keep up on the cutting edge in the field by attending annual meetings. At those meetings, I had the opportunity of making acquaintances and exchanging ideas and information with colleagues trying to solve all the same problems that I was facing. Many of these acquaintances became good friends and in fact, extended family that allowed for further collaborations, opportunities and professional development.

**What has been the most rewarding thing you feel you have accomplished thus far and what future goals do you have?**

I have been blessed to have had many rewarding accomplishments. (Funded research grants, Peer reviewed publications, textbooks, rank of Professor, teaching medical students, head and neck residents, and prosthodontic residents, Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics status, and various leadership roles).

The most rewarding professional accomplishments for me has been serving the AAMP in the different roles from committee member, committee chair, board of directors and ascending the chairs to the Presidency of the AAMP. These activities with the AAMP and receiving the Ackerman award rate as the highest for me.

My future goals are simple, continued dedication to Maxillofacial Prosthetics and the patients we serve. This has been the foundation for my career and is reflected in my major accomplishments. My future goals are simple, continued dedication to Maxillofacial Prosthetics and the patients we serve. This has been the foundation for my career and is reflected in my major accomplishments.

**If someone was interested in joining AAMP, what advice would you provide to show the benefit of being a fellow of AAMP?**

If you have a true interest in Maxillofacial Prosthetics, the benefits of membership in the AAMP are many and varied. The AAMP is the voice of the subspecialty and the strongest advocate for what we are doing.

This organization will provide guidance and direction, information and innovation of how to best improve your knowledge base, clinical skills and maintain optimum levels of patient care. Given the relatively small size of the AAMP, attendance at meetings and membership allows you to interact with individuals who have similar interests and goals. The collegial atmosphere at the meetings allows for more open interaction and the development of true fellowship with your fellow members.

This fellowship leads to a stronger organization and a sense of extended family for many of the members that attend the meetings. This is a unique and amazing benefit, an intangible if you will that is not found with other organizations. Becoming a fellow in the AAMP is an opportunity that should not be passed up.

*Mark Marunick-*

## ***New Job Opportunities***



- <https://dentistry.osu.edu/employment/director-dental-oncology-clinic>
- The Craniofacial Center at The University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System is seeking a Maxillofacial Prosthodontist for full-time employment. Applicants must have completed a residency in postgraduate prosthodontics and a fellowship in maxillofacial prosthetics in programs recognized by the American Dental Association. Any questions may be directed to **Dr. David J. Reisberg** at [dreisber@uic.edu](mailto:dreisber@uic.edu).



## Upcoming Meeting

### **"The 66th Annual Meeting of the AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MAXILLOFACIAL PROSTHETICS" Miami, FL**

