

AAMP Connections



LOOKIN AHEAD TO OUR ANNUAL MEETING

As summer begins to draw to a close and fall will soon be upon us, I hope each you have had opportunity to enjoy sometime with family and friends, recharge, and reflect on then many accomplishments of the past year.

With November approaching, our anticipation is building for the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics in Chicago. This meeting is always a special opportunity to reconnect with colleagues, welcome new members, share knowledge and celebrate the unique contributions our specialty makes to the lives of our patients.

The strength of the AAMP has always been its members. Our collective commitment to excellence in maxillofacial prosthetics, education, research, and patient care continues to advance our profession. The annual meeting provides us with the opportunity not only to learn from one another, but also to discuss where our Academy should go in the years ahead.

As we prepare for November, I encourage everyone become actively involved. Attend the scientific sessions, participate in discussions, introduce yourself to our younger members, and share your experience with those who're beginning their careers in our specialty. Dr Aponte-Wesson and her committee has put together a fabulous meeting in Chicago.

I am particular looking forward to seeing our longtime members and welcoming those attending their first AAMP meeting. Our Academy benefits tremendously from the interaction between generations of practitioners, educators, researchers, and students.

With the transition of summer into fall it represents the beginning of an exciting new chapter for the AAMP. I look forward working with all of you as we continue to strengthen our Academy and advance the field of maxillofacial prosthetic.

Warm regards,

Joseph DiFazio, DMD, FACP, FAAMP
President American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics

Diplomate American Board of Prosthodontics. Fellow American College of Prosthodontists. Fellow American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics. Clinical Professor-Rutgers School of Dental Medicine (Ret)

Join us for the 73rd Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics Swissôtel in Chicago November 7-10, 2026

“Emerging trends in Maxillofacial prosthetics”

Join us for an impressive lineup of nationally and international-renowned speakers who will share their experience and expertise on a wide range of topics related to oral pre-malignant lesions, evolving landscape in treatment of Head and Neck Cancers, oral comorbidities of cancer treatment, congenital and acquired craniofacial conditions and craniofacial trauma, immediate loading of craniofacial implants for facial prostheses. Latest trends shaping the field of maxillofacial prosthetics, including technology available to plan and streamline surgical interventions for the maxillofacial patient. As well as the use and complication of the implants trending in our field.

We will have a variety of activities throughout the conference like poster competition, industry presentations and hands on workshops. Reconnect with friends and make new ones in a fun social outing event a real taste of Chicago! make your own deed dish pizza and to close join us at the yearly auction and presidential Banquet.



Registration, program information can be found here:

<https://www.aampconference.com>

Program chaired by Dr. Ruth Aponte Wesson

Poster Competition

We encourage Residents and Fellows to participate.
Visit the AMMP website for details. Submission is closing soon.

Guest Speakers

Dr. Joel Diaz

Dr. Adrien Naveau

Dr. Arthur Bigsby

Dr. Akanksha Srivastava

Dr. Brian Chang

Dr. Paul Canallatos

Dr. Amanda Colebeck

Dr. Joseph Meleca

Dr. Leo Lei

Dr. Matthias Ureel and Maarten De Jong

Dr. Karen Choi

Dr. Marwan Fattouhi

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Dr. Jay Jayanetti

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Dr. Dane & Kale McMillan

Dr. Cardoso & McMillan

Dr. Dale Howes

Dr. Chad Purnell

Dr. Michael Andersen

Dr. Ronald Jacobson

Dr. Lawrence Brecht

Dr. Liv Muller

Industry Presentations

*Sunday November 8th, 2026

-DePuy Synthes

Dr. Edgar Davila (Process, Improvements and Outcomes in complex Jaw Reconstructions 12:30-13:00 pm

-Smart On X 13:00-13:30 pm

-Dynamic Abutment

Dr. Phillip Nuytens 13:30-14:00 pm

Increased number of
sponsored
presentations

*Monday November 9th, 2026

-KLS **Dr. Dima Ghunaim**

IPS® Preprosthetic: An Innovative Dental Rehabilitation Approach to Overcome the Most Challenging Scenarios. 11:55-12:25 pm

-CranioRehab 11:25-12:55 pm

We are happy to announce that the **GuestPix** platform for the meetings photos was very successful last year. Thanks to your contribution we have a lot of great memories in the photo gallery. We will be using it again for this year's meeting!

