

AAMP Connections



President's Greetings

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As we enter this Spring season of growth and renewal, it is heartening to think we are only a few months away from seeing each other in person at the 69th Annual Meeting in Austin. Our Board of Directors and Officers have been busy with monthly virtual meetings and had the first in-person Interim Board Meeting in two years in Chicago (April 9-10). The excitement of an in-person meeting was palpable and we look forward to gathering on October 30th in Austin. I would like to extend kudos to our Vice President Dr. Alvin Wee and his Program Committee for lining up some exciting speakers on the theme of "Treatment Longevity for the Maxillofacial Prosthetic Patient" for our 2022 Annual Session. Dr. Richard Cardoso, Chair of the Corporate Liaison Committee has done outstanding work lining up corporate sponsors for our Annual Session in these uncertain economic times. I commend all of our Officers, Board Members and Committee Chairs and members for their tireless work on our behalf. I am proud of their dedication. I look forward to developing the next generation of AAMP leaders and encourage our younger members to get involved by contacting committee chairs. Thanks again for your continued commitment to our mission, and I hope to see everyone in-person in Austin.

-Joe Huryn

Summary

68th Annual AAMP Virtual Meeting

October 22, 2021

5:00 pm CST Keynote Speaker

6:00 pm CST Poster session - 4 presenters

(10 min presentation and 5 min Q & A)

7:00 pm CST Social Event (Social Event)

October 23, 2021

7:45-8:45 am CST Board of Directors meeting

9:00 am CST Scientific Session Business meeting

12:00-1:30 pm CST Business meeting & Installation of Officers

Monthly lecture series

November 6, 2021

December 4, 2021

January 8, 2022

February 5, 2022

March 12, 2022

The virtual monthly seminars were largely favorable given the attendance metrics.

Guest Speakers Virtual Meeting 2021

Dr. Roy Chemaly

Dr. Alex Won

Dr. Renata Ferrarotto

Dr. Martin Osswald

Patricia Montgomery & Dr. Theresa Hofstede

Dr. Rodrigo E. Salazar Gamarra

Dr. Richard Cardoso & Holly McMillan

Dr. Edmond Bedrossian

Dr. Chris Butterworth

Drs. Jay Jayanetti & Edgar Davila

Extending our appreciation to all of the speakers for their time and expertise.
To all those that worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make the virtual seminars possible.
To the program chair Dr. Hofstede and program committee members.

2021-2022

Executive Officers of the AAMP

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AAMP Board of Directors

Dr. Joseph DiFazio, Dr. Martin Osswald,
Dr. Mark Hutten, Dr. Ruth Aponte-Wesson

Newly elected members:

Dr. Richard Cardoso and Dr. Suresh Nayar.

AAMP Committees

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Auditing: Villa Guillory

Awards: Arun Sharma

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Strategic Alliances: Gerald Grant

Student Membership: Olivia Muller

Fellowship: James Kelly

Subspecialty Recognition: Betsy Davis

Time and Place: James Kelly

Website: Suresh Nayar

Public and Professional Relations

Committee: David Reisberg

Elevation of Status of our Members

Affiliate fellow status

Anshul Chugh
 Young Jason Honnlee
 Kerin Jamison
 Susun Theresa Kim
 Dheeraj Sharma

Associate fellow status

Vladimir Frias
 Robert Greenland
 Ashley Hauger
 Soo Cheol Jeong
 Kenneth Kronstadt
 Hwan Hee Park
 Sohyun Park (Stephanie)

Demographics

Current Membership	441
Fellows	94
Associate Fellows	75
Affiliates Fellows	14
Technician Auxiliary	3
Life Fellows	88
Life Affiliate Fellows	6
Students	143

This data reflects closing numbers for 2021

ABP 2021-2022

Congratulations to Drs. Arun Sharma and Gerald Grant for becoming board examiners for the American Board of Prosthodontics.

Poster Competition Winners



The Editorial Council of the
Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry

Poster awards for the virtual meeting are
generously sponsored by the ECJPD.

Case / Technique Category

First Place:

Dr. Steven E. Handel. Development of Sequential Custom Facial Compression Prostheses Utilizing Digital and Analog Treatment Modalities for Interdisciplinary Care. Air Force Maxillofacial Prosthetics.

Second Place:

Dr. Nimish Oberoi. Milled Titanium Clasp Assemblies for Interim Maxillofacial Prostheses. UCLA.

