

AAMP Connections



Dear AAMP members,

As we move into the new year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the success of 2022. After a two-year COVID hiatus, we had a wonderful in-person meeting with exceptional presentations, workshops, and social activities. Congratulations to Dr. Wee for organizing such an outstanding meeting. Another highlight of 2022 was our new affiliation with the British Society of Prosthodontics, which will promote cooperation and scientific collaboration between our organizations.

Looking forward in 2023, there is much to do. The program planning committee and the BOD are hard at work planning our upcoming meeting in San Diego. Unlike last year, this meeting will have the traditional 3-day format. We hope that all of you will have the opportunity to attend.

In addition to the annual meeting, we are also working to bring our members a variety of free webinars on general interest topics. These webinars are a great way for us to stay connected and engaged throughout the year. We hope you can join us for these webinars and look forward to hearing your feedback and suggestions for future topics.

Also, we hope to have the opportunity to apply for subspecialty recognition for our discipline. This endeavor is so very important so that we can better advocate for our providers, training programs, and our patients.

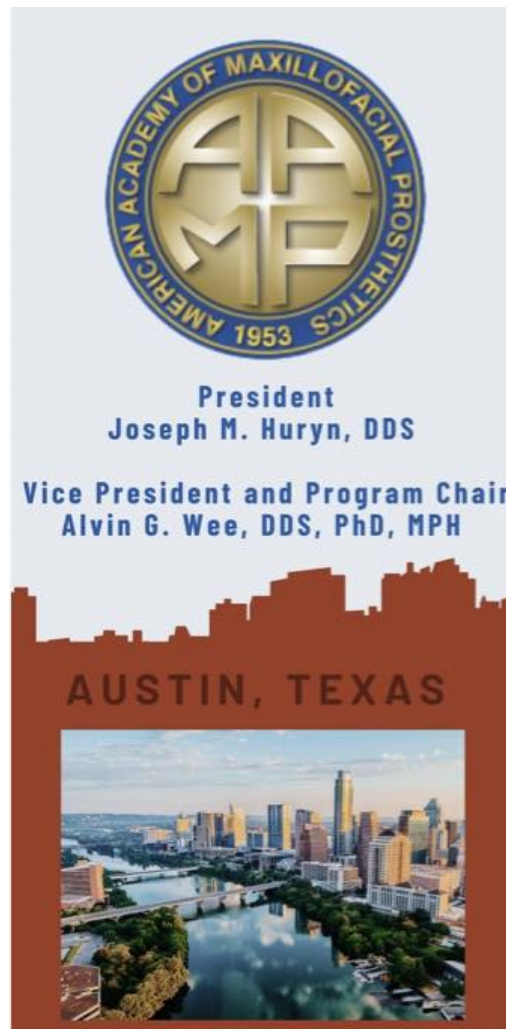
In closing, I want to express my gratitude for the opportunity to be the AAMP president and your continued support of the AAMP.

Wishing you all health and prosperity in the new year.

*-Theresa Hofstede
AAMP President*

Highlights of 69th AAMP Annual Meeting

“Treatment Longevity for The Maxillofacial Prosthetic Patient”



Well attended meeting, two day format, had 275 attendees including exhibitor representatives, 21 meeting speakers, 3 workshops and 33 poster presentations.

2022-2023 Executive Officers of the AAMP



From Left to Right: Drs. Thomas Salinas (Past President 2020-2021), Joseph Difazio (Vice President Elect), Dr. JR Wilson (Vice President), Theresa Hofstede (President), Alvin Wee (President elect), Joseph Huryn (Immediate Past President), Evan Rosen (Recording Secretary) and James Kelly (Executive Secretary Treasurer)

Board of Directors 2022-2023

The current AAMP Board of Directors includes *from Left to Right*: Drs. Mark Hutten, Martin Osswald (newly elected), Ruth Aponte- Wesson, Richard Cardoso (not present in the photo) Sujey Morgan (newly elected), Suresh Nayar.