The site will go live on 11/7/26 and be available for viewing, uploading to, or downloading from until 11/7/2027.



We are truly grateful to Dr. Harrison Spatz and his committee for introducing us to this concept and for significantly enhancing our social media presence. Well done!

Workshops for the Early Birds



***Sunday**

November 8th, 2026 at **7-9 am**

Dr. Akanksha Srivastava

Pterygoid Implants for Rehabilitation of the Atrophic Maxilla and Maxillectomy Defects: Hands on Surgical and Prosthetic Techniques (Sothorn implants)

***Monday**

November 9th, 2026 at **7-9 am**

Dr. Brandon Kofford

(All-On-X Simplified: A Predictable Protocol)

***Monday**

November 9th, 2026 at 14:30-16:30pm

Matthias Albert

evoHead: Innovation in Direct Bone-Anchored Facial Prostheses

(Evonos Medical LP)



Extra, Extra!! Also, an afternoon session. Don't miss out!

President Elect Spotlight- Dr. Suresh Nayar



Suresh and his family

A Journey through time, terrain and purpose!

Q: Please tell us a little about your personal life.

My formative years were shaped in the rich culture of India. I was fortunate to have travelled the length and breadth of India as the son of an officer in the Indian Armed Forces which required a transfer every 3 years. This immersed me in a vibrant mosaic of cultures, religions, languages, values, traditions etc. co-existed peacefully and harmoniously.

Growing up under the mantra of 'Unity in Diversity' instilled in me adaptability and an enduring curiosity of the world. I was fortunate to have broadened my horizons as my professional journey led me across three continents and four countries spanning the

Middle East, UK, Canada and finally to the United States. I am incredibly fortunate to share my life with a supportive family. My wife is an Orthodontist practicing in a town south of Chicago. My daughter is working in the UK pursuing her professional training to become an accountant.

Away from work, I find quiet sanctuary in nature and mindfulness. I practice yoga and I am passionate about gardening. In the summer months, you will find me knee deep in my garden. Cultivating vegetables is a deeply rewarding endeavor and sharing the harvest with friends, family and neighbors brings immense joy. I also have a curated collection of tropical plant which I nourish indoors and that gives me my personal 'winter Zen'! There is a beautiful Zen like philosophy in the silent, altruistic nature of flora. They ask for so little - a place to be, water and sunlight - yet they give of themselves unconditionally. I wish for all human beings to be like that! On the weekends, you can find me on any given Cricket pitch (I am an opening batsman, spinner and close in fielder) during the summer and transition to the badminton court in the winter. I am in the process of taking up archery as a sport, a discipline I believe aptly mirrors the focus and precision required in our professional lives.



On days when I feel the need to clear my mind and feel the wind on my face, I find solace on the open road. I set out for long, meditative rides on my cruiser motorbike (I ride an Indian Scout Sixty). Winding through the landscape, I feel entirely at one with the natural world.

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

My maternal aunt is a dentist, and she had a huge influence on my choosing dentistry as a profession. While I was initially drawn to the surgical domain, it was during my undergraduate years that I encountered my true calling in prosthodontics. I was also fortunate to have exceptional educators and mentors who pushed us to be excellent – my

undergraduate years were almost akin to a clinical boot camp – demanding, exhausting, yet incredibly transformative in shaping my clinical foundation.

During my ‘first’ postgraduate residency in prosthodontics in India, for various reasons, I frequently found myself assigned to complex, highly challenging removable and maxillofacial prosthodontics cases no one else wanted to do. I found my calling in providing a service to those, whom no one wanted to treat and for whom treatment was vital to have any quality of life. This experience repeated itself during my ‘second’ post graduate training program in the UK. I found myself in a similar situation where all of the “sxy” cases were snatched up and I ended up with the challenging, highly complex cases. What seemed like a difficult path was, in truth, a blessing in disguise. It compelled me to develop a deep proficiency and adaptability and to be excellent in managing challenging maxillofacial cases. This ultimately cemented my lifelong dedication to the noble specialty of maxillofacial prosthodontics. As an educator, I strive to pass on a guiding principle to my trainees, borrowed from a movie that I have seen (Three Idiots) which is what I believe in and what I want others to aspire to. In the movie, one of the protagonists opines, “Don’t run after success, instead chase excellence as when you are excellent, success will come looking for you!” We all must strive to be excellent, that will leave a mark on humanity, and we leave it a better place!