**Eden Roc Hotel, Miami Beach, FL**

**October 26th-29th 2019**

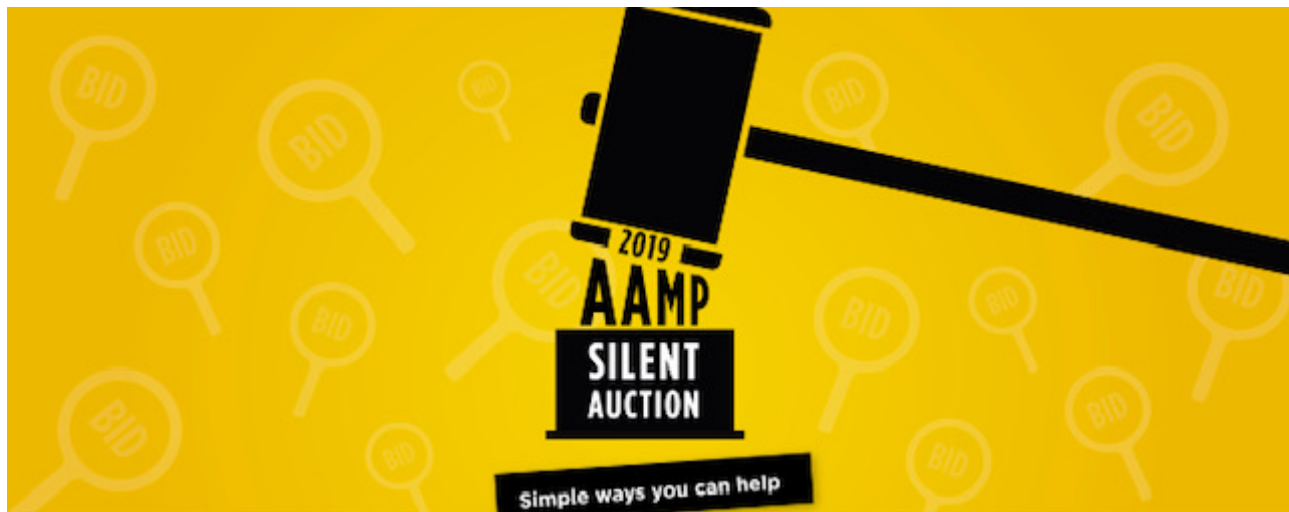
**Book your room now!**

**"The Changing Art and Science of Maxillofacial Prosthetics"**

**Follow the link to the list of Speakers and Conference Program Schedule**

**Chaired By Dr. Thomas Salinas**

**<https://www.aampconference.com/program/invited-speakers/>**



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Or visit [www.maxillofacialprosthetics.org](http://www.maxillofacialprosthetics.org)

## Special Announcements

At the Business luncheon: ABP recognition of AAMP members, all fellowship status updates.

The Installation Banquet: Full fellow status, Maxillofacial Foundation Excellence Award, Poster Competition Winners

The Research Committee is currently accepting abstracts for the Poster Presentation Competition. For description of competition guidelines as well as deadlines of submission visit the website.

We look forward to seeing you in Miami!

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## Other Potential Meetings of Interest

### ACP

49th Annual Session  
Oct 30-Nov 2, 2019  
Miami, FL

### AO

35th Annual  
Meeting  
March 18-21,  
2020  
Seattle, WA



## Update on the Maxillofacial Foundation



One of the missions of the Maxillofacial Foundation is to serve to facilitate the activities of the Academy. As the Maxillofacial Foundation works to revamp itself, the officers and trustees of the foundation wanted to know what projects the membership of the AAMP wished the foundation to support and help underwrite. To that goal, the foundation and the board of the academy under the direction of President Reisberg, decided to go directly to the members of the academy and survey them regarding their thoughts as to where the energies and fund-raising activities of the foundation should be focused. The survey went out to members in July and we asked each of you what you felt the *three most important areas of focus for the Maxillofacial Foundation should be*. We received over 60 responses from the membership, with a wide range of recommendations and interesting responses. We are in the process of analyzing the responses and we will have details for you at the Business Meeting at the Annual Session in Miami and will publish them in a future edition of the AAMP Newsletter. Ultimately, the Foundation is *your foundation*...it exists to improve the quality of the experience one has as being a member of the AAMP through helping to improve the projects the academy presents to the foundation for support. When you support the Foundation you support the Academy. As the Foundation begins to explore fundraising from other philanthropic sources such as foundations, partners in industry and other organizations, the level of participation in giving to the foundation *by the members of the academy* helps to bolster the argument that any contribution to the foundation by these outside funding sources will be a dollar well-given. Our goal is to have 100% participation in support of the foundation.

Larry Brecht-  
President of the Maxillofacial Foundation



## Thanks to those that donated this year to the Maxillofacial Foundation

Activities made possible through the support of the Foundation:

**Maxillofacial Foundation Excellence Prosthetic Award**  
**The MFP Medical & Dental Billing Course**

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## Congratulations to the members that received special accolades this year

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### ***Meet the Vice President Elect 2019-2020***

**Q: Please tell us a little about your personal life, i.e. where you grew up and about your family? What do you enjoy doing when you are not working?**

I was born and raised on the Lower East Side of Manhattan.

A New Yorker through and through, I actually walked to grammar school, Stuyvesant High School, and NYU's undergraduate college and dental school--all in the city.

I married my wife of 45 years in my senior year of dental school.

I enjoy spending time in our country home with our two daughters and my son-in-law.



**Q: What training or experiences have led you to become a dentist and eventually a maxillofacial prosthodontist?**

I knew I wanted to be a dentist since high school.

I completed my general practice residency at Brooklyn VA Medical Center.

I was kept on as staff at the Brooklyn VA Outpatient Clinic, where I became the Chief of the service four years later, probably one of youngest service chiefs in the country.

