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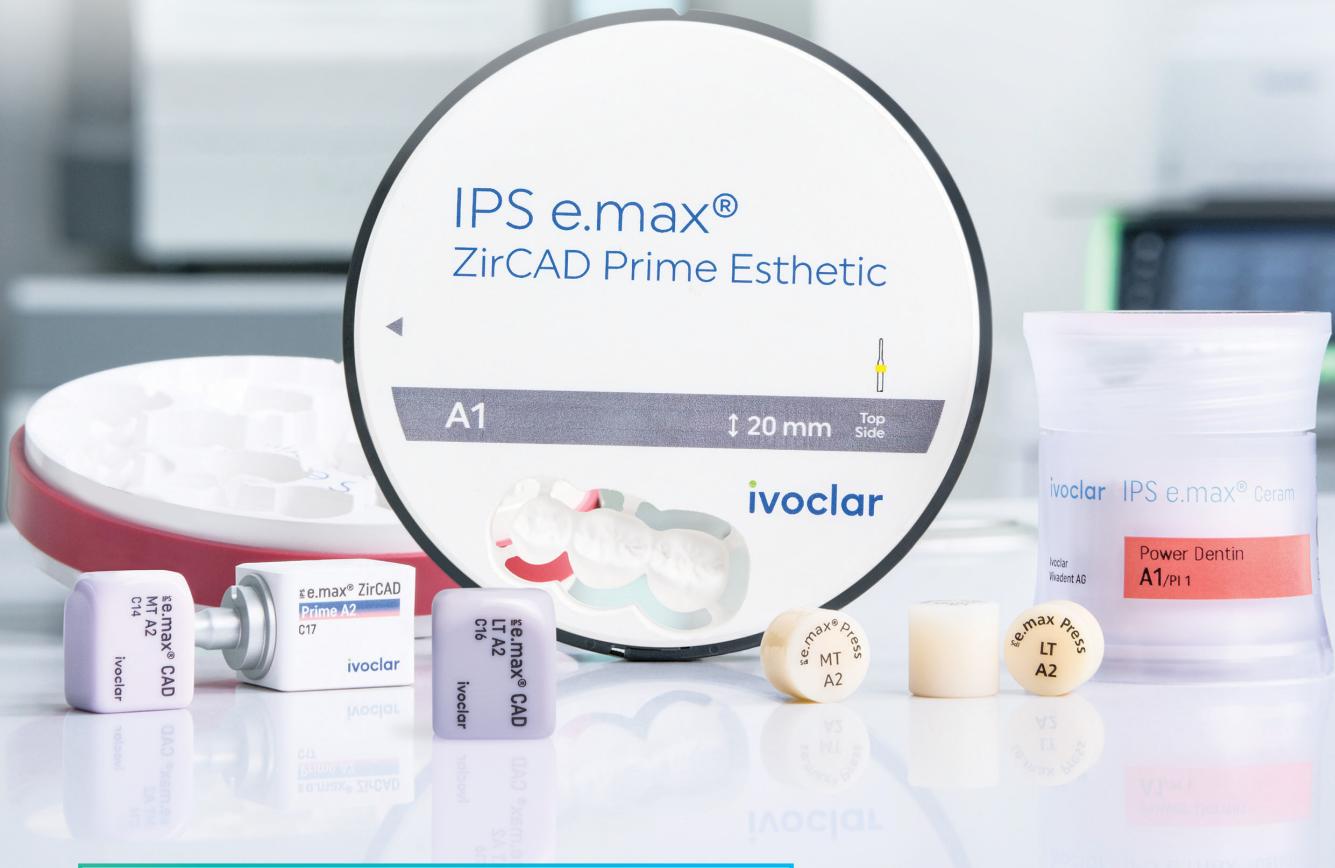
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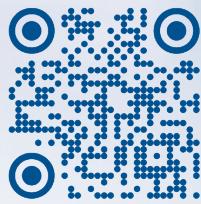
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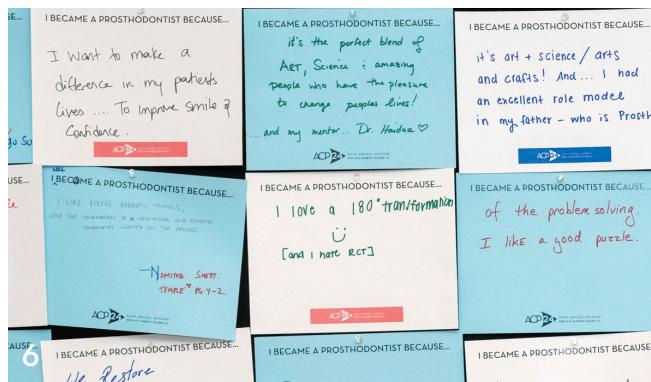
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Thriving Together in Prosthodontics

The latest from ACP Messenger Editor-in-Chief Dr. Ahmed Mahrous.

As we dive into this issue of the *ACP Messenger*, I am struck by the recurring theme of collaboration and growth that permeates our specialty. Whether it's through advancing our certification processes, celebrating the achievements of our colleagues, or sharing the inspiring stories of prosthodontists who balance professional excellence with personal fulfillment, this issue highlights the strength of our community and the diverse ways we thrive together.

First, I want to extend my gratitude to the American Board of Prosthodontics (ABP) leadership for their insightful article on the updates and evolution of the ABP certification process. As our specialty continues to grow and adapt to new technologies and methodologies, it's reassuring to know that the ABP is committed to maintaining rigorous yet accessible standards for certification. Their dedication to ensuring that the examination process reflects contemporary prosthodontics while remaining fair and transparent underscores their leadership and vision for the future of our field.

Next, we are honored to feature Drs. Jessica and Paul Canallatos, whose story is a powerful reminder of the importance of partnership, both professionally and personally. Their journey as prosthodontists, partners, and parents is an inspiring example of how mutual support and shared passion can lead to success in all aspects of life. Their dedication to craniofacial and maxillofacial prosthodontics, while raising a young family, highlights their resilience and commitment to our specialty. Their story reminds us that the strength of our community lies not only in our clinical expertise but also in the relationships we build and the support we offer one another.

Ahmed Mahrous,
BDS, MS, FACP
ACP Messenger Editor-in-Chief

At the 2024 Annual Session of the ACP, attendees were asked to respond to the prompt 'I Became a Prosthodontist Because...' This image features responses collected and posted on site.