2022-2023

American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics Committees

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Subspecialty Recognition Committee (Ad Hoc)	Betsy Davis
Time and Place Committee	James Kelly
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Academy Members Breakdown

Current Membership	431
Fellows	93
Associate Fellows	98
Affiliates Fellows	37
Technician Auxiliary	3
Life Fellows	103
Life Affiliate Fellows	6
Students	91

Members Elevation of Status

Affiliate Fellows 2020

Brendan Curley
Ursula Klostermyer

Associate Fellow

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

Fellow

Olivia Muller
Ester Somogyi-Ganss
Joy Wang

Retired Life Fellows

Scott Synnott
Steve Eckert
Thomas Schneid

Affiliate Fellows 2021

Nathalie Vosselman
Michael Andersen
Kerin Jamison
Susun Theresa Kim
Dheeraj Sharma
Felix Springfield

Associate Fellows

Vladimir Frias
Ashley Hauger
Kenneth Kronstadt
Lydia Legg
Sohyun Park
Robert Greenland
Soo Cheol Jeong
Hwan Hee Park
Gabriela Seamanduras

Fellow

Rishabh Acharya
Michael Kase
Harry Reintsema

Retired Life Fellows

Ann Sue von Gonten
Gordon Huntress

Affiliate Fellows 2022

Joel Diaz-Arana
Diana Pham
Gurkaran Preet Singh
Anhar Basunbul
Jorge Cervantes De la Rosa
Jitendra Jethwani
Anthony Kight
Chun Nan Lin
Abha Nair
Dinesh Rokaya
MD Asikul Wadud
Mireya Imitola Orta
Johanna Yepez
Hongli Yu

Associate Fellows

Prajna Banan
Anthony Farmer
Steven Handel
Mi Young Kim
Jee Kim
Elana Laks
Kalie McCulloch
Nupur Patel
Harrison Spatz
Gabriela Zimmer
Arthur Bigsby III
Yu Chun Lin
Nimish Oberoi
Young Jason Honnlee

Fellow

Akanksha Srivastava
Pandora Wojnarsky

Retired Life Fellows

Paul David,
Kenneth Kent

Retired Active Life Fellow

Michael Arcuri

Ackerman Awards

2020-2021

This award is bestowed upon a member of the Academy who the Board of Directors considered to have made significant contributions to the advancement of this special area of practice.

**Ackerman Award 2020 was presented to
Dr. Lawrence Brecht**



From Left to Right: Dr. David Reisberg (Past President and Nomination Committee Chair), Dr. Lawrence Brecht (Past President and Awardee)

**Ackerman Award 2021 was presented to
Dr. Betsy Davis**



From Left to Right: Dr. Arun Sharma (Past President and Nomination Committee Chair), Dr. Betsy Davis (Past President and Awardee)



From Left to Right: Drs. Lawrence Brecht and Betsy Davis
(Past Presidents and Awardees of the 2020 and 2021
Ackerman Awards)

**Making up for lost time, recognizing our dedicated leaders.
Extraordinary installation of AAMP presidents post-pandemic period**



Photo on the Left: (Dr. Joseph Huryn, Dr. Thomas Salinas, back row) Dr. Arun Sharma being installed as President for the year 2019-2020 by Dr. David Reisberg (Immediate Past President).



Photo on the Right: (Dr. Joseph Huryn, Dr. Thomas Salinas, being installed as President for the year 2020-2021 by Dr. Arun Sharma (Immediate Past President).



Photo on the Left: (Dr. Joseph Huryn, being installed as President for the year 2021-2022 by Dr. Thomas Salinas (Immediate Past President).



Photo on the Right: (Dr. Theresa Hofstede being installed as President for the year 2022-2023 by Dr. Joseph Huryn (Immediate Past President).

Memorandum of Understanding between the British Society of Prosthodontics (BSSPD) and AAMP

A memorandum of understanding was agreed upon and signed between the British Society of Prosthodontics (BSSPD) and AAMP. The MOU promotes cooperation between the two organizations and builds strategic alliances and scientific collaboration. It also allows members of each organization to attend the annual conference of the other organization as members. AAMP Fellow Dr. Suresh Nayar, the President of BSSPD, signed the MOU with AAMP President Dr. Joseph Huryn on November 1, 2022, at the annual business meeting.



Photos of friendly signing of MOU between the Dr. Joseph Huryn, (President of the AAMP 2021-22) and Dr. Suresh Nayar (President of the British Society of Prosthodontics), Dr. James Kelly announcing the agreement in the business meeting.

