

ABP Nomination

Dr. Sharma is currently a faculty member at UCSF. He successfully completed the boards in 1997. The preparation for the boards made him a more effective clinician and educator. While reviewing the literature in preparation for the boards after being in practice for a few years he realized the significance of the articles, and the importance of continuous professional growth. Since 1995, he has spent ½ of his teaching time with the prosthodontic graduate students at UCSF. In 2003, he was appointed Associate Director of the program and as of July 1, 2015, the Director. With the advantage of experiencing both private practice and academia, it affords him an outstanding background in making a positive contribution to the Board.

In the academic setting, he has the responsibility of the classic literature review, supervising clinical treatment, course director for clinical dental materials and maxillofacial prosthetics and the interdisciplinary treatment planning. He has developed and led seminars, organized the Mock Boards for the residents at UCSF since 1998. He has published in dental and medical journals and contributed chapters in ten textbooks. He received the Thomas Curtis Award for outstanding teacher and mentor for 12 out of the last 17 years.

He is actively involved with various professional organizations. He served as assistant editor for the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry, as Secretary/Treasurer and President of the Pacific Coast Society for Prosthodontics, as Director for the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics, and as Treasurer for the International Society for Maxillofacial Rehabilitation. Currently, he serves as the Vice Chair of the Editorial Council for the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry, Vice President of the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics and President of the American Prosthodontic Society. He has good organizational skills and he is detail oriented.

Arun Sharma's vision if elected is to strive to create a positive, transparent and fair experience for all candidates. As an examiner, he will advocate to current students and recent graduates that completing the Board process is not only a responsibility to the general public, but also an opportunity for professional enrichment.