Research Category

First Place:

Dr. Arthur J. Bigsby. Zygomatic Implant Reconstruction of head and neck cancer patient: Classification System and Treatment Algorithm. Mayo Clinic.

Second Place:

Dr. Hongli Yu. Dementia Research at the Clinic for Maxillofacial Prosthetics Tokyo Medical and Dental University. TMDU.

**Congratulations to all of our winners and thanks to all of the mentors for their
continues support.**

Meet Vice- President Elect Dr. JR Wilson

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 in Charleston, WV. My parents were hard working people that made sure I understood I could do or have anything I wanted if I was willing to work hard enough. I have two children that I hope will understand this same lesson and achieve whatever dreams they may pursue. When I'm not working I like to relax and recharge the batteries, and those activities can vary. Owning a private practice requires a lot of work and my free time is limited and very valuable to me. You can always trade your time for more money, but you can never get time back.



Sophia and me at the Van Gogh Experience.

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

I wanted to be a dentist from a very early age and I am not sure where that came from. I was raised in a blue-collar family, where labor and the school of hard-knocks was more prevalent than college education. I was the first in my family to attend post high-school education. My parents wanted very much for me to go to college, but the costs of doing so was something of a challenge. They worked too hard and made just enough to be ineligible for government financial aid, but not quite enough to be able to afford to cover the costs of a college education. Loans were not something my family engaged in and I could see the stress mounting as I prepared for college so I took a different path. I enlisted in the United States Navy as Dental Technician and made myself eligible for things like the Montgomery GI Bill and Tuition Assistance. Later I was able to get an Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship that paid for dental school at West Virginia University and continued my service with the Navy. My first year after dental school I did an AEGD at Parris Island, SC and then served there an additional year as a general dentist before starting my Prosthodontics Residency at the Naval Postgraduate Dental School, in Bethesda, MD. I stayed an additional year to complete my Maxillofacial Prosthetics fellowship with the Navy. Three years later I was the Program Director for the Navy's Maxillofacial Prosthetics fellowship and stayed there until I retired from federal service in 2016. I currently own a private practice in Fairfax, VA.



Surprise birthday party for me at the office.

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

The specialty has clearly moved into including a surgical component and the incorporation of digital dentistry has become more and more prevalent and continues to evolve. My crystal ball remains cloudy on the future, but I am sure technology will continue to evolve and mold the workflows of patient care. I am confident that the things technology can not replace is the compassion and creative thought that goes into many of the complex prosthodontic cases each of us see every day. I hope future generations will continue to evaluate these new treatment modalities and tools that industry offers to us, while not losing sight of the need to be critical in our evaluation and making sure we are providing our patients with the best treatments possible. Industry should be providing us tools that meet the requirements for sound treatment and not asking us to adapt our patients to meet the requirements industry is imposing.

Q: How do you maintain a balance between your career and personal life?

I don't embrace the idea of "career and personal life balance". Balance implies some equality of "career" and "personal life" as if these are separate things that can't impose on the other. I embrace the idea of each of us having a life to live. How we will choose to live that life should be a path that makes each of us fulfilled, satisfied, and happy in our decisions. The proportion of time that is spent

"working" or "personal" will likely change for each of us as our time in life progresses, as the seasons change, or as our own personal needs and desires change. When you find something you love to do, you don't view it as "work". My "work" can be very "personal" and my personal relationships will always



My Mom, Donzella and me.



My Son Joey, daughter Sophia (High School graduation), my mom, Donzella and Me.

require some "work". My philosophy is to do what makes you happy, don't compare yourself to others, or feel that you are not doing "enough" based on what you think other people want or are doing. You only have one life to live. Live it without regrets.

-Contributed by Dr. Akanksha Srivastava

The Maxillofacial Foundation Excellence Prosthetic Award

**The recipient of this year's award will be announced in the
business meeting and presented in person at the Austin
2022 meeting.**

**Job Opportunities full details
on our website**

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

Maxillofacial Prosthetic Training Programs

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Birmingham, Alabama

We are pleased to announce an exciting revamped section of the newsletter. Future editions of this newsletter will feature profiles of maxillofacial prosthetics institutions, practices, doctors, and academic centers. Each edition will feature a single center or doctor, highlighting the specific and unique aspects of that practice, increasing the visibility of our unique specialty to other practitioners and possible future fellows.