Dr. Suresh Nayar personally invites AAMP members to attend the British Society of Prosthodontics Platinum Jubilee conference in Birmingham, United Kingdom, on March 24 and 25, 2023. It promises to be an exciting scientific and cultural event with international speakers from India, Israel, the US, Europe, and Canada, covering the whole gamut of Prosthodontics and a Bollywood-themed conference dinner. The scientific session will be in an IMAX theatre that can house over 350 delegates, with a large area outside for the trade fair and refreshments. The conference dinner will be in the atrium in the same venue with Indian cuisine and Bollywood entertainment.



The British Society of Prosthodontics' Platinum Jubilee Conference

ONE WORLD, ONE PROSTHODONTICS!

Friday 24th & Saturday 25th March 2023
Millennium Point, Birmingham

**12 International experts from USA, Europe, India, Israel & Canada*

**Covering all aspects of Prosthodontics – Fixed, removable & maxillofacial prosthodontics*

**Schottlander Oral and Poster presentations*

**Coltene Poster presentations for DCTs/ DFTs*

**Social night – Indian cuisine & Bollywood entertainment*

To register for the conference, please visit the following site:

<https://www.bsspd.org/Conferences/Annual+Conference+2023/Rates+and+book+online.aspx>

The discount code to book at the BSSPD member rate of £415 is AAMP23 (The discount codes will discount full non-member attendance (without membership) £495 to full member attendance £415; and for postgraduates/ attendance from full DCT/StR/Postgrad non-member rate of £320 to full DCT/StR/Postgrad member rate of £270). The conference dinner fee has been kept low (£40) to encourage all to attend and partake in the Indian cultural experience – so please register for the conference dinner!

For accommodation, there are hotels in and around the Millennium Point (the venue) that can be booked. BSSPD has a deal with the Aloft Birmingham Eastside for £115 per night. Please book early, as rooms are limited.

Poster Competition Winners



The Editorial Council of the
Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry

Poster awards for the meeting
were generously sponsored
by the ECJPD.

Research Category

1st Place: Dr. Pamela A. Lloren (Mayo Clinic) "Efficacy of 3D Printed Custom Oral Positioning Devices used in Proton Radiation Therapy for Head and Neck Cancer Patients".

2nd Place: Dr. Tintu Sara Chandy (Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center) "Longevity of Terminal Abutment Teeth Retaining Maxillary Obturators."

Case/Technique Category

1st Place: Dr. Joshua A. Vess (JBSA Lackland) "Generating 3D facial models from patient procured digital records for fabrication of facial prosthetic".

2nd Place: Dr. Mary Lou Juanatas (UCLA) "Prosthetic rehabilitation with closed- bulb overlay obturator for a pediatric patient with Rhabdomyosarcoma".



Maxillofacial Prosthetic Foundation Awards for the years 2020, 2021, 2022

Drs. Dennys Chao (UCLA) 2020, Stephanie Park (UCLA) 2021, Arthur Bigsby III (Mayo) 2022 were 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.

Congratulations to the New Diplomates of the American Board of Prosthodontics



From Left to Right: Dr. Arun Sharma (ABP Board Examiner) Drs . Ahmad Qazali, Nupur Patel, Bob Taft
(AAMP past president and ABP board examiner)

October 2021:

Dr. Eric Heckenbach, Associate Fellow

Drs. Nupur Patel, Associate Fellow. Ahmad Qazali, Associate Fellow

February 2022:

Dr. Raneem Alduraiby, Affiliate Fellow

Workshop #1 Angled Implants for Craniofacial Rehabilitation Dr. Chris Butterworth



Members & Guest Networking at the Annual Session



New and upcoming
webinars throughout the year
for members and guests



SAVE THE DATE

March 9, 2023
6:30-7:30 PM (CST)

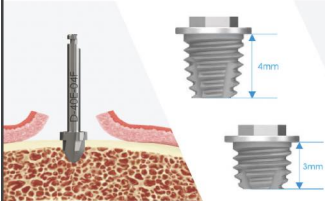
**From Prosthodontic Student to Private Practice:
Valuable Advice from 3 Practitioners**

Free Webinar



Southern Implants: The Craniofacial Experience

SURGICAL PLANNING & IMPLANT POSITIONING
FOR THE FACIAL PROSTHETIC PATIENT

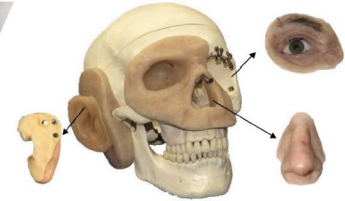


The UI Health Craniofacial Center invites you to attend Southern Implant's hands-on course in a world-class learning environment at UIC's Surgical Innovation Training Lab! Anaplastologists, maxillofacial prosthodontists, and surgeons will be introduced to SI's implant system and surgical kit for placement of craniofacial implants.

