

# AAMP Connections



## President's Address

Dear Academy Fellows, Members and Friends,

It with gratitude that I write to you in reference to my elected leadership of the Academy. I am honored to be assisted by our prestigious officers and Board of Directors in accomplishing the year's tasks ahead. The environment is ever changing and with our current state of affairs, we have some opportunity to continue the mission of the academy in concert with our other prosthodontic organizations.

The cornerstones of the academy's mission is one of service, education and fellowship. The annual scientific session is the flagship event of the academy that permits expression of these core functions. As the upcoming annual meeting (Current Topics in Maxillofacial Prosthodontics and Oral Oncology) is anticipated in October 2021, we have hopes the environment will be conducive to allow this to happen. As we are sensitive to everyone's specific situation and travel restrictions, we are being vigilant to pursue possible simultaneous streaming and live event for our San Diego annual scientific session. We will be updating you again soon as to the progress as further information gauging the climate of safety becomes available.

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This subspecialty has always seemed to be one of special human interest and has become additionally attractive with the blossom of technology, outcomes and a frank need from our sister surgical specialists who have the need of skilled maxillofacial prosthodontists.

As the number of patients requiring our services increases steadily, this is not being seen with commensurate enrollment in our training programs. Recognition of this subspecialty by clinical virtue as it educationally becomes an essential part of not only reimbursement but universal recognition. We will continue to be vigilant by partnering with the American College of Prosthodontists in its representation to the national commission of dental specialties and certifying boards.

The Educational Representation that our program directors encompass is important. It allows a voice and agreement by an informal match of fellows with programs that reinforces the collegial bonds between our colleagues.

The representation that this organization has to our Specialty Board has frequently populated the examination Board with our members. This further reinforces the importance that our subspecialty maintains in the educational and certification processes.

The opportunities for learning our members have in place continue to be excellent. The clinical and research forum sponsored by the Editorial Council of the JPD was a continued success this year fulfilling a set forth requirement for our accredited programs. Simply put, the poster forum invests in our newest members and maintains this spark for our future.

This is also a starting point for our student members who wish to maintain their interest in this discipline and the academy.

Thank you all for your continued interest in the Academy especially in these times. I wish you all health and blessings for the coming year. Thank you all for your confidence in me. Please keep safe,...God Bless you all.

Thank you,



Dr. and Mrs. Salinas

*Thomas Salinas*  
**President of the American Academy of  
 Maxillofacial Prosthetics  
 2020 - 2021**

## Highlights of the 66th Annual Meeting of the "American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics" Miami, FL

The focus of this national session was  
"The Changing Art and Science of Maxillofacial  
Prosthetics"



The program was Chaired By Dr. Thomas Salinas

# 2020-2021

## Executive Officers of the AAMP

Dr. Thomas Salinas (President)

Dr. Theresa Hofstede (Vice President)

Dr. Joseph Huryh (President - Elect)

Dr. Alvin Wee (Vice President - Elect)

Dr. Evan Rosen (Recording Secretary)

Dr. James Kelly (Executive Secretary - Treasurer)

Dr. Arun Sharma (Immediate Past President)

## AAMP Board of Directors

Dr. Joseph DiFazio, Dr. Martin Osswald,  
Dr. Richard Cardoso and Dr. JR Wilson.

Newly elected members:

Dr. Mark Hutten,  
Dr. Ruth Aponte Wesson (re-elected)

## AAMP Committees

### Standing Committees

**Auditing:** Villa Guillory

**Awards:** Arun Sharma

**By-Laws:** Harold Kolodney

**Corporate Liaison:** Richard Cardoso

**Insurance & Oral Health:** Betsy Davis

**Life Fellowship:** Lawrence Brecht

**Nominating:** Arun Sharma

### **Ad Hoc Committees**

**e-Communications:** Ruth Aponte-Wesson

**Educational Standards:** Theresa Hofstede

**Ethics & Medico-Legal:** Harold Kolodney

**Federal Services:** Anton Petrich

**Foundation & Academy Relations:** Lawrence Brecht

**Historical and Archives:** Steven Wagner

**International Relations:** Martin Osswald

**Investment:** Mark Chambers

**Memorial:** David Reisberg

**Program:** Theresa Hofstede

**Public & Professional Relations:** David Reisberg

**Research and Strategic Planning:** **Evan Rosen**

**Silent Auction Committee:** Sujey Morgan

**Strategic Alliances:** Gerald Grant

**Student Membership:** Olivia Muller **and Fellowship:** James Kelly

**Subspecialty Recognition:** Betsy Davis

**Time and Place:** James Kelly

**Website:** Suresh Nayar

If you are interested in becoming involved in a committee please contact your president, Dr. Thomas Salinas, at the following address:  
Salinas.Thomas@mayo.edu