Finally, we celebrate the highlights from the 2024 Annual Session of the ACP, held in Marco Island, FL. This year's meeting was a vibrant gathering of over 1,300 dental professionals, all united by a shared commitment to advancing prosthodontics. From cutting-edge educational sessions to the recognition of outstanding achievements through awards and competitions, the Annual Session showcased the best of what our specialty has to offer. A special thanks to Dr. Caroline Nguyen, the 2024 Program Chair, for her exceptional work in organizing such a successful event. The Annual Session is a reminder of the importance of coming together to learn, collaborate, and celebrate our collective progress.

As we reflect on the stories and updates shared in this issue, I am reminded of the strength and resilience of our prosthodontic community. Whether it's through advancing our certification processes, supporting one another in our professional and personal lives, or gathering to share knowledge and celebrate achievements, we continue to thrive together. Thank you to all the contributors to this issue, and to each of you for your ongoing dedication to our specialty.

Here's to another year of growth, collaboration, and excellence in prosthodontics! ■



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I BECAME A PROSTHODONTIST BECAUSE...

I love seeing people 
Fang-Yu Su

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I BECAME A PROSTHODONTIST BECAUSE...

To give people their smile
back \$\$\$

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I BECAME A PROSTHODONTIST BECAUSE...

I LOVE the challenge
OF helping others
smile

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I BECAME A PROSTHODONTIST BECAUSE...

I ❤️ 
I ❤️ 
I ❤️ 

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I BECAME A PROSTHODONTIST BECAUSE...

It is ART


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I BECAME A PROSTHODONTIST BECAUSE...

to change patient's
lives. 

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I BECAME A PROSTHODONTIST BECAUSE...

I want to make a
difference in my patients
lives ... To improve Smile &
Confidence.

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I BECAME A PROSTHODONTIST BECAUSE...

I like fixing broken things.
Love the combination of mechanical and esthetic
components involved in the process.

-NAMITHA SHETTY.
TEMPLE PG-Y-2.

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I BECAME A PROSTHODONTIST BECAUSE...

We Restore
Patient Smile
Back!

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I BECAME A PROSTHODONTIST BECAUSE...

I was interested in the biology of teeth, wanted
function of people can have good teeth, smile, and
make in God's favor.

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I BECAME A PROSTHODONTIST BECAUSE...

I want to
help people
SMILE 

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I BECAME A PROSTHODONTIST BECAUSE...

Becoming 

to return smile and
function to my
pts. 

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I BECAME A PROSTHODONTIST BECAUSE...

it's the perfect blend of
ART, Science & amazing
people who have the pleasure
to change people's lives!
... and my mentor.. Dr. Haidar 

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I BECAME A PROSTHODONTIST BECAUSE...

I love a 180° transformation

[and I hate RCT]

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I BECAME A PROSTHODONTIST BECAUSE...

I want people to smile
more =>

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I BECAME A PROSTHODONTIST BECAUSE...

it's art + science / arts
and crafts! And... I had
an excellent role model
in my father - who is Prosth!

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I BECAME A PROSTHODONTIST BECAUSE...

of the problem solving.
I like a good puzzle.

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I BECAME A PROSTHODONTIST BECAUSE...

I can do surgery and
put the crown on top!

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I BECAME A PROSTHODONTIST BECAUSE...

I am obsessed with attention to
detail, high technical proficiency, and
perfection. Prosthodontics satisfies my
OCC. 

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I BECAME A PROSTHODONTIST BECAUSE...

I love hard work 

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I BECAME A PROSTHODONTIST BECAUSE...

Since I like art & science
prosthodontist are artist & scientists

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I BECAME A PROSTHODONTIST BECAUSE...

I was a general dentist for a
dozen years... and realized I
couldn't help some patients in
the manner they wanted to be helped.

K. S. Kurnia
VP - ACP

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Updates and Insights: The American Board of Prosthodontics Certification Examination, Part 1

ABP Leadership

Familiarity with the American Board of Prosthodontics (ABP) certification process helps candidates pursuing certification better understand the path ahead, and the Diplomates better appreciate continued proficiency. Since ABP certification and recertification processes constantly evolve to reflect a dynamic prosthodontic environment, open and accessible lines of communication are necessary for smooth operations. This is the first article in a series highlighting the latest ABP updates.

In the Beginning

For a dental discipline to acquire and maintain specialty recognition by the National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards (NCRDSCB), a board of directors must be established to certify Diplomates.¹ To learn more about how this occurred in prosthodontics, review the chart on pg. 9.

Through ABP testing, prosthodontics fulfills an essential criterion for dental specialty status by recognizing clinicians who meet certification standards via rigorous examination. For a more detailed discussion on the development of the ABP, readers are encouraged to read a review published by Knoernschild and colleagues.²

After that brief historical review, it seems appropriate to move forward with a closer look at contemporary ABP decisions, philosophies, and policies that shape prosthodontic certification today.

The Modern Examination

Although fundamental principles and practices form the basis of modern prosthodontic certification, examination development must constantly evolve to keep pace with new materials, processes, equipment, technologies, and a solid foundation in scientific evidence. Simultaneously, the examination must remain relevant and accessible to all qualified candidates to keep certification reasonably within reach. Managing these factors while maintaining the rigor of the certification process requires careful consideration, thoughtful deliberation, and frequent meetings of the ABP directors and staff. Consideration and re-consideration of exam accessibility, content, and format are a few items the ABP must routinely revisit to make timely modifications.

Accessibility – Exam Venue and Timing

A priority for the ABP is optimizing the accessibility of the written and oral examination processes. Much effort and planning focus on administering exams at reasonably convenient times and in affordable and accessible locations.

The Section A written examination will continue to be administered at Pearson VUE regional test centers³ throughout the United States and worldwide.⁴ Starting in 2026, Section A exams will be offered within an administration window rather than on a specific date to offer candidates more flexibility in scheduling. The 2026 administration window for the Section A exam is from March 30 to April 2.

The first oral exam (Sections B, C, and D) typically held in February, will now be offered in April.⁵ This change distributes oral exam administrations more evenly over the calendar year. It also pushes the spring exam closer to the end of the academic year for those needing to finish clinical care during the third year of their advanced training program to prepare patient presentations for oral examination.

The fall 2025 exams will no longer follow the ACP Annual Session and will instead be hosted in Dallas, TX through 2028. The Dallas venue the ABP chose is the Executive Conference suite of rooms at the Hyatt Regency DFW Airport. This executive space is a self-contained and quiet space that will be occupied exclusively by the ABP for each exam administration. Candidates and examiners will quickly appreciate the benefits of this change, including ideal examination and boardroom size and arrangement, affordable guest rooms, on-site restaurants and coffee shops, convenient accessibility of the DFW airport for national and international travelers, and readily available ground transportation between the hotel and the airport.