Suresh's Winter Zen

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

The discipline of Maxillofacial Prosthodontics has seen transformational changes in the last few years to decade. We have seen the shift from the traditional analogue workflows to a digital renaissance. With the emergence and convergence of advanced imaging, surgical design and simulation and additive manufacturing, has allowed precision and accuracy when approaching complex oral and facial rehabilitation. There is also a general understanding among our surgical and allied colleagues of the importance of teamwork and the real importance of occlusion! In the past, 'anatomy' ruled during reconstruction, however, now there is a realization that occlusion is the starting point for reconstruction. And then, there is AI! In our constant pursuit of technology and innovation, we mustn't lose sight of our true calling which is to restore function and dignity of our patients.

Having said all of this, we must acknowledge that this is the trend in the western hemisphere. In the global majority, analogue methods still are in vogue and will be in vogue for many years to come. I try and explain this to decision makers by employing a conceptual framework I call the 3 Rs – Resection, Reconstruction and Rehabilitation. Regrettably In some resource starved regions, care begins and ends with resection. The prevailing justification is that the patient is disease free and alive. Yet, we must ask ourselves a fundamental ethical question – is that a life worth living? To leave a patient with lack of function and dignity is a clinical compromise that we must actively work to dismantle. Fortunately, in many parts of the world, the 2Rs (Resection & Rehabilitation) prevails, which does provide patients with adequate to good quality of life. This should be the minimum standard of care that patients must come to expect from our discipline, regardless of geography. And then, we can strive for the 3Rs (Resection, Reconstruction and Rehabilitation) as we can provide good to excellent quality of life for our patients. As they say, reach for the stars and you may land on the clouds!

AAMP occupies a unique, singular position as a global standard bearer for our discipline. With this distinction, it falls on our shoulder the responsibility of elevating the discipline in the world. This mission can only be achieved through the vehicle of education. Over the past several years, the AAMP has evolved into a truly global community, welcoming diverse and international representation to our organization and at our conferences. My presidential year will be dedicated to expanding this educational outreach locally and globally.

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

The concept of work-life balance is a dynamic construct that shifts across the stages of one's career and across geographical boundaries. The geography matters as culture comes into the equation as well! My journey across different countries and healthcare systems has offered me a fascinating study in contrasts. Growing up in India, the relationship between a clinician and community is deeply porous. A clinician is expected to be accessible virtually around the clock no matter what discipline one is in.



One's contact detail is public knowledge, and one can expect a call from a patient any time of the day or night and there is an expectation that it is answered. In the UK, work-life boundaries are treated as sacrosanct and strictly adhered to! The system respects personal time ensuring that a clinician's rest and vacation periods are legally protected and preserved. In Canada, things were more nebulous, as the responsibility of career and personal life was left entirely to the discretion of the individual. And now in my current chapter in the US, as I lead the maxillofacial prosthetic service and undertake the task of establishing a fellowship program, the boundaries between career and personal time have understandably blurred!

There is an underlying assumption that as one advances in one's career, balance becomes easier to command. In reality, climbing the career ladder only multiplies one's obligations and responsibilities. Ultimately, there is no 'one' formula for an ideal work-life balance; it is an active, daily choice that one makes. It is a personal decision one must make with oneself to protect one's well-being so that one may continue to carry on with one's duties and responsibilities as clinicians and educators with an undivided mind and a generous heart.

- With Dr. Akanksha Srivastava

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When a Beak Breaks

UAB's Maxillofacial Prosthetics Team Gives a TinyToucan a Second Chance

It began with a phone call that no one in UAB's Division of Maxillofacial Prosthetics had ever received before. A Green Aracari (*Pteroglossus viridis*) – one of the smallest toucan species in the world and a resident at the Birmingham Zoo – had caught its beak in enclosure fencing, nearly snapping it off entirely. Zoo staff had attempted to stabilize the injury using wire and acrylic on hand, but without success. In a moment that blurred the boundary between human medicine and veterinary care, they turned to UAB.