### Demographics

Current Membership	472
Fellows	86
Associate Fellows	58
Affiliates Fellows	7
Technician Affiliate Fellows	3
Life Fellows	102
Life Affiliate Fellows	6
Students	207
Retired Fellow	3

### Elevation of Status

**Affiliate Fellow:** Brendon Curley, Ursula Klostermyer

**Associate Fellow:**

Drs. Eugenio Aquino, Rafiullah Bashiri, Aaron Bellis, Eva Boldridge, Denny Chao, Yannie Chea, Rajan Saranya Raj, Po-Hsu Chen, Chris Butterworth, Amr Habib, Mathew Harper, Maribeth Zzesinski, Christina Tran, Dima Ghunaim

**Fellow:** Drs. Olivia Muller, Ester Somogyi-Ganss, Joy Wang

**Retired Fellow:** Dr. Marty Moon

**Retired Life Fellow:** Drs. Steven Eckert, Kirk Gardner, Thomas Schneid, Scott Synott

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

Drs. Yannie Chea, Amanda Colebeck, Louis Rainville, Nicole Smith, Theodore Vincent Tso

# 67th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics Virtual Platform

October 17, 2020 / 7:45 am -9:00 am PDT

[AAMP 2020 Student Poster Competition Presentations](#)

October 17, 2020 / 9:00 am -10:00 am PDT

[Osteoradionecrosis MD Anderson Data](#)

Dr. Stephen Lai

October 31, 2020 / 7:30 am -10:30 am PDT

[AAMP Annual Business Meeting & Officer Installation](#)

[Link to AAMP 2020 Annual Business Meeting Agenda](#)

November 14, 2020 / 9:00 am -10:00 am PST

[Long Term Follow up of Mandibular Rehabilitation - MSK Experience](#)

Dr. Evan Rosen

January 23, 2021 / 9:00 am -10:00 am PST

[Zygoma Implants for Maxillary Reconstruction - UCLA](#)

Dr. Jay Jayanetti

February 20, 2021 / 9:00 am -10:00 am PST

[Outcomes Assessment](#)

Dr. Martin Osswald & Dr. Thomas Salinas

March 13, 2021 / 9:00 am -10:00 am PST

[Emerging Digital Workflow in Maxillofacial Prosthetics](#)

Dr. Denny Chao

**Chaired By Dr. Joseph Huryn**

## **Maxillofacial Foundation Excellence Award**

### **2019 & 2020**

Dr. Sara Lee and Dr. Po-Hsu Chen were awarded the Maxillofacial Foundation Award 2019 and 2020 respectively. 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.

## **Editorial Council of the JPD Sponsored Poster Competition Awardees 2019, 2020**

### **Research & Case Presentation Categories**

#### **Research 2019**

1<sup>st</sup> place

Patel, Nupur \*, Kim, David and Chang, Brian.  
Biomechanical considerations for prosthetic reconstruction of acquired mandibular. Defects with free fibula flap: systemic analysis  
(University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine)

2<sup>nd</sup> place

Harper, Matthew \*, Muller, Olivia; Carr, Alan; Voltidi, Eleni.  
Fibula free flap reconstruction: implant and prosthetic rehabilitation complication rates.  
(Mayo Clinic)

#### **Research 2020**

1<sup>st</sup> Place

Dr. Christina Tran. The role of craniofacial implants in patients satisfaction with maxillofacial prostheses.  
(UCLA)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Dr. Chenwei Wang. Effect of surface treatment on surface properties of polyetherether-ketone-ketone (PEKK) and bonding to dentin.  
(Nanjing Stomatological Hospital)

#### **Case Presentation 2019**

1<sup>st</sup> place

Chen, Xi \*, Wu, Guofeng; Sun, Fangfang.  
Digitalized fabrication of soft palate obturator prosthesis with cad/cam polyetherketoneketone (pekk) framework: a clinical report.  
(Nanjing Stomatological Hospital)