The long-term arrangement between the ABP and the Hyatt Regency DFW Airport will facilitate long-range

1946

Inaugural Directors

At the request of the American Dental Association, the Academy of Denture Prosthetics elected nine prominent members to serve as directors on the ABP. These inaugural directors included Drs. Bert L. Hooper (president), Claude J. Stansbery (vice president), Irving R. Hardy (secretary-treasurer), Carl O. Boucher, Oswald M. Dresen, Frederick C. Elliott, Richard H. Kingery, David W. McLean, and Russell W. Tench.

Incorporation

1947

The ABP was officially incorporated in Illinois on Feb. 21, 1947.

1948

Specialty Recognition

The ADA House of Delegates voted to recognize prosthodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery, endodontics, and periodontics as dental specialties.

First Examination

1949

The first prosthodontic certification examination was administered in Chicago on Feb. 2, 1949.

1972

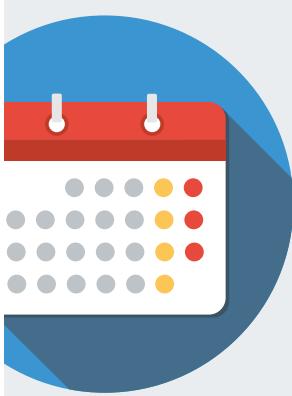
Sponsorship

ABP sponsorship has changed hands twice. Initially, it resided with the Academy of Denture Prosthetics (now the Academy of Prosthodontics). In 1972, sponsorship was transferred to the Federation of Prosthodontics Organizations.

Transfer of Sponsorship

1994

The ACP assumed ABP sponsorship and maintains it today.



Future exam administrations for Sections B, C and D

will take place at the Hyatt Regency DFW Airport, Dallas, TX and are posted on the ABP website:⁵

- Oct. 5-7, 2025
- April 12-14, 2026
- Oct. 4-6, 2026
- April 11-13, 2027
- Oct. 3-5, 2027
- April 9-11, 2028
- Oct. 15-17, 2028

Examination registration deadlines

- Section A Written Exam – The registration deadline is Jan. 31 annually.
- Section B, C, and D Oral Exams – The registration deadline is 60 days before the scheduled examinations.

exam planning so candidates and examination teams can more conveniently manage busy practice, academic, and advanced training program schedules.

Rigorous but Reasonable Exam Content

The ABP is committed to constantly evolving and improving the examination process. While directors of the ABP have significant obligations to the Diplomates and exam candidates, much effort is spent during formal deliberations on (1) clarification and justification of representative prosthodontic therapy for the oral examinations that reflect contemporary prosthodontics and (2) precisely defining and updating examination expectations for candidates.

The primary means of informing potential examination candidates regarding examination expectations is the Examination Guidelines for the Certification Process – The American Board of Prosthodontics document, more commonly referred to as simply the Guidelines.⁶ To assist potential candidates in managing document updates as the candidates move through the certification process, a dated log of modifications is maintained and published on the last pages of the Guidelines. As of the writing of this article, the Guideline Update Log (most recent to oldest updates) includes:

- Aug. 26, 2024 – Update to Section 4.1.1 Ferrule, Dental Caries, and Existing Restoration – Candidates are no longer required to replace all existing fixed prosthodontic core foundation restorations. Candidates are to replace core foundation restorations if indicated and be prepared to justify treatment decisions regarding the foundation restoration and design.
- Aug. 26, 2024 – Update to Section 6.2.1 Required Images and Documentation for Section D – Candidates are no longer required to present, for all treatments, lateral and occlusal photographs demonstrating soft tissue (emergence) contours with and without interim prostheses where utilized.
- March 18, 2024 - Update to Section 4.1.5 Requirements for the Section B, Part 2 Examination – Patient therapy may now include a complete denture or complete overdenture in the arch opposing the removable partial denture.
- Dec. 4, 2023 – Update to Section 2.2 Pathways to Certification and Stipulations – Removed language that did not allow candidates to challenge the Section C and Section D examinations during the same examination cycle. Candidates can challenge examinations at will; however, only Section C or Section D will ultimately count toward certification.

- Dec. 4, 2023 – Update to Section 2.11 Continued Proficiency or Recertification – Clarified language to indicate that certificates of Diplomate status are issued for eight (8) year periods. Active Diplomates are required to document continued proficiency and complete a recertification examination. The recertification examination can be taken at any point during the eight (8) year period.
- Dec. 4, 2023 – Update to Section 4.1 Section B General Information – Candidates are to provide two (2) paper copies of their narrative for the examiners to use during the exam.
- Dec. 4, 2023 – Update to Section 6.1 Section D General Information – Clarified how candidates must organize required patient documentation into folders on the USB drive.
- Dec. 4, 2023 – Update to Section 4.2.4 Required Radiographic Images – Clarified that digital radiographs must be of exceptional resolution and quality and that film-based radiographs are no longer accepted.
- Dec. 4, 2023 – Update to Section 6.3 Presentation Logistics – Clarified that digital radiographs must be of exceptional resolution and quality and that film-based radiographs are no longer accepted.
- Dec. 4, 2023 – Update to Section 6.2.1 Required Images and Documentation for Section D – Clarified that when 3-dimensional imaging is used in the pre-treatment and post-treatment assessment, cross-sectional images of the implant sites must be shown (cross-sectional images to include mesial-distal, buccal-lingual, and coronal slices of the implant sites).
- Aug. 1, 2023 – Update to Section 6.2 Section D Requirements and Format of Presentation – Removed the tooth-bounded and unbound edentulous space requirements. Candidates are now to present a patient treatment presentation depicting the surgical placement and restoration of a minimum of two (2) implants in one or more partially edentulous or edentulous patients.
- Aug. 1, 2023 – Update to Section 6.4 The 60-Minute Section D Examination Timeline – Clarified the timeline for the Section D timeline initiates with the candidate providing a 20-minute patient presentation, followed by 20 minutes of unrestricted questions, and concluding with 20 minutes of standardized questions related to the broad scope of implant dentistry.
- Nov. 9, 2022 – Update to Section 4.1.6 Requirements for the Section B, Part 3 Examination – Clarified that for fixed implant restorations (screw or cement retained), all dental units that provide articulating occlusal surfaces may be counted in the total number of fixed prosthodontics units.
- July 15, 2022 – Update to Section 2.11 Continued Proficiency or Recertification - Diplomates may no longer request a printed copy of the recertification examination. The recertification examination is only administered online.
- Jan. 20, 2020 – Update to Section 4.1 Section B General Information – Removed the requirement that the candidate must complete the laboratory work for one of the patient treatments in the Section B examination but clarified that candidates must have a thorough understanding of all dental laboratory procedures and



Vision 5034

Vision 5034 is a strategic initiative of the ACP with the goal of ensuring that 50% or more of all prosthodontists become board certified within the next ten years. This initiative is designed to elevate the specialty of prosthodontics by emphasizing the importance of board certification. Keep an eye out for upcoming articles on this exciting topic!

are responsible for the outcome of all dental laboratory procedures used to complete treatment. Laboratory work authorization forms must be presented for all work a dental laboratory technician completes.

