

AAMP Connections



Dear AAMP Members,

As the weather begins to cool and the familiar sounds of football return, I am reminded that summer is nearly behind us and fall is just ahead. Soon, leaves in many parts of the country will change from green to brilliant shades of red and gold, and we will once again gather at our annual session in October. I look forward to seeing you all in New Orleans where Program Chair, Dr. Suresh Nayar, and the program committee have put together what promises to be another outstanding meeting providing us a chance to learn, reconnect with old friends, make new ones, and reflect on the many accomplishments of this great Academy.

Each year the AAMP hosts the premier continuing education conference focused on maxillofacial prosthetics, but it is easy to forget the many other ways the Academy serves its members throughout the year. Much of this important work happens “behind the scenes” through the dedication of countless volunteers. Our website has been redesigned, and you may have noticed more frequent social media updates to keep you informed along with correspondence such as this one. Free online webinars have continued, providing valuable learning opportunities for all. Progress also continues toward having maxillofacial prosthetics formally recognized as a subspecialty of prosthodontics, with strong support from the ACP. In addition, a benchmark survey for institutional salaries was completed and published in the members’ section of our website, and this has helped many colleagues successfully negotiate improved reimbursement.

These efforts reflect only a portion of the work being done and some of these very important long standing efforts may be close to completion. The officers and board of directors remain focused on aligning our actions with the Academy’s strategic plan, and the next generation of leaders is emerging with great promise. I am confident the AAMP will continue to grow, thrive, and support its members well into the future.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as President of the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics. As my term comes to a close, I remain committed to supporting our future leaders and the continued success of this Academy.

Gratefully yours,

- “J.R.” William Wilson, Jr., DDS, MS, FACP, FAAMP
President of the AAMP

Join Us

***"One World, One Maxillofacial Prosthodontics:
Exploring the Patient Perspective"***

The banner features a large image of St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans at sunset. In the foreground, there are horse-drawn carriages. The right side of the banner has a semi-transparent image of a historic building with palm trees.

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Located on the Mississippi River and near the Gulf of Mexico, New Orleans is known for its round-the-clock nightlife, vibrant live music, Mardi Gras, and spicy, singular cuisine. This vibrant city is the perfect backdrop for our 72nd meeting.

 **AAMP 2025**
THE ROOSEVELT HOTEL, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
OCTOBER 18-21, 2025

For updates of our next meeting visit the following website:

<http://aampconference.com>

Dr. Nayar has procured a very unique program for us.

Slate of Speakers

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DONATE TO THE 2025 SILENT AUCTION



We're excited to share that the 2025 AAMP Silent Auction is returning to our virtual bidding platform!

Online Auction Preview begins: October 10, 2025 at 5pm

Online Auction Bidding begins: October 17, 2025 at 5pm

Online & Live Auction Ends on: October 20, 2025 at 8pm

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

Donate an Item

Donations will only be accepted online this year through October 1, 2025 so that they can be made available for the auction preview. Please consider donating an item through the virtual auction platform (<https://aamp2025auction.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 October 1st 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. There are 3 ways to register:

1. Register on website: <https://aamp2025auction.cbo.io>
2. Text "aamp2025auction" to phone number 855-800-4975
3. Scan QR code below



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 2024, you will need to enter a credit card to re-activate your registration for the 2025 auction.

Social Outing

Beyond the rich scientific sessions, the AAMP Annual Meeting is also a time to connect, celebrate, and create memories together. This year's social events have been thoughtfully planned to foster camaraderie, highlight cultural traditions, and honor the achievements of our Academy. In the words of our President Dr. JR Wilson, *"If I could give one bit of advice to those attending this meeting it would be to never miss an AAMP social event. You will meet new friends and colleagues and of course reconnect with those you already know at these social outings. I have made great friends and professional connections at these outings over the years and look forward to each one and the memories they create. So don't make the big mistake of skipping the social outings and missing out on such a great opportunity."*

From the Presidential Reception & Banquet, coinciding with the vibrant festival of Diwali, to the social outing to explore New Orleans, our social program creates informal opportunities to relax and network with colleagues, and promises moments of joy, togetherness, and celebration.

We encourage you to join in, whether by joining us on the social outing, raising a toast, or dancing to the rhythms of the evening. The social side of the conference is where friendships are strengthened, collaborations begin, and the spirit of our Academy truly shines.

Networking social outing to New Orleans Jazz Museum and Creole Cookery

Experience the rhythm, flavor, and spirit of New Orleans with your colleagues at the AAMP Networking Social Outing on Sunday, October 19, 2025, from 2:30 pm – 7:00 pm.