2<sup>nd</sup> place

Legg, Lydia \*, Habib A; Randazzo Jd; Rosen Eb; Huryn Jm.  
Role of maxillary implants for patients undergoing maxillectomy with acquired edentulism.  
(Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center Surgery)

#### **Case Presentation 2020**

1<sup>st</sup> Place

Dr. Soo Cheol Jeong. Digital Maxillofacial Prosthetics for the immediate surgical obturator (ISO).  
(Mayo Clinic)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Dr. Stephanie Park. Modified vestibuloplasty of the zygomaticoalveolar crest provides intra-defect support for the obturator prosthesis.  
(UCLA)

## **The Andrews J. Ackerman Memorial Award**

**The recipient of this year's award will be announced and presented in  
San Diego 2021**

## *A sad time for us all*

In the annual year-end address to her subjects in 1992, Queen Elizabeth II described the past year as “annus horribilis,” a Latin phrase meaning “horrible year.” She was referencing several tragic events that had befallen her family and the kingdom. As chair of the AAMP Memorial Committee, it saddens me to refer to this year as an “annus horribilis” for our academy. Not only have we all been impacted by the pandemic, but we have lost five of our members. As you read about them below, please hold in your mind that each was a unique individual; loved by family, friends and colleagues. But in addition to this, each was a giant. The first three were past presidents of AAMP and recipients of the prestigious Ackerman Award. Most importantly, each shared a passion for Maxillofacial Prosthetics and dedicated their lives to our profession and to our academy.

*William R. Laney, DMD*

*Gordon E. (Gene) King, DDS*

*Mark T. Marunick, DDS*

*Barry Shipman, DDS*

*Bob Hoar, DDS*

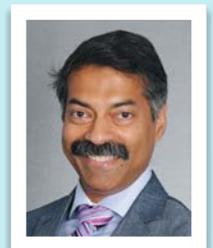
*David Reisberg and  
Memorial committee*

## **New AAMP Website**

*Suresh Nayar &  
Website Committee Members-*

After the successful launch of the new AAMP website end of 2019, we have been working to update and upgrade it. Working with JPD, the website has been further upgraded to allow access from a mobile or tablet device more streamlined. There has been addition of new feature for adding job opportunities within the website. Applications will be vetted before posting and this feature is at no cost to AAMP members.

Update from the AAMP social media committee: Dr. Sarah Lee, Dr. Akanksha Srivastava, Dr. Rishabh Acharya, Dr. Christine Fortmann & Dr. Suresh Nayar (Chair). The social media committee have plans for re-energising the AAMP social media platforms. New innovative ideas have been offered and 2021 will see a new phase/face of the social media committee.



The AAMP Facebook page can be accessed at - <https://fb.me/AAMMaxfaxPros>.

## *A Lifetime Journey of MFP* Jeffrey Rubenstein

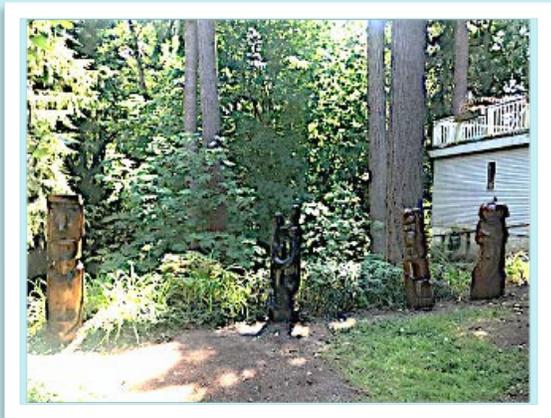
### **Please tell us a little about your personal life**

I grew up in North Bergen, New Jersey on a street that is parallel to where Sully Sullenberger's plane's wingtips stopped after landing in the Hudson River 10+ years ago. My parents worked very hard, my Dad being an independent sole owner/operator of a Bus Company comprised of one bus that he drove up and down Washington Street in Hoboken, New Jersey. He was a veteran of WWII responsible all during the war for General Patton's Head-Quarter's power supply (generator) moving through more than 1600 miles of front-line combat from Normandy to the Battle of the Bulge. My Mom was a bookkeeper who worked for a company that sold typewriters and secretarial supplies. Being influenced by my Mom's great organizational skills, and my Dad's street smarts/common sense and ability to innovate his way through any challenge confronting him, I felt well-armed to move forward to accomplish my goals.