What followed was a testament to the unexpected reach of maxillofacial prosthetics expertise and our scope of practice.

The Green Aracari's beak is a marvel of natural engineering. Comprising just one-twentieth of the bird's body mass yet stretching to one-third of its body length, the structure is a biological sandwich composite – an outer keratin shell of overlapping hexagonal scales, roughly 0.5 mm thick, layered over a closed-cell bony foam core of trabecular rods sealed by thin membranes. Together, the two materials produce a beak that is simultaneously lightweight, rigid, and shock-absorbing; the foam alone increases bending resistance by eight to ten times compared to a hollow shell. UAB's team, consisting of Dr. Michael Kase, Dr. Jay Ponto, Dr. PoHsu Chen, Chris Seidenfaden, as well as Maxillofacial Prosthetics Fellows Dr. Abdullah Albaghli and Dr. Russell Smith, now had to replicate this on a living patient.

The procedure demanded an unlikely collaboration of clinicians and departments. UAB's Maxillofacial Prosthetics Lab, the university's animal laboratory in Volker Hall, the Birmingham Zoo's veterinary team, and oral surgery hardware company KLS Martin – which donated specialized fixation screws for the case – all came together. The bird was anesthetized and intubated, physical impressions of the remaining beak structure were made, and desktop scanning converted those impressions into a precise 3D digital model. Anaplastologist Chris Seidenfaden hand-sculpted a wax structure replicating the beak's morphology before the final prosthesis was fabricated and color-matched in a try-in visit at the zoo. That last step was not merely cosmetic: in flock species, color and morphology govern social acceptance, and a prosthesis that looked wrong could mean the bird's rejection – a life-threatening outcome.

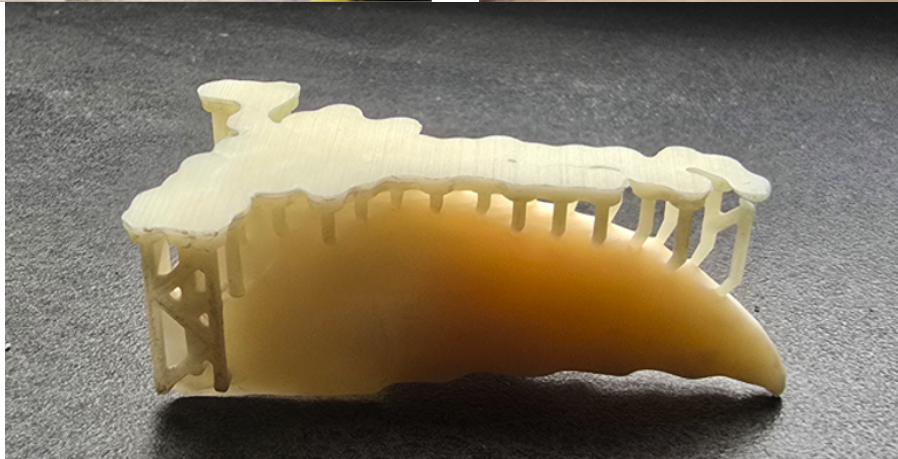
Retention was secured through a layered strategy to counter any potential dislodgment forces: Panavia adhesive cement, KLS Martin fixation screws set through pre-drilled pilot holes, and a