The afternoon begins with an exclusive visit to the [New Orleans Jazz Museum](#) where the city's musical heritage comes alive through dynamic exhibits and the sounds of

America's most iconic art form.

Following the museum experience, we'll continue the celebration with a Creole-inspired happy hour at the New Orleans [Creole Cookery](#), featuring drinks and a selection of signature hors d'oeuvres. Together, we'll enjoy the warm hospitality and rich culinary traditions that make New Orleans world-famous.

This outing promises a wonderful blend of culture, networking, and community—don't miss this opportunity to make lasting connections while immersing yourself in the heartbeat of the city.



AAMP Presidential Reception, Banquet & Diwali Night

We invite you to join us for one of the highlights of the Annual Meeting—the AAMP Presidential Reception & Banquet—on Monday, October 20, 2025 @8pm.

This memorable evening will include the installation of our new Officers and recognition of our new fellows and award recipients. It is a time to come together as colleagues, celebrate our profession, and honor the achievements of our Academy.

Adding to the excitement, this year's Banquet coincides with the Indian festival of Diwali - the festival of lights, symbolizing hope, renewal, and togetherness. To mark the occasion, we invite you to embrace the spirit of celebration by dressing in traditional Indian attire, if you wish(eg – men & women). Alternatively, formal or black-tie attire is equally welcome. You will also be entertained by a Bollywood group dance performance along with our DJ belting out a few Indian songs!

We look forward to an evening of warmth, festivity, and shared celebration. Don't miss this special event that blends tradition, recognition, and joy!



This year we had three well attended webinars organized

by: Dr. Davila

Featured speakers:

-Dr. Salazar Gamarra

-Dr. Arthur Bisby & Betsy Davis

-Mr. David Trainer

Be on the look for one more for this year!

November 19th 2025

Dr. Edgar Davila

**Clinical Outcomes of Jaw Free Flap Reconstructions with
Immediate Implants and Prosthesis in Pre- and Post-Radiated
Head and Neck Cancer Patients**

Objectives:

- To compare **implant survival and prosthetic success rates** on pre-radiated and post-radiated patients.
- To assess **soft tissue stability, osseointegration, and patient function/esthetics** following immediate loading.
- To discuss **multidisciplinary workflow**, digital planning, and surgical-prosthetic coordination.
- To highlight **challenges, complications, and management strategies** in irradiated cases.

Corporate Highlights

Connecting Care: CranioRehab's Journey with AAMP

1. Please tell us a little about CranioRehab

Orphan drugs are for patient populations of less than 100k. Much like AAMP, we serve the orphan of orphan patient populations in the 10's, 100's, and 1000's. We focus on developing and maintaining products for niche areas, specializing in the head, neck and jaw. Our team is deeply committed to patient care and positive outcomes. We pride ourselves on our collaborative approach and welcome new ideas that support the unique needs of the patients we serve.



- Rob Christensen and Sarah Schuman

2. 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.

As I looked around the dance floor at a Cuban restaurant in Miami during an AAMP social outing, the uniqueness of the AAMP community was unmistakable. It's more than a professional organization—it's a true community where members not only learn from one another but also genuinely enjoy spending time together. The camaraderie and spirit of collaboration that define every AAMP meeting make it one of our favorite conferences to attend. We always leave feeling inspired, re-energized, and more committed than ever to advancing patient



3. What trends or innovations in craniofacial rehabilitation are you most excited about right now?



3D printing and digital modeling have been established technologies for some time. However, recent advancements in microrobotics, vibecoding, and the development of biocompatible 3D-printable materials are pushing us into a new era. We believe we are now reaching a point where these innovations can be effectively leveraged to create customized rehabilitation devices tailored to the unique needs of micropopulations. These technologies have the potential to not only expand what is technically possible but, more importantly, to redefine what is commercially viable in the medical device market—especially for the small, specialized patient populations served by AAMP and similar organizations.

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

Whether it's customizing devices for a better fit or providing financial hardship discounts when needed, we remain fully committed to supporting our patients in the most meaningful ways. If you ever have a patient with unique needs or challenges, please don't hesitate to reach out. We're here to help—and always happy to collaborate with you to find the right solution.



5. Any closing thoughts

Thank you to AAMP and to all the members who have shared ideas, laughter, and the occasional drink—we truly value the connections we've built. Your insights and feedback continually help us improve our devices and services. We're already looking forward to the next meeting, where we'll be excited to share some new exploratory devices for maxillofacial prosthodontics fixation.