Growing up, I was very active in a variety of endeavors, most notable was Boy Scouts having earned the rank of Eagle Scout. I loved camping, outdoor activities, hiking, swimming, canoeing, playing clarinet, oboe, sports (baseball, football, basketball), chess, evolving to add cross country skiing, reading, gardening, travel, wood sculpting (see attached image).

### **Tell us about your journey to become a dentist, prosthodontist and eventually a maxillofacial prosthodontist.**

After graduating North Bergen High School in 1968, I matriculated to Rutgers College in New Brunswick, NJ. dental school. I majored in biological sciences (pre-med/pre-dent) along with 900 other freshmen, which whittled down to 125 by senior year, of which 65 were accepted to either medical or dental school. Early on, it seemed that my career path would track my two older cousins (more like older brothers), both about 10-12 years older than me, both who attended Rutgers and went on to Medical School. However, if I was to go into medicine it would have to be in a surgical discipline. The reason being was my Dad was always showing me how to use tools and develop hand skills and I felt that needed to be part of what I do.



In my junior year, I applied to medical, dental, podiatry, optometry, and osteopathy schools, research positions in pharmaceutical companies, and completed a Peace Corp application. Early on in this process, I was asked to interview at Tuft's University School of Dental Medicine. I flew from New Jersey to Boston (my first time ever flying anywhere). Two weeks later, I received a letter of acceptance and I decided that it was a "sign from God", accepted the position and subsequently withdrew all of my other applications.

In 1972, I joined TUSDM's Class of D75A, its first three-year curriculum class. In my senior year, I had the opportunity to take a "selective". I chose to participate with the New England Medical Center Cranio-Facial Anomalies Team. I also took an evening course entitled "Cleft Lip and Palate-A Team Approach" where I first met Dr. Joe Barron who invited me to observe Maxillofacial patients being treated in his practice. I was quite taken with the patients he was treating. Likely, this planted the "seed" in part guiding my future career path choice. After being granted a D.M.D. from Tufts in June 1975, getting married to my spouse now of 45+ years "Mimi", then hopping in the U-Haul moving from Boston to Lancaster, Pennsylvania to begin a GPR at the Lancaster Cleft Palate Clinic (H.K. Cooper Center for Craniofacial Anomalies) under the mentorship of Dr. Mohammed Mazaheri. Dr. Mazaheri, who was a pre-eminent authority in Cleft Lip and Palate Prosthodontics, having learned of my interest in Maxillofacial Prosthetics made for a good fit. He tailored my GPR into a Grad Pros pre-program for a year, there after my being appointed to the clinical staff the following year. I soaked up "like a sponge" all that Dr. Mazaheri could share with me. During that time, I encountered more than 2500 cleft patients.

In June of 1977, my wife and I moved to Houston, TX, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and the University of Texas Dental Branch to commence a three-year graduate training program in Prosthodontics with emphasis in Maxillofacial Prosthodontics.

My mentors included Drs. Joe B. Drane, Victor Matalon, Thomas Daily, Terry Flemming, Bela Toth and at UTDB at Houston, Drs. Dale Andrews, Sam Askinas, Lindsey Campbell and others... Those three years, to this day, was a most extraordinary experience. Many of the residents I trained with, Al Hickey, Steve Wagner, John McFall (lab tech MFP trainee) and others have remained life-long friends and colleagues.

Upon completing my residency/fellowship in 1980, I was contacted by Dr. Charles Bolender, Chair of Prosthodontics at University of Washington inquiring as to whether I'd be interested in seeking an appointment there to take over for Dr. Oscar Beder, UW's first Director of the Maxillofacial Prosthetic Service who announced plans to retire after holding that position since 1954. However, Dr. Beder changed his mind about retiring and continued on until 1984, Dr. Tom Taylor was then appointed to be the second Director of the UW Maxillofacial Prosthetic Service.