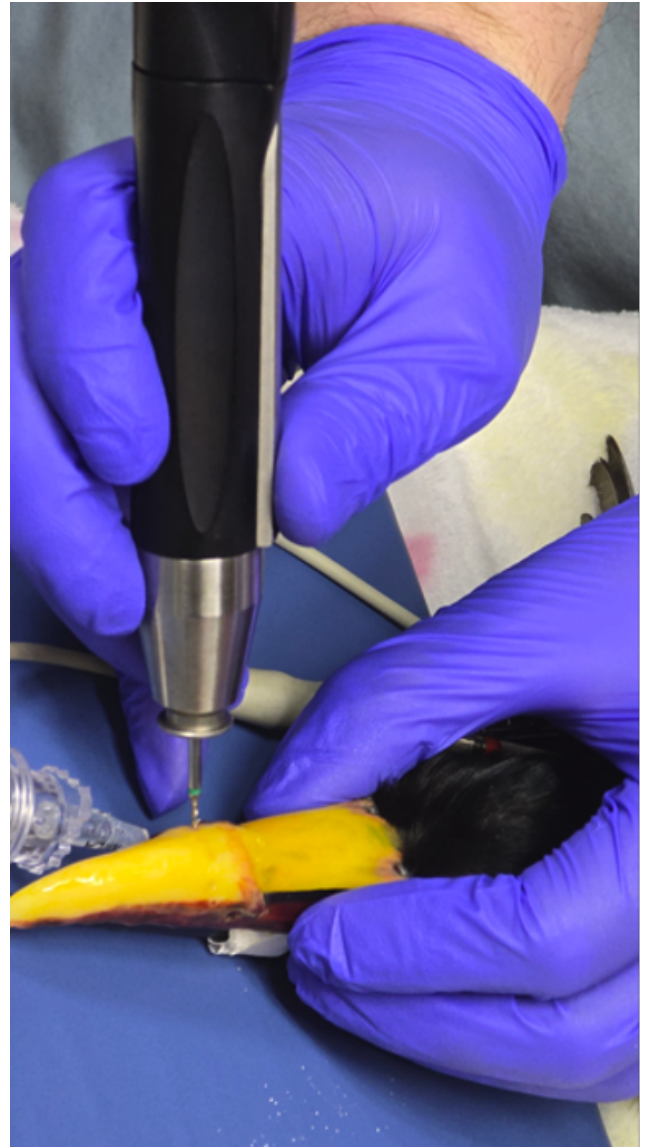
light-cured composite resin for the final seal. On delivery day at the zoo, the bird was anesthetized a second time, the prosthesis was seated into place, bonded and mechanically fixated via screws. Within ten to fifteen minutes of recovery the Aracari was lifting and holding its head normally – confirmation that the weight balance was correct. By the end of the same day, it was flying. The aracari has a diet consisting of things such as blueberries. The beak is used to grab, lift and toss back into the throat. Due to the breakage point, he was unable to do this so the biggest test was whether he would be able to functionally feed himself with his new prosthesis. This was verified and he is back to a healthy and natural weight.

Immediate success was belied by the unknown. 3 months after delivery the team at UAB received word that there was a gap between the beak and the prosthetic. Careful evaluation and discussion revealed that the bird's beak grows similarly to fingernails. The gap was a simple delamination as the keratin layers continued to grow. To alleviate the gap, the team went back and filled in the gap with more material and he remains functional and stable. This will likely be a recall visit to the Zoo every 2-4 months.

The case carries implications well beyond one small bird. The techniques, materials, and clinical reasoning that restore form and function to human patients – trauma survivors, oncology patients, individuals with congenital defects – translated with remarkable fidelity to a non-human patient with a radically different anatomy. For practitioners in maxillofacial prosthetics, it is a striking reminder that the discipline's core principles are not species-specific. As UAB's team reflected afterward: the skills that restore faces have a much wider reach than anyone imagined. One small bird proved that.







- With Dr. Mike Kase

Maxillofacial Prosthetic Training Programs

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Financial Report

The Investment Committee reported that the Academy's financial portfolio remains stable, well diversified, and financially healthy despite continued market volatility driven by inflation, interest rate uncertainty, and geopolitical events. As of March 31, 2026, the total Wells Fargo investment portfolio

was valued at \$505,095.28, representing an increase of \$4,747.37 since September 30, 2025.

The investment portfolio currently consists of:

79.6% in eleven market-linked Certificates of Deposit (CDs) with a total value of \$398,244.35.

20.4% in a Wells Fargo Money Market/Mutual Fund account valued at \$106,153.17, generating an annual yield of approximately 3.43%, together with a modest cash balance.

The Committee noted that the Academy's conservative investment strategy continues to provide steady returns while preserving capital during a period of economic uncertainty. Wells Fargo Financial Advisor Matthew Wise remains optimistic regarding the long-term outlook and recommended continued reinvestment into short-term fixed-income securities while maximizing returns through the higher-yield money market account.