- Jan. 20, 2020 – Added Section 1.5 Protected Health Information – Clarified that candidates must remove or de-identify all patient data (protected health information or PHI). Examples of PHI and sample cropped photos were added.
- Jan. 20, 2020 – Update to Section 2.2 Pathways to Certification and Stipulations – Clarified that postgraduate students/residents may challenge the Section A written examination and any one part (2, 3, or 4) of the Section B examination beginning in the third year of formal prosthodontic training. Candidates no longer must wait until their last 6 months of formal training to challenge a Section B examination.
- Jan. 20, 2020 – Update to Section 2.4 Application Procedures – Revised the application deadline for the

Section A examination to be Jan. 31 annually, rather than 90 days before the examination date.

Updates related to exam content and recent candidate performance are also provided yearly to advanced program directors and potential examination candidates taking the ACP Board Preparation Course. The 2024 ABP past president, Dr. Mathew Kattadiyil, recently offered a detailed presentation to both groups. In 2025, the ABP president, Dr. Heather Conrad, will do the same. Time is allotted for questions and answers so that all parties can better understand the examination and certification processes. Additionally, prosthodontic residents, examination candidates, and ABP Diplomates may pose questions to the ABP via email at exams@abpros.org. ABP Chief Professional Officer Mr. Joe Flannigan and ABP Administrator Dr. David Cagna stand ready to respond to queries and help interested parties navigate the process. ■

Part 2 of this article will be available in the next issue of the *ACP Messenger!* ■



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As Dr. Jessica Canallatos and Dr. Paul Canallatos balance careers in craniofacial and maxillofacial prosthodontics while raising three young children, their mutual support keeps them thriving both professionally and personally.

Drs. Jessica and Paul Canallatos began their journey together in 2010, when they met at the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine. Shortly after meeting they realized their shared birthday and both being left-handed. After completing dental school, their shared passion for prosthodontics led them to West Virginia University, where they both pursued graduate training in prosthodontics. Upon graduation, Dr. Paul Canallatos continued to refine his expertise by completing a fellowship in Maxillofacial Prosthetics at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Today, they practice in Buffalo, NY, as a prosthodontist couple, balancing the demands of their careers and family life. Together, they are raising three children, ages six, four, and two, all while practicing in distinct but complementary areas of prosthodontics.

Dr. Jessica Canallatos divides her time between private practice and her role as the craniofacial prosthodontist at Oishei Children's Hospital, where she proudly holds the distinction of being the first prosthodontist employed by the hospital. Her work at the Craniofacial Center of Western New York is especially meaningful, as she was once a patient there herself. Her persistence and passion led her to become a member of the craniofacial team, where she now runs her own clinic. She specializes in treating babies with cleft lip and palate, performing NasoAlveolar Molding (NAM), and working with infants who have ear deformities through noninvasive ear molding. In addition, she treats patients of all ages, providing

prosthetic solutions ranging from speech aids to definitive implant restorations. This combination of private practice and hospital work keeps her engaged and fulfilled, making her feel like a well-rounded prosthodontist.

Dr. Paul Canallatos practices as a maxillofacial prosthodontist at Erie County Medical Center, in the Department of Oral Oncology and Maxillofacial Prosthetics. He works closely with head and neck surgeons, providing prosthetic care for patients undergoing treatment for head and neck cancers. His clinical responsibilities extend to overseeing prosthodontic care within the hospital's general dentistry residency program. Paul is deeply involved in every aspect of his patients' care, often performing the lab work himself to ensure optimal results. He is also passionate about integrating digital technology into his practice, which has significantly improved treatment times and costs for his patients. His commitment to maxillofacial prosthetics was sparked during a general practice residency at a local cancer hospital, where he was inspired by the transformative work of maxillofacial prosthodontists.

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Top row, left to right: Sequential progress of NasoAlveolar Molding (NAM) treatment for an infant with a unilateral cleft lip and palate; **Middle row, left:** NAM prosthesis; **Middle row, right:** Speech aid designed for interim management of a cleft lip and palate patient with velopharyngeal insufficiency, used prior to pharyngeal flap surgery; **Bottom row, left:** Implant-supported maxillary and mandibular fixed complete dentures for a patient without craniofacial anomalies.

Treatment outcomes by Jessica Canallatos, DDS, MS



They often face similar issues in coordinating complex prosthetic and surgical care, and their conversations allow them to merge their knowledge and expertise, helping each other navigate the intricacies of treatment planning, hospital administration, and the integration of digital technologies.



Top row, left to right: Auricular Prosthetic inserted on patient, Auricular prosthetic intaglio and cameo surfaces. **Middle row, left:** Mandibular Resection Prosthesis; **Middle row, right top:** Mandibulectomy defect restored with implant bar; **Middle row, right bottom:** Mandibular Resection Prosthesis inserted. **Bottom row, left:** Obturator prosthesis retained on implants.

Treatment outcomes by Paul Canallatos, DDS, MS



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Beyond their professional lives, the Canallatos family finds joy in balancing work and home life with their three children. The unpredictability of managing a family while working full-time can be stressful, particularly when unexpected challenges arise—like a child falling ill just as a full day of patients awaits. They work together to support each other, sometimes shifting schedules or sharing responsibilities to make it all work. In addition, they have recently reconnected with their personal hobbies: Jessica, a lifelong dancer, has begun taking dance classes again, while Paul, a self-taught guitarist, is finally taking lessons—a dream he long held for retirement. These activities, along with continuing education courses that sometimes double as “date nights,” help the couple maintain balance and sanity amidst the chaos.

As they reflect on their journey as prosthodontists and partners, Jessica and Paul find that their mutual support, shared dedication to their craft, and love for their family are what allow them to thrive in both their professional and personal lives. ■



Dr. Jessica Canallatos is a prosthodontist on the Craniofacial Team of WNY at Oishei Children's Hospital in Buffalo, NY, specializing in presurgical infant orthopedics and craniofacial prosthetics. She also works part time in private practice at Prosthodontic Associates of WNY.



Dr. Paul Canallatos is a maxillofacial prosthodontist at Erie County Medical Center specializing in digital dentistry and advanced prosthetics, including orbital, auricular, and nasal prostheses, as well as full-arch dental implant restorations. He is a current attending for the Maxillofacial Prosthetics Fellowship program and the general dentistry residency program.