After completing my training and defending my Master's Thesis, my wife, two year old son Ryan and our daughter Lauren (soon to be) moved back to Boston, associating with Dr. Joe Barron (the Godfather of Maxillofacial Prosthetics in New England), and was also granted an appointment at Harvard School of Dental Medicine by Dr. Doug Atwood, in the Department of Prosthodontics. A few years later (1983), I was appointed to the Craniofacial Anomalies Team at Boston Children's Hospital headed then by Dr. Joe Murray (a Nobel Prize laureate). In 1983, I left my associateship with Dr. Barron to join the Harvard School of Dental Medicine's Implant/Transplant Unit comprised of Drs. Paul Schnitman and Leonard Shulman. When Osseointegration was first introduced via Dr. George Zarb's Toronto Conference, there were four designated centers established in the U.S. at University of Washington, Mayo Clinic, UT San Antonio, and Harvard. In 1983, Dean Paul Goldhaber at HSDM established the first Department of Implant Dentistry, in the world. The Department was comprised of Dr. Paul Schnitman as Chair and me as a junior faculty member. For the next seven years, there was a whirlwind of activity related to patient care, clinical research, teaching, seminars, etc. During that time, I became well-grounded with the skill set associated with implant prosthodontics and while I thoroughly, enjoyed all of that, my heart remained with Maxillofacial Prosthodontics. I concluded at that time, if there ever was a patient population that could be best served by what osseointegration had to offer it was to meet the rehabilitation needs of the maxillofacial patient. This was further confirmed at a NIH Consensus Conference on Dental Implants in Bethesda in 1988 where amongst those presenting was Dr. Philp Worthington, Chair of OMFS at UW. After hearing him present it was like "kismet" (perhaps for me a second sign from God), with a little voice in my head saying, "I've got to work with this guy".

I met Dr. Taylor at a meeting about that time and learned of his plans to leave UW to accept a Chairperson appointment at U Conn. A few months later, I met him at another national meeting, and reminded him of our prior discussion. He said, "I need your CV right away", which I happened to have a copy of and as it is said "the rest is history". In the fall of 1989, I moved from Boston to Seattle to commence my appointment in the Department of Prosthodontics and as its third Director of the Maxillofacial Prosthetic Service and the Department's Faculty Practice, a position which I have now held for the last 30+ years.

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During the course of my 45+ year career, I've been humbled and honored to have been afforded the opportunity to train and/or work in some of the finest health care centers and to have studied under or collaborated with some of the most talented professionals with the common goal of "making people whole again".

That combined with membership in the AAMP since 1978, having served on its committees, board of directors the executive officer ranks, a Board member of its Foundation, and being honored to be the AAMP President in 2007. All of these experiences have offered a rich and fulfilling interface with those in this organization.



Left to right: Dr. Jeff Rubenstein, Dr. Steve Wagner, and Dr. Al Hickey

**Please tell us a little about your service at University of Washington**

When first arriving at UWSOD, appointed in the Department of Prosthodontics was an overwhelming experience. Department members were its Chair, Dr. Charles Bolender who was stepping down as chair and having Dr. Richard Frank take over the Department. Other members included, Drs. Dale Smith, Brian Toolson, Jim Brudvik, Tsun Ma, Mary Feine (nutritionist) and a loyal cadre of part time faculty, laboratory support, dental assistants, and administrative staff support in the department and its faculty practice. For me, I had to at first pinch myself that I was rubbing shoulders amongst some of the most noted prosthodontists in the country. As Director of the Maxillofacial Prosthetic Service and the Department's Faculty Practice, I started literally from ground zero, as Dr. Taylor had left about seven months before I arrived. It was a pretty scary time in that I knew of those noted above but really didn't know anyone in Seattle. My wife and two children were still back in Boston. I was living alone in a little apartment near the university for the first seven months and took advantage of this "alone time" to study for the written exam of the American Board of Prosthodontics. In 1991, I was the last "on site" (Houston, Texas) clinically examined candidate for the ABP examined in Maxillofacial Prosthetics.

Little by little, patient care activities evolved largely fed by the UW Department of Otolaryngology Chaired by Dr. Charlie Cummings, then Dr. Ernest Weymuller and more recently Dr. Neal Futran. Dr. Worthington and I established a joint consultation clinic where we consulted with patients seeking implant-based rehabilitation. The two of us worked collaboratively, establishing a wonderful professional and personal relationship.

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Together we published, lectured, carried out clinical research, traveled the world, and provided in my estimation, “cutting edge” implant rehabilitation. For me, this was and is the most significant professional interface that I have ever encountered. Dr. Worthington retired 12/31/2007 which for me was the saddest day of my career. Nonetheless, the MFP service continued on and evolved further over the last 13 years weathering some notable storms. As it has been said, “I’m still standing” and take some measure of pride for the service I have provided for hundreds of patients over the last 30+ years. That said, I can still emphatically say that I still very much love what I do and feel that the services provided for those in need of maxillofacial rehabilitation are amongst, if not the most challenging, health care services that exist.