To optimize the Academy's investment position, the Investment Committee presented three recommendations for Board approval:

Reinvest the maturing Goldman Sachs CD (June 2026) into a new six-year market-linked CD.

Increase the reinvested principal to approximately \$60,000 by adding funds from the Academy's checking account.

Maintain approximately \$75,000 in the Wells Fargo operating checking account while transferring excess cash into the higher-yield money market account to improve investment income and liquidity.

Overall, the Committee concluded that the Academy's treasury remains in a strong financial position and recommended maintaining the current long-term investment strategy while continuing to monitor market conditions and future CD maturities.

- With Dr. Mark Chambers



Industry Spotlight

Southern Implants



*-David Luiz and Lisa Adams,
Southern Implants North America*

Southern Implants was founded in 1987 by Graham Blackbeard to manufacture dental implants and restorative components for P-I

Brånemark-trained clinical specialists in South Africa. Over nearly 40 years, the company has become a consistent and trusted provider of innovative oral reconstruction products, offering site-specific dental implant solutions for advanced professionals seeking more options.

Southern's proven expertise in research, development, and precision manufacturing enables the company to efficiently commercialize groundbreaking treatment solutions that shorten treatment times and improve patient outcomes.

Southern Implants is privately owned, headquartered in South Africa, and has a global distribution network. Its North American distributor, Southern Implants North America (SINA), is based in Jupiter, Florida.



Southern Implants Global Headquarters in Irene, South Africa

You have been a part of the AAMP family and supported our group for a long time. Please tell us what makes our group special to you.



For Southern, the AAMP represents the niche of clinicals and professionals on which the company was founded - providing high-end specialists with exceptionally designed and manufactured products to improve the quality of life for patients who are in the most need of maxillofacial interventions. Being part of the AAMP allows the company to understand the unique challenges this segment of the industry faces and to continue bringing innovations that can treat this patient population.

Can you share with us about any new and exciting products that we may get to try soon?

By working with maxillofacial prosthodontists and other specialists in this segment, we are learning how to expand our innovative products to meet their patients' individual needs. Using these expanded treatment protocols can reshape and elevate care for this patient population. With this collaborative approach, we aim to introduce new treatment protocols for our current site-specific implants.

Is there something you wish more clinicians knew about the products or services you offer?

Southern Implants' specialty product lines, including Extra Oral, Zygomatic, Pterygoid, and Co-Axis® Implants, enable clinicians to use patients' existing bone, even when it is minimal or structurally different, to achieve optimal aesthetic outcomes. Not only are our dental implants exceptionally well-designed, but the materials we use and the way they are manufactured produce a product unlike anything from any other company today. I encourage clinicians to learn more about the unique value Southern brings, whether it is product innovations, our incredible support module, or simply industry expertise. Southern is truly a partner in everything implant dentistry.



Southern Implants Team (Sharon Zitello and Sean Walsh) at AAMP 2024

Any closing thoughts

Southern is honored to partner with and support the AAMP. We value this collaboration and look forward to continuing our foundational work to advance maxillofacial prosthetic treatment alternatives for many years to come.

Learn more about Southern Implants at <https://southernimplants.com>

Make plans to attend our workshop at the 2026 annual meeting!

Sunday, November 8, 7:00 - 9:00 AM

Dr. Akanksha Srivastava

Pterygoid Implants for Rehabilitation of the Atrophic Maxilla and Maxillectomy Defects: Hands-on Surgical and Prosthetic Techniques



*Southern Implants Workshop
with Dr. Akanksha Srivastava at
AAMP 2024*

Life Changing Opportunities Abroad

Dental outreach programs are undoubtedly life-changing opportunities that require hard work from everyone involved, but they are also incredibly fulfilling and heartwarming. Earlier this year, I had the privilege of joining **Operation Smile Guatemala**, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving healthcare for cleft lip and palate patients in underserved communities. It was a truly rewarding and intimate experience.

We collaborated with local and international volunteers, united by a common goal: to enhance healthcare access for these patients. Through our efforts, we restored countless smiles and instilled confidence and a sense of identity in children of all ages.

For me, this experience was a profound reminder of my purpose. It provided me with a fresh perspective and immense happiness to contribute my personal and professional skills to a meaningful cause.