- With Dr. Akanksha Srivastava

Job Opportunity

The University of Washington, Department of Restorative Dentistry has an open position for an Assistant or Associate Professor of Clinical Practice to be the next (Director, Maxillofacial Prosthetic Service).

For more details please, visit the AAMP web site.

https://www.maxillofacialprosthetics.org/membership/Job_Board/

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It's with deep sadness we remember
Drs. Mohammad Mazaheri, Charles Palin, James Ryan and Norman Schaaf,
who brought so much to this organization.

May their memory keep us close.



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-Candice Zemnick



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American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics
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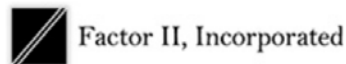
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A true loss for our Academy



Dr. James E. Ryan CHARLESTON - Dr. James E. Ryan died Monday, Sept. 2, 2024. Dr. Ryan was a retired professor, College of Dental Medicine at MUSC. He then worked for Stuhls Funeral Home, Carolina Funeral Services and also as a D.T. driver in the automotive business. Preceded in death by his parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Ryan; a sister, Mrs. Peggy Burton; and leaves his wife, Joey; son, Michael; two stepsons, Gord (Val) and Gary (Martine); five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He and his wife loved sailing in the harbor with the occasional trip to the Bahamas and were also big Nascar fans. From tent, to trailer, to RV's they covered all of Canada and the United States. They have been to all but two Nascar tracks and continued to be fans. Dr. Ryan was a member of the American Dental

Association, S. C. Dental Association, Coastal and Charleston Dental Societies. His memberships included the Pierre Fauchard Academy of Dentists, the American Academy of Dentists, the American College of Dentists, Life member and past President of the Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics. He was a Charter and past President of the Carl O. Boucher Conference and a member of the Omicron Kappa Upsilon. Dr. Ryan was a life member of the James Island Yacht Club and a past Commodore. He was a charter member of the Carolina Children's Charity and chaired several telethons. He served as a Charter Member and past President of the University Exchange Club. Dr. Ryan was a Longstanding member of the Ashley River Baptist Church, and both he and his wife served on several committees.



Dr. Mohammad N. Mazaheri, 97, died on Friday, May 30, 2025, at his residence at Landis Homes, Lititz, PA. Born in Tehran, Iran, he was the son of the late Aliakabar and Eshrat Mazaheri.

A maxillofacial surgeon and prosthodontist, Dr. Mazaheri earned DDS and MSc degrees at the University of Pennsylvania. He was a professor of surgery at Penn State University Hershey Medical Center and director emeritus of the Lancaster Cleft Palate Clinic, where he served for more than 50 years.

Affectionately known as Mo, he was very active in giving back to his community. Among his many philanthropic interests were the ACPA Mazaheri Young Professional Scholarship, which was named in his honor, and the Happy Face Foundation, which he served as president and founder, that is dedicated to the treatment of Iranian children with oral facial malformations.

AAMP president 1987 and recipient of the Ackerman Award 1989. Mo was a lifelong Rotarian with a perfect attendance record and was a Free & Accepted Mason.

Predeceased by his parents, four siblings: Hossein, Ahmed, Ghassem, and Batoul Mazaheri, and his first wife, Helaine Mumma, he is survived by his four children: Harry Mazaheri (Jodi) of Green Bay Wisconsin, Melinda Justi of Haverford, PA, Renee Westmeyer (Paul) of Lancaster, PA, and Daniel Mazaheri (Gloria) of Lebanon, PA. Other survivors include a sister Ensieh Mazaheri of Calabasas, CA; eight grandchildren: Henry (Katie) Justi, Parker (Alyssa) Justi, Lainie Justi, Helaine Mazaheri, Teddy Mazaheri, Isabella Mazaheri, Harry Mazaheri, Jr., and Matthew Mazaheri; and two great-grandchildren, Grant and Grace Justi.



Dr. Charles Palin, DMD, FACP, FAAMP passed away peacefully on August 6, 2025, surrounded by his loving family at Loyola University Medical Center outside Chicago, due to complications from leukemia and its treatment.

Charles was a devoted husband to Ellen (née Mahan) and a proud father to their two young sons. He was the cherished son of Michael and Vivienne Palin, beloved brother to Samantha Palin, brother-in-law to Sam Bulmer, and a treasured grandson, nephew, cousin, and friend to many.