#### **Can you share with us your vision for the future of our specialty and our organization?**

In my estimation, the future of MFP is now entering a “golden age”. The recent onslaught of technological advances related to the digitalization of dentistry is tantamount to “drinking from a fire hose”. For me, what has evolved over the recent past with computer applications, virtual planning, new materials, CAD/CAM, more collaboration than ever with our surgical colleagues and newly needed ancillary personnel with heretofore expertise not even in the thought process of providing such care. Looking further into the future, I suspect advances in genetic engineering will replace reconstructive efforts and implants with perhaps “regrowing” that which is missing. Another technological advance that I feel is in the future is to make an artificial eye be able to see, a long-held dream of mine.

The real challenge is not mastering the technology, but rather, achieving the needed support for the services that are evolving and can now be offered. The ultimate frustration about the services we provide is not the challenge related to the provision of them but the requisite need for getting the support for them. Further, the great diminution of those seeking training in this area (in the '70's there were 16 MFP training programs in the U.S. and now there are only 4). This portends a need for service that cannot and will not be adequately met going forward unless notable efforts are made to address those needs. Given the small population of patients needing such services (compared to other health care services) most in our society can “look the other way” and have it viewed as someone else’s problem. But when you sit across from patients in need, I struggle with my conscience asking who will be providing rehabilitation treatment for those I currently serve. The UW Maxillofacial Service supports the service needs in the Pacific Northwest comprised of five states that represents about 20% of this country’s population.

I hope and pray that those individuals who need to guide the path of this sub-specialty will be up to the challenge to keep this endeavor on course so those in need will, indeed, continue to have rehabilitation services provided



Dr. Jeffrey Rubenstein and his wife (Mimi) with their grandchildren.