After four years as chief, I found myself at a crossroads. I would either go to Columbia and get a Master of Public Health and become a real administrator, or, at the suggestion of Dr. Lester Rosenthal, I would become a prosthodontist. My older daughter had just been born at the time and I was unsure I could afford to go back to school, but Les suggested I go to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC) where there was a general prosthodontics residency that paid a stipend.

So, I went from being the service chief at the VA to a resident at MSKCC, and then a fellow in Maxillofacial Prosthetics.

During my residency and fellowship, I realized that I had made the right choice; I loved my work and the positive impact it had on people's lives.

After completing my fellowship, I was invited to become a member of the faculty at MSKCC and ultimately became chief in 2003.

**Q: Where do you see our specialty heading? How is the field changing/evolving? Where do you see our future?**

The future is bright. As we adopt a digital workflow for more traditional treatment modalities, I expect that we will be able to provide our services to a much broader patient population.

With more widespread use, the cost of digital technology will come down and allow us to provide more cost-effective care for our patients.

**Q: Tell us about mentors you've had over the course of your career.**

I am lucky to have had a number of mentors over the course of my career: Dr. Lester Rosenthal, who encouraged me to become a prosthodontist and pursue maxillofacial prosthetics, specifically; Admiral Sam Wald, who recommended me as a Kriser Fellow in Maxillofacial Prosthetics; Dr. John Piro, beloved teacher and colleague during my residency, fellowship and beyond, who taught me the art of prosthetics and patient care; and Dr. Jim Schweiger, who recruited me to the staff of MSKCC.

These mentors were invaluable to me, and, wanting to give back to the community, I feel fortunate to have been able to continue to foster the fellowship program at MSKCC.

**Q: Tell us about your most interesting case/experience over the course of your career.**

I've seen so many interesting cases over the years, it's very hard to say that one was the most interesting or compelling. In every case, we're improving our patients' quality of life, and often it's the details that make all the difference.

I once treated a young woman from upstate New York who suffered a traumatic injury where she lost her mid-face to an accidental shotgun blast. Ironically she was seen by my daughter during her ophthalmology residency way before I ever saw her! The patient underwent multiple attempts at plastic surgical reconstruction, but suffered multiple infections and eventually was told to seek a face transplant. She was only 28 years old with a young child at home, and feared the life-long immunosuppression that would be necessary with such an undertaking. She found our services through the internet and would commute from Syracuse to New York City accompanied by a (male) nurse to keep our appointments. When we finally rehabilitated her with a large facial prosthesis, there was a large play in her local lay press. I was glad to hear she was getting on with her life and had become engaged to be married to her longtime nurse.

*Joseph Huryn-*

## Maxillofacial Prosthetic Training Programs

### **Mayo Graduate School of Medicine**

Program Director  
Dr. Alan Carr  
Rochester, Minnesota

### **MD Anderson Cancer Center**

Program Director  
Dr. Theresa Hofstede  
Houston, Texas

### **Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center**

Program Director  
Dr. Joseph Randazzo  
New York, New York

### **UCLA**

Associate Program  
Director Dr. Jay Jayanetti  
Los Angeles, California

### **United States Air Force**

Program Director  
Dr. Jose Villalobos  
San Antonio, Texas

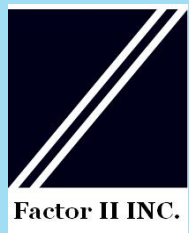
### **United States Navy**

Program Director  
Dr. Laleh Abbolazadeh  
Bethesda, Maryland

### **UAB School of Dentistry**

Program Director  
Dr. Keith Kinderknecht  
Birmingham, Alabama

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## In Closing...

We would like to finish this newsletter thanking all of the members that helped us accomplish this years edition. The collective message from our edition is clear, passion for the specialty and making a difference for those we treat. The academy is a platform rich in opportunities. It does not matter in what category you may fall into, a student member or a life fellow the enthusiasm and contribution can be endless and so rewarding. Some of the most valuable features of our group are the collegial environment, the never ending pursuit of cutting edge knowledge, mentorships and achieving life long friendships. Join us in Miami. We have an outstanding scientific program planned. Let's give a warm welcome to Dr. Reisberg. I hope you enjoyed the selected items in the summer newsletter.

*Ruth Aponte-Wesson &  
e-Communications Committee*