Born in England and raised in Wyomissing, PA, Charles earned the rank of Eagle Scout – a milestone that, fittingly, included a merit badge for dentistry. After graduating from the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine, he completed advanced training in

Prosthodontics at the University of Illinois Chicago and a Fellowship in Maxillofacial Prosthetics at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Most recently, he served as a Maxillofacial Prosthodontist and Assistant Professor of Surgery at Loyola University Medical Center. Charles found deep purpose in caring for his patients, especially those facing cancer, and continued working long after his own diagnosis so he could keep helping others.

Charles was the kind of friend who remembered your kids' names, your last vacation, and the small victories you might have forgotten to mention twice. He had a gift for making people feel truly seen. Even as he faced his own health challenges, he rarely spoke about them – not because they didn't matter, but because you mattered more to him. His dry wit could make an ordinary day lighter, and his own commitment to excellence drove him to always pursue the very best for the people he loved.

In recent years, he was often seen driving his vintage Mini Cooper around to car shows, loving every smile and wave he got along the way. At home, he was happiest in the company of his family – building Lego sets with the boys, cooking a new recipe, dreaming up new ideas, and always looking forward to the future.

He was truly the best of us and will be missed beyond measure.

Charles's family extends heartfelt thanks to the many friends, colleagues, and healthcare professionals who supported and cared for him throughout his life and illness.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to honor Charles may make a gift to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (<https://diy.lls.org/charlespalin>) or to a fund supporting his beloved family (<https://gofund.me/0f568a43>).



Dr. Norman Schaaf passed away on September 20, 2025. Dr. Schaaf established and was the Chief of the Dental and Maxillofacial Department and Clinic at Roswell Park Comprehensive Center-previously known as Roswell Park Memorial Institute, then Roswell Park Cancer Center for over 38 years. Dr. Schaaf 's original technique for extra-oral implants in retaining such essential parts of the human countenance as the nose, ears, and the eyes were developed. Dr. Schaaf spent 14 years developing new techniques for prosthetic reconstruction of the head and neck, including the use of extra-oral implants. Norm and his staff were dedicated to the reconstruction of Cancer patient's faces, rebuild various anomalies of patients, speech aids, feeding devices for cleft Palate patients, accident victims' surgical rehabilitations, and created various prostheses for patients upon surgical procedures. Many patients throughout the USA and other countries are wearing

the prosthetics that Norm has created for them to bring them back into society with confidence and comfort. Dr. Schaaf had trained over 65 students from the U.S. and many from all over the world through his Residency Program to become qualified maxillofacial Prosthodontists.

Dr. Schaaf was a Full Professor at SUNY@UB Dental School and taught Maxillofacial Prosthetics for many, many, years. His profession was unique and sought after through many hospitals, Universities and Colleges. He was on board as consultant and staff advisor throughout western NY hospitals and clinics to work on patients because of his knowledge and expertise in his profession.

He was a trainee consultant and conducted many seminars of his work at Bethesda Naval Dental School and Annapolis Academy. Dr. Schaaf was affiliated and held offices with many professional groups. He was President of the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics. Norm authored over 80 articles, reports, and produced seven videotapes on procedures in Maxillofacial Prosthetics as well as a teaching movie for the University's Department of Removable Prosthodontics. Recipient of millions of dollars in grants were received in support of his research and Residency Program. He used to receive calls throughout the evening from patients or physicians requesting Norm's expertise. Dr. Schaaf was a Fellow and **Past President of the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics** and received the Andrew **Ackerman** memorial Awards, member of the American Cleft-Palate Craniofacial Association, member of the 8th District Dental Group, Appolonia Guild, member of the Board of Directors of NYS Association for Retarded Children, Society of Head and Neck Surgeons, Great lakes Head and Neck Oncology Assoc., RPCC Surgical Society, American Academy of Implant Prosthodontics, the Academy of Osseointegration, Scientific Research Awards, Board of Directors of the J. Sutton Regan Cleft Palate Foundation of Buffalo, and member Board of Directors American Cancer Society, and received multiple appreciation and achievement awards. He was also a member of many other societies. Dr. Schaaf additionally presented seminars to other professional societies, groups, and organizations regarding his work. He was an avid runner and completed 6 Buffalo Marathons, ran the Buffalo Turkey Trot for over 20 years, and ran over 60 various competitive road races here and in other States. He enjoyed skiing, especially at the Rocky Dental Mountain Ski Club in Lions Head, Colorado. Dr. Schaaf served in many capacities at St. Vincent de Paul Church as a parishioner for 51 years, as a Eucharistic Minister and was on several committees for the church, was a team mission member, and worked on many fund raisers. He also enjoyed the outdoor life and activities with his wife JoAnn of 51 years, his pets and their home in the woods.