Incorporating Maxillofacial Prosthetics in to Private Practice

Greetings and salutations from Houston, Texas! As a proud alumni of the MD Anderson Maxillofacial Prosthodontics Fellowship, I have found that incorporating maxillofacial prosthodontics into my private practice has been truly fulfilling. Not only am I challenged with cases that are outside of the normal “dental/prosthodontics” field, but it also helps me to incorporate other medical adjuncts into my “team” of providers. This team includes: plastic surgeons, an OMFS, and an osteopathic physician. The most recent addition to my “team” has been a speech pathologist. It took a long time (over 10 years), to realize that I needed one, and I am so grateful now that I have someone to help me to not only regain form, but also proper function with my patients. I highly recommend incorporating a speech pathologist, especially one that deals with adults, and myofascial challenges, into your team of providers. They can truly be a life saver and offer great insight.

One of the biggest challenges that I have found being a maxillofacial prosthodontist in private practice (with no hospital affiliation), is billing. As a fee for service provider, it can be challenging for patients, because dental insurance just doesn’t really cover anything. That is why I tend to do medical billing for my maxillofacial cases. If you plan to provide maxillofacial prosthodontics in your private practice, I highly recommend someone on your team gets trained in medical billing, or hire a service that does medical billing for dental offices (if you think you will have the volume). For now, I do the billing, and the patients are happy with getting their reimbursement from their provider.

With the onset of digital dentistry, intraoral and facial scanning, a whole new world of opportunities are available to us. I have seen how maxillofacial prosthodontics has benefitted from this as well. I recently spoke about my experiences of easier workflows utilizing intraoral and bench-top scanners to fabricate bars, milled resection dentures, resection partial dentures, obturators, and even 3D printing a hollow palatal augmentation and lift prosthesis. The time is now, and we can let our imagination go with designing and making prosthesis for our patients that are faster, and reproducible. This is a great time to be a maxillofacial prosthodontist!

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69TH ANNUAL AAMP MEETING

TREATMENT LONGEVITY FOR THE
MAXILLOFACIAL PROSTHETIC PATIENT

OCT 30 - NOV 1 2022

SUNDAY, OCT 30, 2022

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
CONFERENCE WORKSHOP
POSTER SESSION AND WELCOME
RECEPTION

MONDAY, OCT 31, 2022

GENERAL SESSION
PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION AND
BANQUET

TUESDAY, NOV 1, 2022

GENERAL SESSION
CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS
NETWORKING SOCIAL OUTING

Treatment Longevity for the Maxillofacial Prosthetic Patient

Speakers for Upcoming Meeting Austin 2022

Chandra Srini

Jeffrey Rubenstein

Gerry Raghoobar

Nathalie Vosselman

Nina Ariana

Steve Feinberg

Jana Reiger

Sudarat Kiat-Amnuay

Christine Wallace

Khim Hean Teo

Mark Hutten

Ester Somogyi-Ganss

Seelaus Rosemary

Betsy Davis

David Reisberg

In Memory of

Whether or not you knew any of these members, we invite you to read through their obituaries below and as you do, please keep in mind that each shared the same passion for our profession and love of our academy that each of you has.



Dr. Carlos Tello

August 9, 1956 - October 21, 2021

Fort Worth, Texas - Carlos Tello, D.D.S. passed away on October 21, 2021, at his Fort Worth home following a battle with pancreatic cancer.

Carlos was born on August 9, 1956, in Tulancingo, Hidalgo, Mexico to the late Carlos and Rosa Tello. He is survived by his three siblings, Rosa Maria Tello, Samuel Tello, and Victoria Eugenia Tello and nieces Mariana Mena, Maria Tello and nephews Andres Tello and Victor Loyo.

Carlos grew up in Tulancingo and then attended the premier dental school in Mexico City, Universidad Tecnológica de Mexico from 1974-1978. He was married to Anna Merrick Bonewitz from 1982-1990 and Amy Bender from 1999-2013.

He worked as a dentist in Mexico City and Tulancingo and then made his way to the United States. He obtained his dental license in Arizona and practiced for many years and then pursued a Master of Science degree in the department of Prosthodontics at Baylor College of Dentistry, graduating in 1998. He was loved by countless students and doctors. He started a private dental practice in North Richland Hills, Texas in 1999.