Attendees are invited to attend a **social event** in beautiful downtown Chicago on the Friday night prior to the course! On Saturday, the course will include breakfast, lunch, and coffee breaks. The course program will include a discussion of the history of osseointegration and craniofacial implants and their **applications in prosthetic restoration & implant position planning**. Southern Implants will highlight their craniofacial implants and attachments, surgical kit, and surgical protocols.

Attendees will have the opportunity to practice **hands-on implant placement** using premarked dry skulls to become familiar with Southern Implant's instrumentation and drilling sequence. Surgical planning techniques for craniofacial implants, both digital and non-digital, will be discussed, as well as attachment choice and soft tissue management. All participants will receive take home guides for future review and reference in the operating room. Finally, all participants will have the chance to explore the possibilities of **virtual reality** and its application to surgical planning!

Registration is limited to **30 participants!** Register early! **DEADLINE: MARCH 25, 2023**



April 15, 2023 / 8AM - 5PM / CHICAGO, IL

Register at anaplastology.org



The International Anaplastology Association (IAA) and the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics (AAMP) are serving as event partners, managing registration for this course. Participants must register online at anaplastology.org.

Registrants must make a \$200 deposit to reserve your place. The deposit will be held, but not charged. If a registrant does not attend the course and fails to cancel registration within 7 days of the event (April 8), the \$200 deposit will be charged.



Hotel Recommendations

UI Medical University District - Walking distance to the course at UI Health

Hyatt Place Chicago - Medical / University District • 3-star hotel
1835 W Harrison St, Chicago, IL 60612 • (312) 341-1234 • [website](https://www.hyatt.com)

Chicago Marriott at Medical District/UIC • 3-star hotel
625 South Ashland Avenue At, W Harrison St, Chicago, IL 60607 • (312) 491-1234 • [website](https://www.marriott.com)

West Loop - Short drive to the course at UI Health; walking distance or short ride into downtown loop

Homewood Suites by Hilton Chicago Downtown West Loop • 3-star hotel • Eco-certified
118 N Jefferson St, Chicago, IL 60661 • (312) 930-0000 • [website](https://www.hilton.com)

Hyatt House Chicago / West Loop-Fulton Market • 3-star hotel
105 N May St, Chicago, IL 60607 • (312) 492-0000 • [website](https://www.hyatt.com)

The Hoxton, Chicago • 4-star hotel • Eco-certified
200 N Green St, Chicago, IL 60607 • (312) 761-1700 • [website](https://www.hoxton.com)

The Emily Hotel • 4-star hotel • Eco-certified
311 N Morgan St, Chicago, IL 60607 • (312) 764-1919 • [website](https://www.emilyhotel.com)

Downtown Loop - Short drive to the course at UI Health

Cambria Hotel Chicago Loop - Theatre District • 3-star hotel
32 W Randolph St, Chicago, IL 60601 • (872) 710-9539 • [website](https://www.cambria.com)

Canopy by Hilton Chicago Central Loop • 4-star hotel • Eco-certified
226 W Jackson Blvd, Chicago, IL 60606 • (773) 809-6750 • [website](https://www.canopyhotels.com)

The Allegro Royal Sonesta Hotel Chicago Loop • 4-star hotel
171 W Randolph St, Chicago, IL 60601 • (312) 236-0123 • [website](https://www.royalsonesta.com)

Sheraton Grand Chicago Riverwalk • 4-star hotel
301 E North Water St, Chicago, IL 60611 • (312) 464-1000 • [website](https://www.sheraton.com)

Downtown Loop/Millennium Park - Short drive to UI Health; close to social event on Fri night

Chicago Athletic Association - The Unbound Collection by Hyatt • 4-star hotel
12 S Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60603 • (312) 940-3552 • [website](https://www.chicagoathleticassociation.com)