If you're interested in getting involved, follow them on Instagram or visit their website. There are numerous ways to support their mission.

- Dr. Ruth Aponte Wesson



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THE 2026 SILENT AUCTION EXTRAVAGANZA

Welcome. Ladies and Gentlemen, you are about to acquire an array of unique, appealing, luxurious, exciting, indulging, and possibly useless auction items... for the purpose of supporting The Maxillofacial Foundation.



Instrumental in the support for scholarly activity, seminars, and other activities related to the advancement of Maxillofacial Prosthetics and the mission of the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics.



REMEMBER TO BID EARLY, BID OFTEN OR YOU WILL MISS OUT!

We're excited to share that the 2026 AAMP Silent Auction is returning to our virtual bidding platform!

Online Auction Preview begins: October 31st, 2026 at 9 am

Online Auction Bidding begins: November 6th, 2026 at 9am

Online & Live Auction Ends on: November 9th, 2026 at 8 pm

We are looking forward to your enthusiastic participation in support of the Maxillofacial Foundation!

Follow the instructions on how to contribute:

Donate an Item

Donations will only be accepted online this year through November 6th, 2026 so that they can be made available for the auction preview. Please consider donating an item through the virtual auction platform:

<https://aamp2026auction.cbo.io>

Physical collection of the items will still occur on-site at the meeting, but photo and description must be provided to us by the November 6th deadline.

If you have any difficulties accessing the silent auction website, please feel free to email the item, its retail price, and a description to aampsilentauction@gmail.com. In order for the auction to be a success, we depend on everyone at AAMP to contribute. We believe that your generosity will make a significant impact.

Your donation, no matter the size, will go a long way in supporting the auction and helping us to make a positive impact for the Maxillofacial Foundation!

Register Early

To bid, you will have to register on the secure silent auction platform.

How to register:

Scan QR code

Please note: Registration does require a credit card; however, you will not be charged for anything now. If you win an item during the auction, you will have the option to pay by cash, check or credit card. Credit card registration and payment are through Clickbid's secure payment gateway. If you registered as a bidder in 2025, you will need to enter a credit card to re-activate your registration for the 2026 auction.



With deep sadness we remember...

-Dr. Scott Synnot.

-**Dr. Arthur Otto "Art" Rahn Jr.** (<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/arthur-otto-rahn-jr-dds-obituary?id=62165213>) who brought so much to this organization.

May their memory keep us close.

IN
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MEMORY



AAMP President-Elect Dr. Suresh Nayar and Past President Dr. Alvin Wee recently attended the 28th Congress of the European Association for Cranio-Maxillo-Facial Surgery, held September 15-18, 2026, in Athens, Greece. They attended as invited representatives of the International Academy for Oral and Facial Rehabilitation (IAOFR), with which AAMP has established an MOU to promote collaboration and advance excellence in oral and facial rehabilitation.



Increasing our footprint around the world



Dr. Nayar was an invited speaker at the Congress, presenting "Prosthodontic Solutions for Occlusal Rehabilitation after Ablative Cancer Surgery." Dr. Wee moderated the IAOFR session, "The Necessity of Consensus in Clinical Management of Patients."





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In Closing...

We would like to conclude this newsletter by expressing our deepest gratitude to all the members who contributed to the success of the fall edition. We are immensely thankful for another remarkable year of achievements and advancements within the academy. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to Dr. DiFazio for his exceptional leadership and unwavering dedication.

The program committee has meticulously prepared an impressive lineup of speakers. Please note the distinct workshop start times and program details. Our cherished silent auction continues to evolve, and this year, it will be conducted on a digital platform. All proceeds will be donated to the Maxillofacial Foundation.

The UAB team showcases the application of prosthetics beyond human treatment.

We are grateful to all our sponsors, and this year, we would like to spotlight Southern Implants.

The academy serves as a platform brimming with opportunities. Regardless of your category, whether you are a student member or a life fellow, your enthusiasm and contributions can be boundless and incredibly rewarding. Some of the most valuable aspects of our group include the collegial environment, the relentless pursuit of cutting-edge knowledge, mentorship, and the formation of lifelong friendships.

We hope you thoroughly enjoyed the carefully curated content of this Fall newsletter.

e-Communications Committee

See you all in Chicago!

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