Carlos was a proud member of the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics, the International College of Prosthodontists and the American Dental Association and the Fort Worth District Dental Society. He lectured internationally to dental societies. He practiced dentistry for 43 years. His hobbies were ever-expanding and included hiking, playing with his dogs, Cooking amazing Mexican food, SUDOKU, jigsaw puzzles, knitting, traveling, learning languages, opera, coin collecting, calendar and stamp collecting. His happy place was in the mountains of Colorado where he spent vacation days as often as possible in Cuchara at his cabin.

Carlos had a huge heart and truly gave all his time to patients and students and colleagues. His passion was helping his patients and doing the most beautiful dentistry possible. He was a perfectionist.

Carlos attended several Catholic churches over the years and was extremely faithful. He believed in miracles and hoped until his last days for his own.

There was a Memorial Service on November 6, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Longhorn Pavillion at Benbrook Lake. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the pancreatic cancer association may be made. Published by Star-Telegram on Oct. 31, 2021. Dr. Carlos Tello.



Dr. Thomas J. Vergo, Jr., esteemed prosthodontist and maxillofacial dentist, beloved husband, brother, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, passed away after a long illness on March 7, 2022. Tom was born on May 29, 1943 in New Orleans, Louisiana, the oldest son of the late Hazel and Thomas J. Vergo, Sr.

Tom was born into a big family, as one of four boys, and then had a large family himself. He had four children of his own, additionally welcoming three children by marriage into his life. In turn, he was blessed with many grandchildren and even a great-grandchild. His big, loving, blended family was the pride and joy of his life.

Tom is survived by Elizabeth, his wife and beloved partner of twenty-five fulfilling years, of Westborough, MA; his three brothers, Joseph Vergo, Timothy Vergo, James Vergo and their wives; his four children, for whose love and friendship he was most grateful: Matthew Vergo and his children Aiyana and Jasper, of Wilton, NH; Bethlyn Vergo Houlihan, her husband Tim, and their children Chloe and Calvin of Maynard, MA; Maxwell Vergo, his wife Amelia, and their sons Finn and Gavin of Etna, NH; and Heather Dame, her husband Jason, and their children Harper, Georgia, Francesca and Marshall of Los Angeles, CA. Tom is also survived by his children by marriage who brought much added joy to his life: Christina Susan Astrove and her husband Steven, of Wellesley MA, and their three daughters Sara-Kate, Erica and Molly Potts and her husband Kenny; Pamela Elizabeth Scully and her husband Robert, of Higganum, CT, and their children Cassandra Driscoll, her husband AJ and their daughter, Charlie, the family's first great-grandchild born in November 2021, Ashley and Rob; and Diana Irwin Beck, her husband Steve, and their children Natalie and Andrew of Hopkinton, MA.

Tom grew up in East Rochester, New York, and graduated from East Rochester High School, where his four-year undefeated record as a heavy-weight wrestler still stands today. Tom graduated from the School of Dental Medicine at the University of Buffalo in 1971. He completed a Dental Internship at the Buffalo V.A.

Hospital in 1972, followed by a year as a Staff Dentist. In 1975, he completed his Prosthodontic training, receiving certificates from the School of Dental Medicine at the University of Buffalo and the Buffalo V.A. Hospital; followed by a Maxillofacial Prosthetic residency program at Roswell Park Memorial Hospital in Buffalo, N.Y.

Upon completion of his Prosthodontic and Maxillofacial Prosthetics training in 1976, Dr. Vergo accepted a full-time faculty position at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine (TUSDM) in the Department of Prosthodontics and Operative Dentistry (formerly, Department of Restorative Dentistry). During his tenure at TUSDM, he was the Director of the Pre-Clinical Removable Partial Denture Course, the Division Head of Maxillofacial Prosthetics and, for his last eight years at Tufts, the Director of Divisions: Prosthodontics-Fixed Partial Dentures, Removable Partial Dentures, Complete Dentures and Maxillofacial Prosthetics. In January 2004, Dr. Vergo retired from Tufts University as a Professor Emeritus. In addition to his full-time teaching responsibilities, Tom maintained a part-time private practice over the past 50 years, and, at the time of his death, had recently retired from his "work family" of Emirzian, Mariano & Associates in East Longmeadow, MA, after 16 years. Additionally, Dr. Vergo lectured locally, nationally and internationally, and has published 40 articles in various professional reference journals.

Tom was a valued member of many illustrious professional groups: the American College of Prosthodontics, the Academy of Prosthodontics, the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics (Past President), the International Society of Maxillofacial Rehabilitation, the American College of Dentists and the Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics. Not surprisingly, Tom was also thoroughly involved in several foundations helping children and underprivileged patients receive the maxillofacial care that they needed and deserved.