Silversmith Hotel Chicago Downtown • 4-star hotel
10 S Wabash Ave, Chicago, IL 60603 • (312) 372-7696 • [website](https://www.silversmithhotel.com)

Pendry Chicago • 4-star hotel
230 Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60601 • (312) 777-9000 • [website](https://www.pendry.com)

Course Location: UIC Surgical Innovation Training Lab (SITL)
912 S Wood St, Chicago, IL 60612

Downtown Loop/Millennium Park (continued)

Palmer House a Hilton Hotel • 4-star hotel • Eco-certified
17 E Monroe St, Chicago, IL 60603 • (312) 726-7500 • [website](https://www.palmerhouse.com)

theWit Chicago - a DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel • 4-star hotel • Eco-certified
201 N State St, Chicago, IL 60601 • (312) 467-0200 • [website](https://www.deltahotels.com)

Downtown/River North - Short drive to UI Health; short drive/longer walk to social event Fri night

Holiday Inn Chicago Dwn Wolf Point, an IHG Hotel • 3-star hotel
350 W Wolf Point Plaza Building 2, Chicago, IL 60654 • (312) 836-5000 • [website](https://www.ihg.com)

voco Chicago Downtown, an IHG Hotel
350 W Wolf Point Plaza Building 1, Chicago, IL 60654 • (312) 836-5000 • [website](https://www.voco.com)

SpringHill Suites by Marriott Chicago Downtown/River North
410 N Dearborn St, Chicago, IL 60654 • (312) 644-4071 • [website](https://www.marriott.com)

Kinzie Hotel • 4-star hotel
20 W Kinzie St, Chicago, IL 60654 • (312) 395-9000 • [website](https://www.kinziehotel.com)

Downtown/Magnificent Mile - Short drive to UI Health; short drive/longer walk to social event Fri

Hampton Inn & Suites Chicago-Downtown • 3-star hotel • Eco-certified
33 W Illinois St, Chicago, IL 60654 • (312) 832-0330 • [website](https://www.hampton.com)

Hilton Garden Inn Chicago Downtown/Magnificent Mile • 3-star hotel • Eco-certified
10 E Grand Ave, Chicago, IL 60611 • (312) 595-0000 • [website](https://www.hilton.com)

Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile • 4-star hotel
540 Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60611 • (312) 836-0100 • [website](https://www.marriott.com)

The Royal Sonesta Chicago River North • 4-star hotel
505 N State St, Chicago, IL 60654 • (312) 755-9703 • [website](https://www.royalsonesta.com)

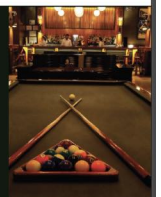


Social Event

Friday, April 14, 2023 • 6-8 pm

Join us in the Drawing Room of the historic Chicago Athletic Association! Registrants will enjoy an open bar and appetizers while connecting with colleagues in a truly exquisite space!

Learn more about the [Chicago Athletic Association](https://chicagoathleticassociation.com)





AAMP 2023

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SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 21-24, 2023

San Diego, California



For updates of our next meeting visit the following website:<http://aampconference.com>

Summary of upcoming meetings

March 9th, 2023. Virtual Webinar

March 24-25, 2023. British Society of Prosthodontics. Birmingham-England

April 15th, 2023. The Craniofacial Experience. Chicago

October 21-24, 2023. AAMP Annual Session San Diego

Highlighting Maxillofacial Prosthetic

Craniofacial Center, Chicago Illinois

The Craniofacial Center is one of the oldest and largest facilities in the world dedicated to the evaluation and treatment of cleft lip and palate, as well as other congenital craniofacial conditions, in infants, children, adolescents, and adults. Additionally, it provides surgical, prosthetic and psychosocial rehabilitation for patients with head and neck cancer and those who have experienced craniofacial trauma.