By Akanksha Srivastava-

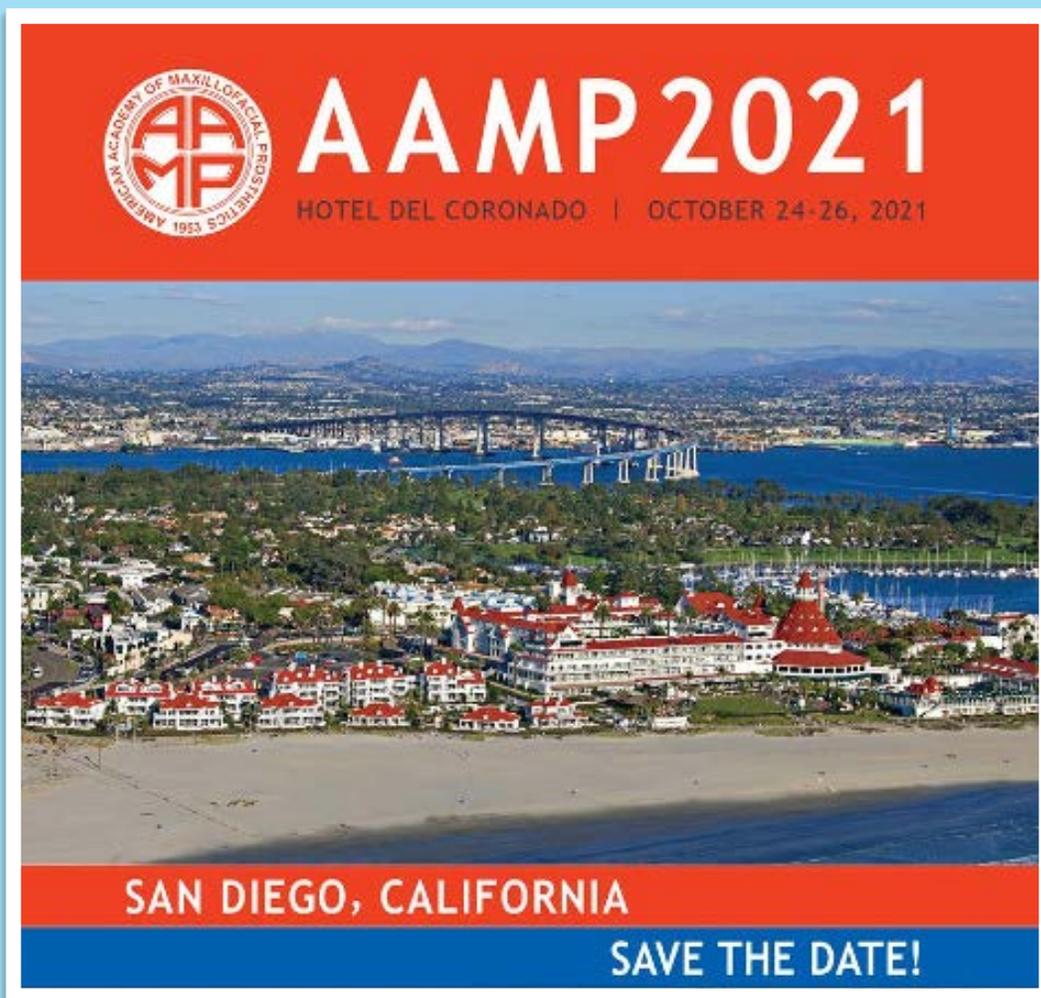
## ***Job Opportunities***

- Maxillofacial prosthodontist open position at the University of Cincinnati
- Prosthodontist open position at Prosthodontist-Institute for Reconstructive Sciences in Medicine Edmonton, AB
- Director, Maxillofacial Prosthetic Service at the University of Washington School of Dentistry
- Prosthodontics Graduate Program Director open position at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry

[https://www.maxillofacialprosthetics.org/membership/Job\\_Board/](https://www.maxillofacialprosthetics.org/membership/Job_Board/)

## Upcoming Meeting

# **"The 68th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics"**



**Soon you will be able to follow the link to the list of  
Speakers and Conference Program Schedule**

**Chaired By Dr. Theresa Hofstede**

## The Maxillofacial Foundation: Here to Serve You



The Maxillofacial Foundation is a not-for-profit organization that was established to support the activities of our academy. Its board is made up of several past AAMP presidents under the leadership of Dr. Larry Brecht. Its goal is to provide funding for projects that you, the membership would like to see. This may come in the form of a grant for a research study, an outreach project, educational support or similar worthy endeavor.

The Foundation actively seeks sources of funding from other philanthropic sources such as public and private foundations, partners in industry and other organizations for support. In addition, it relies upon us, the AAMP membership in several ways. Its sponsorship of our annual auction during our scientific session is legendary. I must admit, the image of AAMP president Arun Sharma replete in Nehru splendor standing on a chair with microphone in hand barking out the bids for top shelf auction items will forever be burned into my mind! Equally important is the support that each of us can provide in the form of a tax-free gift to the Maxillofacial Foundation. Any gift, regardless of amount demonstrates your support for AAMP activities and for your AAMP colleagues.

Foundation President Brecht could not have said it any better. "The Foundation is your foundation...it exists to improve the quality of the experience one has as a member of the AAMP."

If you have a project in mind and would like to seek funding support from the Maxillofacial Foundation, please contact Dr. Brecht at [lebrecht@nycpros.com](mailto:lebrecht@nycpros.com). Gifts to the Foundation may be made directly through the AAMP website or contact Dr. James Kelly (Executive Secretary-Treasurer) at: [aampsectreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:aampsectreasurer@gmail.com)

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

*Larry Brecht-*

President of the Maxillofacial Foundation

**Activities made possible through the support of the Foundation**

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

## Future Webinar of Interest



**Save the date!**

The Medical University of South Carolina | Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery

# The ABCs of Maxillofacial Prosthodontics Medical & Dental Billing

**A Virtual Live Streaming Interactive Event!**

January 29, 2021

This one day course is designed for dentists, prosthodontists, oral/maxillofacial radiologists and maxillofacial prosthodontists to review medical and dental billing for medically necessary dental treatment including: general dentistry, prosthodontics, radiology (including cone beam technology) and maxillofacial prosthodontics.

The afternoon session includes the patient experience from the first visit all the way through treatment with emphasis on medical form completion and discussion on the role of the clearing house.

### Registration

For registration or information contact Julie Taylor  
taylojul@musc.edu  
843-876-0943

### Visit our website:

[musc.edu/ent/cme](http://musc.edu/ent/cme)  
More information will be posted as it becomes available.

### What participants are saying...

I hope you offer this course again in the future - very good information!

Dr. Davis is amazing; all of my questions were answered.

We learned so much and are excited to build on our new knowledge and understanding of this process, thank you!