Tom's passion and enthusiasm for work and life were unmatched. He was a devoted and greatly respected practitioner, teacher and colleague who profoundly impacted the lives of hundreds upon hundreds of patients through his outstanding restorative facial and dental work. He cherished his many friends and colleagues and his large family, leaving each person better off for having known him. Tom was incredibly kind and always made himself available to help others both personally and professionally. He welcomed everyone he met with a generous smile, warm hospitality and often a ridiculous dentist joke; upon meeting him, people felt they had known him all their lives.

The joy Tom derived from his large, blended family is evident in how he thrived on being involved in his children's and grandchildren's lives. He loved attending (and cheering loudly) at all of their soccer games, theater, music and dance performances, baptisms, birthday parties, communions, graduations and weddings.

You name it, he was there. He had a sharp sense of humor and loved forwarding memes and jokes to his entire family, sometimes multiple times per day! His grandchildren all remember his silly jokes, his larger than-life joyful laugh, his dressing up as Santa Claus at family Christmas gatherings and his loving advice on everything from their teeth to favorite sports teams. Always a dentist, he rarely greeted them without saying "show me your teeth".

Among his many passions throughout the years, Tom loved traveling around Europe with Elizabeth, curling with the Norfolk (CT) Curling Club, listening to classical music by the Boston Symphony Orchestra on the lawn at Tanglewood, singing in the choir at church, cuddling with his Norfolk terriers and Havapoo dog and building rock gardens at the house in Colebrook CT where he and Elizabeth lived after his retirement from Tufts.

During the last year and a half of Tom's life, he and Elizabeth were so grateful for the outstanding and compassionate care provided in their home by the nursing staff from Brightstar and VNA hospice care; additionally, the family extends tremendous thanks and gratitude to the caring staff at the Rose Monahan Hospice House where Tom spent his final weeks until his peaceful passing.

-Dr. David Reisberg Memorial Committee

The Andrew J. Ackerman Memorial Award

The recipients of this award will be announced and presented at Austin 2022

Our members dealt with the Covid Pandemic by

Writing Poetry

Learning a new skill at work or home

Taking cooking classes online

Taking yoga classes online

Learning another language

Meditating

Listening to music

Spending time with family

Attending CE courses online

Taking photos of nature while walking

Photography



Hibiscus rosa-sinensis



Wisteria (symbolizes long-life)

I Am The AAMP

I am male, I am female

I am young, I am old

I am white, I am of color

I am Christian, I am Jewish, I
am Muslim

I live in the United States, I
live throughout the world

I share my knowledge with
my colleagues for the
benefit of all

I care for children

I care for adults

I care for those with birth
conditions

I care for those suffering the
ravages of cancer

I care for those who have
suffered trauma

I care.

I am the AAMP

-Anonymous

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First in person Dinner and Interim Board of Directors session in two years,
Loews Hotel April 9 &10, 2022
Chicago, Il



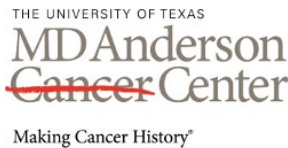
From left to right Drs. Wee, Nayar, Osswald, Aponte-Wesson, Gengross, Kelly, Hofstede, Davis, Willson, Taft, Sharma, Reisberg, Kushner, Salinas



From left to right Drs. Kelly, Cardoso, Hofstede, Huryn, Sharma, Aponte-Wesson, Hutten, Nayar, Willson, Salinas, Kushner, Osswald, Reisberg, Wee, Gengross

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In Closing...

We would like to finish this newsletter thanking all of the members that helped us accomplish this mid year's edition. Regardless of the limitations posed by the lingering pandemic we have continued to move forward with the leadership of our Presidents Drs. Salinas and Huryn. We completed all of the virtual seminars for the year 2021 and they were very well attended and well received. The outstanding scientific program was planned by Dr. Theresa Hofstede and the program committee. We are excited to announce an in person meeting in Austin, TX. Note that this year the meeting will be two days. October 30th - Nov 1st , 2022.

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. Lastly, let's give a special thanks to our past President Dr. Salinas as he culminated an amazing term under the most challenging times. A warm welcome to our new President Dr. Huryn as he guides our organization in this new normal. We hope you enjoyed the selected items in this mid year's newsletter.

*Ruth Aponte-Wesson &
e-Communications Committee*