The Craniofacial Center is located on the University of Illinois Medical Center campus in a 16,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility. It is part of the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery within the Department of Surgery at the UIC College of Medicine. The Craniofacial Center's team of medical, dental and allied health professionals, which includes plastic and reconstructive surgeons,



maxillofacial prosthodontists, orthodontists, anaplastologists, speech and language pathologist, psychologists, audiologist, pediatrician, and pediatric dentist, works together to provide comprehensive care to patients through its two clinical components, the Maxillofacial Prosthetics Clinic and the Cleft/Craniofacial Clinic. The Maxillofacial Prosthetics Clinic offers rehabilitation for craniofacial patients, or those who have had head and neck cancer surgery or suffered oral or

facial trauma, while the Cleft/Craniofacial Clinic specializes in the evaluation and treatment of congenital craniofacial conditions such as cleft lip and palate, hemifacial microsomia, cranial synostosis, severe jaw discrepancies and malocclusions, and related craniofacial conditions. The Cleft and Craniofacial team is accredited by the American Cleft Palate Craniofacial Association (ACPA).



The Craniofacial Center has over 2,000 active patients and receives 500 new patient referrals annually. Throughout its history, the center has treated more than 20,000 patients. Our patients benefit from a personalized treatment environment with access to comprehensive resources of a major urban medical center.

A brief history: The Center was founded in 1949 by orthodontist Dr. Samuel Pruzansky at the University of Illinois Medical Center at Chicago through a grant from the Federal Children's Bureau. Its original mission was to document craniofacial growth in children with cleft lip and palate. Under Dr. Pruzansky's guidance, the center's reputation and referral base expanded across the country and around the world. Dr. Pruzansky recognized the multiple and complex needs of patients and developed the team approach to cleft and craniofacial care. He believed in medical and dental specialists and allied health professionals working together in a single location to provide multidisciplinary, comprehensive care. Today, this team approach is the

hallmark of the Craniofacial Center and has served as a model for other centers in the United States, South America, Europe, and Asia.

By the 1960s, there became a need for a comprehensive program of prosthetic services at The Craniofacial Center. Medical artist, Alice Katz, joined the team to make facial prostheses. This was the first such program of its kind in the world. By 1970, Dr. Henry Gold, one of the premier restorative dentists in Chicago, joined the team to provide specialized care for the complex dental needs of The Center's growing patient population. In addition to caring for patients with congenital cleft and craniofacial conditions, The Clinic began treating patients with head and neck cancer and craniofacial trauma. Dr. Iraj Sooudi was The Center's first maxillofacial prosthodontist and laid the foundation for the growth of Maxillofacial Prosthetics within the center, which has led to its current success in this field.



Dr. David Reisberg providing care for a facial prosthetics patient

The Maxillofacial Prosthetics team: The Maxillofacial Prosthetic team includes Dr. David Reisberg and Dr. Akanksha Srivastava, both of whom are board-certified prosthodontists and maxillofacial prosthodontists, as well as senior anaplastologists Rosemary Seelaus and anaplastologist and ocularist Eduardo Arias. The strong collaboration between the MFP and craniofacial surgical teams allows for comprehensive patient care including primary rehabilitation options such as jaw-in-a day treatment. The Maxillofacial Prosthetics Clinic also receives patient referrals from all eleven major medical centers in Chicago and from national and international medical centers. We also enjoy a strong partnership with Shriner's Children Hospital in Chicago, which enables Shriner's patients to receive care at both centers to optimize their outcomes.



The maxillofacial prosthetics team. Left to right: Eduardo Arias, Dr. David J. Reisberg, Rosemary Seelaus, Dr. Akanksha Srivastava, dental assistant Antonella Gonzalez.

Our team is equipped with the latest digital technologies through our robust collaborations with a biomedical engineering team, local vendors, and laboratories. We use virtual reality for surgical planning of all complex cases, including free flap reconstructions, oral and craniofacial implants, in conjunction with widely adopted CAD/CAM technologies. We are currently exploring the integration of augmented reality with robotics and dynamic navigation to further enhance our surgical capabilities, with an eye towards machine learning and AI.