Thriving Practices: Diverse Approaches and Common Goals



The 54th Annual Session of the American College of Prosthodontists took place Nov. 6-9, 2024 in Marco Island, FL and was a meeting full of education and collaboration in paradise.



2024 ACP President Dr. John Ball and Program Chair Dr. Caroline Nguyen welcomed over 1,300 dental professionals to Marco Island, FL for a great week of learning and growing together as a prosthodontic community.

This meeting focused on techniques that can be used for better collaboration for the best possible patient outcomes. Speakers specializing in prosthodontics, medicine, and other dental specialties from around the world spoke on a variety of topics including digital and traditional techniques for comprehensive dental restorations, management of clinical complications and systemic factors, and innovative technology and business strategies for practice growth. This year also featured a day of programming for private practitioners and those wanting to make the transition from academia to private practice.



A very special thanks to the 2024 Annual Session Program Chair Dr. Caroline Nguyen for putting together a great event!



During the 2024 Annual Awards & President's Dinner, Dr. Douglas Benting (pictured right, with Dr. John Ball pictured left) was installed as the 2025 President of the ACP.

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The 2024 Annual Session featured several great receptions and events that gave attendees the chance to see colleagues, make new connections, and strengthen the specialty! This years special events included the Welcome Beach Party, the Exhibit Hall Reception, ACPEF Reception, Toast to 2024, and the Annual Awards & President's Dinner held this year on the beach.





ACPEF Founders Society Award



Dr. Mark C. Hutton was recognized as the recipient of the 2024 ACPEF Founders Society Award, which honors individuals who have made a significant impact on the growth and development of the ACP Education Foundation and have demonstrated an extraordinary level of commitment to the advancement of the specialty. Dr. Hutton was selected for his legacy of vision, leadership, service, and dedication to the Foundation and the specialty of prosthodontics.

Dr. Hutton is a long-time supporter of the ACPEF and previously served on the ACPEF Board of Directors, and is a past presidents of the ACP.



Awards of Distinction



Dan Gordon Lifetime Achievement Award:
Dr. Carl F. Driscoll
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Distinguished Clinician Award:
Dr. Ruth Aponte-Wesson



Distinguished Service Award:
Dr. Kenneth Malament



Educator of the Year Award:
Dr. David Donatelli



Dental Technician Leadership Award:
Roberto Rossi



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Region 5:
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Region 7:
Dr. Izchak Barzilay



2024 President's Award:
Dr. Lars Bouma

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All presentations that were held on the main stage in the general session are available on demand, allowing viewers to earn up to 32 CE credits. If you attended the in-person 2024 Annual Session, you have access to these recordings at no additional cost! Didn't attend Annual Session? You can purchase the recordings directly from ACP Anywhere. Visit Prosthodontics.org to learn more!



John J. Sharry Research Competition

The John J. Sharry Research Competition is held annually to stimulate and acknowledge original research in prosthodontics by students. This year's competition included six great presentations from residents and recent graduates.

Thank you to all six of the Sharry Competition finalists, who deserve to be commended for their outstanding presentations and for their adaptation to the virtual format. Also, thank you to the ACP Research Committee, and Committee Chair Dr. Hai Zhang for overseeing the competition.



1ST PLACE

Assessment of Passive Fit of Implant Supported Zirconia Prosthesis in a Fully Digital Workflow with Photogrammetry: An In Vitro Study

Meisa Keivani, DDS, MS
UT Health Houston School of Dentistry (2023)



2ND PLACE

The Effects of Anodization and Instrumentation on the Titanium Surface Characteristics and Biofilm Formation

Weiying Liu, DDS, PhD
Indiana University (2025)



3RD PLACE

Evaluation of the Accuracy of Digital Impression for Implant-supported Full-Arch Fixed Dental Prostheses using a Novel Micro-CT Measurement Technique

Amira Fouda, DDS, MSc, PhD
University of British Columbia (2025)

Additional Sharry Competition finalists include:

Effect of Angulation Between Multi-Unit Abutments on Accuracy of Photogrammetry Scanning

Abdullah F. Andejani, BDS
University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) (2024)

Clinical Outcomes of Conversion Prosthesis in Immediately Loaded Implants: A Retrospective Study

Karolina Migus, DMD, MS, FACP
University of Connecticut (2024)

Bonding Performance of 3D-Printed Resins and Polymethylmethacrylate to Attachment Processing Materials

Victor Moises Velasquez, DDS, MS
University of Michigan (2024)



This activity was supported by an education grant from Haleon and the ACP Education Foundation.

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Resident & Dental Student Digital Poster Competition

During the Annual Session in Marco Island, FL over 130 posters were presented digitally. The ePosters varied between presentations of research results, clinical outcomes, laboratory techniques, and more. All posters are available on Prosthodontics.org.

This year the ACP held three competitions: Resident Competition (Original Research), Research Competition (Case Presentation), and Dental Student Competition. Finalists are pictured with Dr. Fengyuan Zheng, Poster Session Chair. Congratulations to the following resident and dental student winners!

Resident Competition (Original Research)



1ST PLACE

Biocompatibility of Titanium

Surface Coated with ZrO₂-TiO₂

Dr. Jennifer Chang,
University of Illinois Chicago



2ND PLACE

Analyzing ISFDP Creation Methods:

A Clinical Report

Dr. Marissa Gentle,
University of North Carolina



3RD PLACE

Additively Manufactured All-Ceramic

Materials in Dentistry: An Overview of the

Current State

Dr. Surabhi Chhabra,
University of Alabama Birmingham

Case Presentation Category



1ST PLACE

An Analog-Digital Workflow for

Bilateral Balanced Immediate

Dentures Using Jaw Motion Data

Dr. Chu-Chi Huang,
Harvard University



2ND PLACE

A Fully Digital Approach to Full-Arch

Implant-Supported Fixed Prosthesis

Dr. Lily Fayz,
University of Illinois Chicago



3RD PLACE

Integration of Unique Conventional

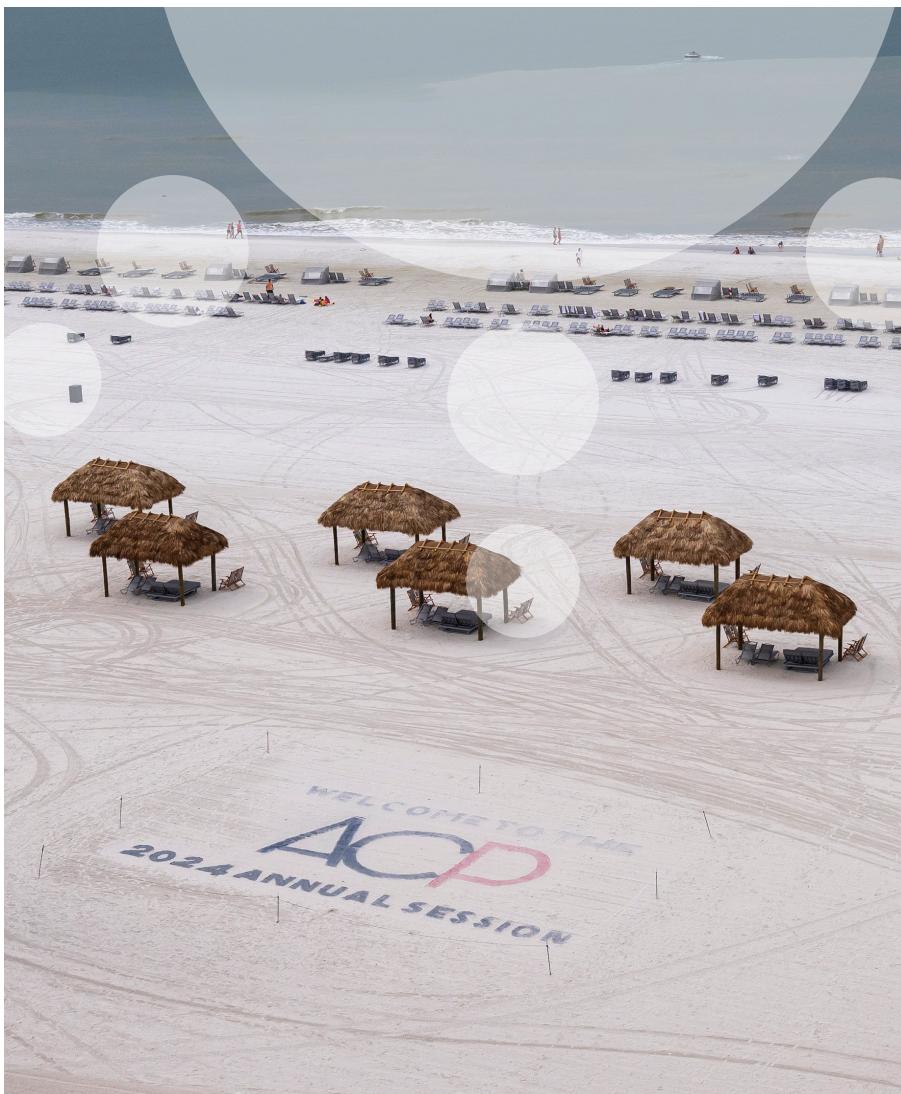
and Digital Protocols for Fabrication

of Complete Arch Implant Supported

Fixed Prosthesis for a Patient with a

Pronounced Gag Reflex

Dr. Saumya Kapoor, University of Michigan



Dental Student Competition



1ST PLACE
Comparative Analysis of Intraoral Scanner Accuracy for Digitizing Edentulous Impressions
Mr. Dariel Jacob Liakhovetski,
University of North Carolina



2ND PLACE
The accuracy of different digital scanners in occlusal contacts assessments: a comparative study
Ms. Ariana Motamedi,
University of North Carolina



3RD PLACE
A Custom-Made Laser Facebow System Following Prosthodontic Principles
Mr. Brandon Englert, University of Alabama Birmingham

Accelerators of the Specialty

Douglas G. Benting,
DDS, MS, FACP
ACP President

The American College of Prosthodontists is about the community and what we can do as an organization to create a benefit to membership in this community of specialists within dentistry.

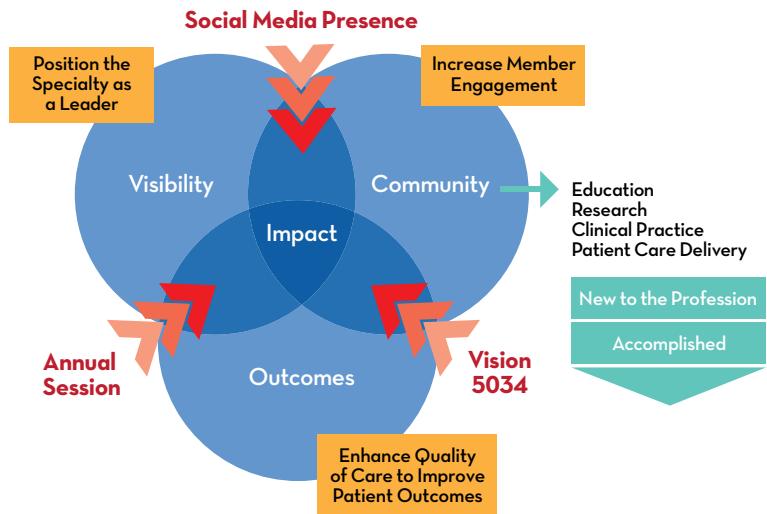
What is the strategy behind maximizing the value of membership in the ACP?

The goal is to look for points of leverage that serve to accelerate the impact of our community, a relevance for our visibility, and the outcomes connected to our specialty all combining to increase the influence of our collective voice.

The Annual Session is an example that brings together our community, creates visibility for the updates in education, research, and clinical practice with an eye toward optimizing clinical outcomes. The relationships that the ACP has built with our corporate partners provide noticeable assistance in maximizing what can be done to create an experience for our members on an annual basis.

Maintaining relationships with our corporate sponsors requires work by the volunteers and the committee members coming together to advance the specialty of prosthodontics. Our largest sponsors, Ivoclar and Nobel Biocare (along with many more), are not looking to invest in the brand of the ACP but rather are looking for projects or deliverables that create a win-win relationship for all parties involved. Relationships like this are critical in highlighting the unique impact that the mind of a prosthodontist applied toward solutions relevant to dentistry in 2025. One visible example is the innovation oriented toward the application of digital dentistry, our specialty continues to provide analysis and feedback related to workflow in the shift from analog techniques to virtual or digital influenced outcomes.

The ACP has recently made a commitment to developing our presence on social media behind the leadership of



ACP Accelerators

Dr. Elphida Ayvazian, Public Relations & Communications Division Director on the ACP Board. This is an investment in the long-term content creation strategy serving to benefit the ACP community by enhancing our visibility while highlighting our outcomes. I personally am committing time and energy toward the goal of creating a social media strategy for my own practice starting from no presence in 2024. It is my belief that we are at a tipping point where organic social media content will help inform decisions on how best to create visibility on an individual basis that can be magnified by the network of the American College of Prosthodontists.