### MUSC Course Director

**Betsy K. Davis, D.M.D., MS**  
Wendy & Keith Wellin Endowed Chair in MFP  
and Dental Oncology  
Professor, Medical Director, MUSC Maxillofacial  
Prosthodontics

**Betsy K. Davis, D.M.D., MS** is Past-President for the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics and past Treasurer for the International Society for Maxillofacial Rehabilitation. She is the representative for the American College of Prosthodontists and American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics to CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services). She is a member of the Academy of Osseointegration, American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics, American College of Prosthodontists, American Dental Association, International College of Prosthodontists, International Society of Maxillofacial Rehabilitation, and the American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine and has been inducted into the International Academy of Dentistry and the American College of Dentists.



# ACP Position Paper Subspecialty Recognition of Maxillofacial Prosthetics

The authors, Drs. Akanksha Srivastava and Michael R. Andersen, want to share with our members this sentinel write up as it strives towards an increased perception of Maxillofacial Prosthetics as a subspecialty as well as its formal recognition with the National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards.

The position statement can be found at:

<https://www.prosthodontics.org/about-acp/position-statement-subspecialty-recognition-of-maxillofacial-prosthetics/>

## Disclaimer

(Although the AAMP endorses the ACP's position paper, we will be making a comprehensive statement further in its ongoing application to The National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards for subspecialty status.)

## Maxillofacial Prosthetic Training Programs

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

Program Director  
Dr. Olivia Muller  
Rochester, Minnesota

### **MD Anderson Cancer Center**

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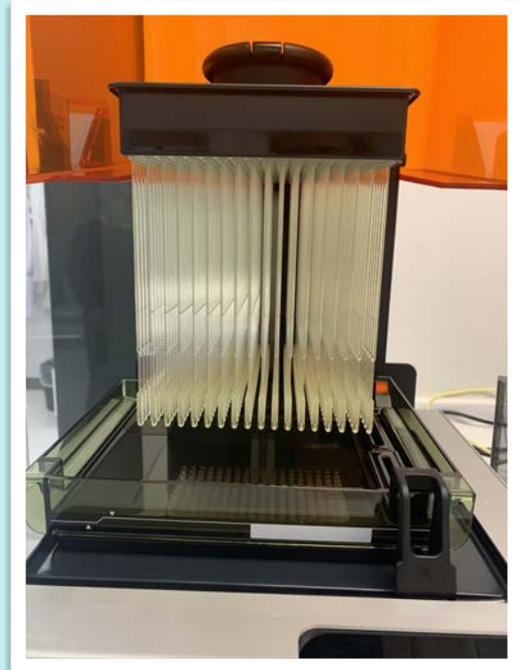
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# Innovation News

iRSM has been in the forefront of innovations during the pandemic. Along with the PPE shortages during the start of the pandemic, there was also a shortage of nasopharyngeal swabs for COVID testing. iRSM took upon itself and working with the Province of Alberta in Canada came to the vanguard in leading the effort. Twenty two 3D printers were purchased, the design of the nasopharyngeal swab was obtained in partnership with external sources and constantly refined, and a print farm (Print Farm picture) working 24 hours was established. Supply chain, production, maintenance and quality assurance of the nasopharyngeal swab was quickly worked out and Team iRSM took upon the challenge to make it happen. The print farm was in production for nearly two months at the height of the first wave of pandemic and we were able to provide the Province with over 120,000 nasopharyngeal swabs (NP Swabs picture) produced.



Nasopharyngeal swabs for COVID testing printed by team

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## In Closing...

We would like to finish this newsletter thanking all of the members that helped us accomplish this year's edition. Regardless of the limitations posed by the pandemic we have continued to move forward with the leadership of our immediate past President Dr. Sharma. Our national meeting was cancelled as many others have. The scientific program was shortened to six virtual sessions and an annual business meeting with installation of new officers, was provided free of cost to our members. The first three sessions have been well received and attended.

Another unequalled tragedy to this year was to lose five esteemed and admired AAMP members. They will be truly missed and our respects to their families.

The message from our edition shows, passion for the specialty and making a difference for those we treat, along with genuine innovations during the pandemic. 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 San Diego in 2021. We have an outstanding scientific program planned by Dr. Theresa Hofstede. Let's give a warm welcome to our new President Dr. Salinas. We hope you enjoyed the selected items in this year's newsletter.

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