Eduardo Arias using VR for planning an orbital reconstruction

Research and Education: The Craniofacial Center is dedicated to researching ways to improve the lives of its patients. For more than 50 years, we have collected longitudinal data on growth and development for over 10,000 patients, which forms the basis of our Craniofacial Center Data Bank. This world-renowned collection of craniofacial data has been used for over 1,200 scientific publications and helps us develop new and effective treatment protocols. We are currently undertaking a multi-year project to digitize the entire Data Bank, making it the largest electronic collection of cleft growth and development data in the world, which will be available to other centers. The Center was one of the original 10 sites chosen by P.I. Branemark for the FDA craniofacial implant approval process and has enhanced our reputation for advancing oral and craniofacial implantology. As a part of The University of Illinois Medical Center, the Craniofacial Center has access to the resources of a top-tier academic institution. Our team conducts research in a variety of fields related to cancer treatment-related oral morbidities; oral and craniofacial osseointegrated implants; alveolar bone grafting for cleft patients; customized laryngectomy tubes; quality of life in relation to maxillofacial prostheses; outcomes studies; robotics and dynamic navigation in trauma, orthognathic surgery, distraction osteogenesis, craniofacial implantology; genetic conditions, oral and facial surgical and prosthetic rehabilitation; orofacial orthopedics; infant feeding; and the speech and psychosocial development of cleft and craniofacial patients.



Dr. Akanksha Srivastava (right) performing the first HoloLens AR assisted implant placement for a craniofacial trauma patient.

The Craniofacial Center provides training to predoctoral medical and dental students, residency programs in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, and visiting professors. The Center plans to introduce a fellowship in Maxillofacial Prosthetics in the near future. Currently, Drs. Reisberg and Srivastava provide didactic and theoretical training to the UIC Plastic surgery residents, Cook County OMFS residents, and dental residents from Illinois Masonic and NorthShore Hospitals. Dr. Srivastava also maintains a research supervisory role with Dr. Mark Chambers for Oral oncology and maxillofacial prosthetics fellows at MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Outreach and fundraising: Nearly half of The Center's patients come from economically disadvantaged families with little or no insurance coverage. Many of them receive financial support through Public Aid or other governmental

agencies. However, in today's changing health care environment, HMOs, private insurance companies, and government healthcare agencies are reducing or eliminating coverage for many vital patient care services. The Center has also faced elimination of state subsidies, which were used to provide critical services that were not otherwise supported.

In order to provide care to all patients without regard for their ability to pay for services, **Face the Future Foundation**, formerly known as The Advisory Board of the Craniofacial Center, was founded in 1987 by a group of former patients, parents of patients, members of Chicago's business and social communities, and others whose lives have been touched by The Center. The mission of this volunteer board has been to raise funds to preserve and enhance the unique health care services of The Center, to foster the team approach for patient care, and to raise the public's awareness about craniofacial conditions. (www.facethefuturefoundation.org)

The Foundation raises funds through various means to achieve two main goals for The Center: ensure the facility and equipment are state-of-the-art and support direct patient care by professional team members whose services are not always covered by insurance, in order to provide full access to services for all patients. The fundraising methods include capital campaigns, grants, gifts, endowments from patient-focused agencies, healthcare foundations and private citizens, as well as through fundraising events such as its annual gala.



Senior anaplastologist, Rosemary "Rosie" Seelaus, posing with young Wesley holding his new ear delivered just in time for the first day of school.



The Craniofacial Center, Face the Future Foundation and Hot Ground Gym partnered to start a *Confidence Building Program* for our pre-teen patients.

The Craniofacial Center and Face the Future Foundation also partner with other organizations to host events to support our patients, such as collaborations with Star Events to host holiday party in December where patients and their families can meet with other patient families and a picnic in July in recognition of National Cleft & Craniofacial Awareness & Prevention Month.

-By Drs. Akanksha Srivastava & David Reisberg

Presidents Award

*The Presidential Award of Excellence was established to recognize an individual who is not a member of The Academy but who has exhibited strong support of its mission and has made a significant contribution to the discipline of Maxillofacial Prosthetics. It was presented at our annual session in Austin 2022. The recipient of this award was bestowed to **Mr. William Hartman** from Quintessence Publisher. He has always been a strong supporter of The Academy.*

With Much Gratitude to our Sponsors



In Closing...

We would like to finish this newsletter thanking all of the members that helped us accomplish this winter edition. We had a well attended in person two day meeting with the leadership of our past Presidents Dr. Huryn, program chair Dr. Wee, RES and volunteer photographers of the event Dr. Wagner and Wu. Looking forward to so many new and upcoming continuing education opportunities for the new year. Welcoming the new President of the academy Dr. Theresa Hofstede, wishing her a fruitful year. 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. We hope you enjoyed the selected items in this winter newsletter.

*Ruth Aponte-Wesson &
e-Communications Committee*