The ACP is working with the American Board of Prosthodontics (ABP) with one of our newest initiatives over the past year which is Vision 5034, organized by ACP Board Secretary Dr. Louis DeSantis. The idea is ... how can we,

as the ACP, work with the ABP to increase the number of board certified members in the next 10 years. Vision 5034 refers to 50% of the ACP membership designated as board certified by the year 2034. This initiative represents the spirit of our members in that as a whole, whether a Fellow, Diplomate or any prosthodontist with a specialty certificate, we are striving to achieve excellence in the advancement of the specialty of prosthodontics. This project is an accelerator.

Looking back at how our interactions have changed over the last five years, delivering content available on-demand and online has become an important component of the ACP in an effort to provide benefits to our members. The ACP has two virtual meetings planned for May with the Educators Meeting on May 9, and the Digital Dentistry Symposium taking place virtually May 15-17. The ACP is working to the right fit for our membership in terms of a balance between in-person and virtual meetings.

It is the goal of the ACP Board of Directors to set the vision with a new strategic plan in 2025 beginning with a member needs assessment. The strategic plan is really what sets the tone for how the ACP's resources are allocated in the coming years, and the update reflects the effort to remain current with the needs of our members.

I am grateful for the dedication of our members over the ACP's 55 years working to advance the specialty of prosthodontics. ■



Dr. Douglas Bunting is the 2025 President of the ACP, and maintains a private practice in Phoenix, AZ.

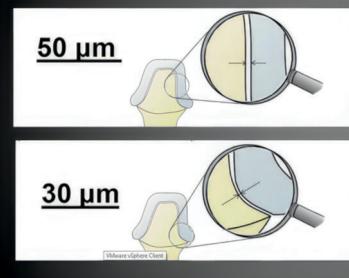
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Priorities in Life

Joseph DiFazio
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ACPEF Chair

Life is a journey filled with choices and the priorities we set to achieve happiness.

Priorities determine how we allot our time, energy and resources; shaping our experiences and relationships. While priorities vary from person to person based on values, culture, and personal circumstances, some universal aspects of life demand attention. A balance among these areas can lead to a fulfilling and meaningful life.

Your health and well-being are the foundation for a good life. Prioritizing physical health may mean adopting new habits such as regular exercise, balanced nutrition, and sufficient rest. Mental health is equally important - stress management, emotional resilience, and seeking support when needed contribute to overall well-being. Investing in health helps with longevity and the ability to enjoy life experiences.

Continuous learning and self-improvement are essential for personal and professional development. Whether through formal education, developing new skills, or exploring different perspectives, continuous learning keeps life engaging. Setting aside time for self-reflection, learning from mistakes, and setting goals can lead to a more enriched and accomplished life. But life isn't just about responsibilities — it's about passion too. Pursuing hobbies and interests, whether in music, art, sports, or travel, fosters joy and a deep sense of fulfillment.

A truly meaningful life involves contributing to something beyond oneself. Helping others through acts of kindness, volunteering, or mentoring creates a positive impact. Giving back to society fosters a sense of purpose and fulfillment, reinforcing the idea that success is not just about personal gain but about also making the world a better place.



Setting clear priorities in life is essential for achieving balance and fulfillment. While priorities may shift over time, consciously aligning them with your core values ensures a meaningful and purposeful existence. By focusing on health, relationships, growth, stability, passion, contribution, and inner peace, you can cultivate a well-rounded, satisfying life.

If you can this year, PRIORITIZE the ACPEF in your giving. The ACPEF has prioritized the membership over the years, supporting the next generation of prosthodontists and the continuation of the specialty with initiatives like the Resident & Dental Student Digital Poster Competition, the John J. Sharry Research Competition, the bi-annual Joint Educators Conferences, the annual National Prosthodontic Resident Exam, the Digital Dentistry Curriculum, support for residents to attend the ACP Annual Session, supporting research grants, and ensuring dental students and prosthodontic residents can join the College at no cost.

Without your help these programs wouldn't exist. Join me this year and give. THANK YOU! ■



Dr. Joseph DiFazio maintains a private practice in West Long Branch, NJ and serves as Chair of the ACP Education Foundation.



Welcome New Fellows of the ACP

The ACP would like to congratulate all individuals who completed their board certification in 2023-2024! We would like to extend a special congratulations to the following individuals, who are members of the ACP and now hold the distinction of being a Fellow of the ACP. These individuals were recognized at the 2024 Annual Session of the ACP, with many of them featured in the above photo.

Dr. Ali J. Abdallah
 Dr. Reem M. Al Shaltoni
 Dr. Mohammad Alkandari
 Dr. Raghda M. Alshaibani
 Dr. Mikhail Babayan
 Dr. Mica L. Baevsky
 Dr. Basil Basha
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 Dr. Antonella Aida Botto
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 Dr. Sieu Yien Chiam
 Dr. Kuan-Ming Chiu
 Dr. Pavinee Chotiwanaporn
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 Dr. Mohaad A. Faraj
 Dr. Casey D. Goss
 Dr. Pi-Yu Hsu
 Dr. Chaninun Jadsadakraisorn
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 Dr. Maryam Khalili
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 Dr. Suphansa Sivakorn
 Dr. Fang-Yu Su
 Dr. Yukihiro Takeda
 Dr. Juliet E.M. Tchorbajian
 Dr. Sharon M. Vincenty
 Dr. Brandon Michael Wilburn

Upcoming Events



National Prosthodontics Awareness Week 2025

April 20-26, 2025

ACPEF Joint Educators Conference

May 9, 2025
 Virtual

Digital Dentistry Symposium

May 15-17, 2025
 Virtual & On Demand

ACP Prosthodontic Webinars

Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. CT,

June - Aug. 2025

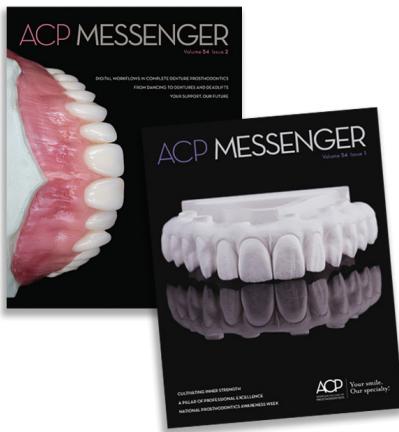
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Annual Session 2025

Oct. 22-25, 2025
 Hilton New Orleans Riverside

Be on the lookout for
 announcements of additional
 CE opportunities!

Submit to the ACP Messenger



Are you interested in authoring an article for the *ACP Messenger*? The *ACP Messenger* Editorial Board invites ACP members to submit article ideas for consideration. The *ACP Messenger* is focused on the latest in prosthodontics, clinical trends, academics, private practice, and more.

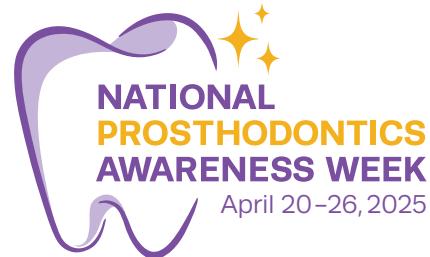
If you have an idea for an article you would like to write, please submit a brief abstract (up to 250 words) containing a detailed description of what the article would be about, why you think the information is relevant to the *ACP Messenger* audience, and how long you would need to compose the article.

Once abstracts are received, they are reviewed by the *ACP Messenger* Editorial Board and you will be contacted with a decision and next steps. To learn more visit ACPMessenger.com!

Report Your NPAW Activities

The 2025 National Prosthodontics Awareness Week (NPAW) celebration is taking place April 20-26. We'd love to hear how you celebrated!

If you did something to highlight the specialty in your local community, at your institution, or even online, we want to know! Please submit a brief write up of what you did to celebrate, and include any photos you have available, to media@prosthodontics.org. Submissions may be featured in an upcoming issue of the *ACP Messenger*, in the Wednesday Wake-up Call, social media, and more!



Welcome New Members

November 2024 – February 2025

Reinstated Fellows

Dr. Leen A F Musharbash
Dr. Allan S. Parke

Reinstated Members

Dr. Jonathan Berkowitz
Dr. Taylor J. Manalili
Dr. Ghassan G. Sinada
Dr. Mimika E. Stefos
Dr. Chad C. Taylor
Dr. Wenona Van Derhei

New Academic Alliance Affiliate

Dr. Alexandre Cabrera

New Global Alliance Affiliates

Dr. Mohammed Asim

Dr. Vikas Dahiya

Dr. Morteza Mazinanian
Dr. Kevin Gerard Mellan
Dr. Tatiana Ulkina

New Resident Members

Dr. Erick Anthony Eklin
Dr. Ashley Killings
Dr. Christine Kim
Dr. Harrison Clerk
Dr. Abdulaziz Mandani
Dr. Antonio De Jesús Quiroz
Dr. Christa Serban

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Matthew Calaigian
Keith Cassar
Olivia Cupo
Stan Faynblut
Rahul Shah
Ria A. Shah
Daniel Steinberger
Emily Thornberry
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Shuwen Zhong

Sheryl Francis

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Nathan Hacker
Zeyao Jia
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- On site labs
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- Annual CE Reimbursement
- Paid Time Off
- Paid Holidays
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- 401k + match

Education/Experience/Licensure:

- Graduation from an accredited dental school (DDS/DMD) required.
- Certificate in Prosthodontics from an American Dental Association accredited program, or the equivalent in related experience
- Unrestricted license to practice dentistry in desired state's location.
- DEA registration.
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- Ability to maintain professional malpractice insurance.
- All-on-X restorative treatment experience.
- Extensive removable prosthodontics experience
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Duties:

- Diagnose and treatment plan All-on-X
- Patient education on treatment options
- Work with other providers

(Prosthodontists, Dentists and Oral Surgeons) to complete All-on-X treatment

- High quality execution of all phases of prosthetic treatment
- Build good rapport with patients and staff to ensure a successful and cohesive office
- Delivery of prosthetics to the standards set forth by the practice

Day In The Life:

- Reviewing patient info and cone beam CT scans to diagnose and treatment plan All-on-X treatment.
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COLORADO (FORT COLLINS)—Established, private, specialty prosthodontic practice in Weld county (Fort Collins area) is seeking an additional prosthodontist to treat our wonderful patients! We have a beautiful 6 op practice with excellent staff. and the latest technology The successful Candidate will need to have an entrepreneurial spirit with the highest standards and be a team player. Please send resume to ronbergloff@gmail.com

Contact Information

Ron Bergloff

ronbergloff@gmail.com**DenteVita Prosthodontics Associate Position Available with a View Toward Partnership****COLORADO (GREENWOOD VILLAGE)**

DenteVita Prosthodontics (www.dentevita.com) is a comprehensive, referral based private Prosthodontic practice located in Greenwood Village, Colorado (greater Denver metropolitan area). The practice was founded by prosthodontist Aldo Leopardi, BDS, DDS, MS. We are 100% fee for service, prided in providing quality, comprehensive care. We are seeking a motivated, patient centered individual, interested in providing the full scope of services our specialty offers, from single tooth to full mouth rehabilitation,

fixed, removable, implant and aesthetic dentistry. If this interests you, and future partnership is what you are also wanting, please send your letter of introduction and resume to Dr. Aldo Leopardi.

Requirements: Certificate in Prosthodontics from an ADA accredited program and a Colorado dental license.

Remuneration: negotiable.

Contact Information

Dr. Aldo Leopardi

aldo@aldoleopardi.com**Associate Prosthodontist**

GEORGIA (ATLANTA)—Georgia Denture & Implant Specialists is a prosthodontic practice with three offices in Atlanta, GA and is looking for an associate to join our team. We take great pride in our practice and its family-like environment who are committed to patient-oriented care and improving smiles and lives. Dr. Warren Berne & Dr. John Anderson, along with our staff, believe that our name says it all because dentures and implants are all we do! We have an extraordinary full-service, on-site lab with over 100 years of combined experience.

This position could require travel between our offices in Woodstock, Duluth, and Sandy Springs. The offices run overall on a 4 ½ day work week.

We are seeking a dental associate who:

- Has strong communication and organizational skills
- Keeps a positive attitude
- Operates with integrity and patience
- Maintains a high standard of patient care

We offer a competitive salary, standard medical benefits, and a path to partnership. You will also receive paid malpractice insurance, licensing, dues, and an annual CE allowance/reimbursement. In June 2023, Atlanta was recognized as the second most livable city in the U.S. by The Economist. From our many parks, live entertainment/sports venues, to our museums full of rich history and excellent schools, Atlanta is a great place for singles or families. Interested applicants may forward their resume to

Jennifer@gadentures.com We look forward to meeting you!

Contact Information

Jennifer

Jennifer@gadentures.com**Clinical Assistant/Associate Professor, Prosthodontics**

MAINE (PORTLAND)—The University of New England College of Dental Medicine invites applications for full-time clinical track positions in Prosthodontics at the Assistant, Associate, or Clinical Professor rank.

The Prosthodontics faculty member serves in the Department of Restorative & Clinical Sciences. Core responsibilities include didactic, pre-clinical, and clinical instruction; mentoring pre-doctoral students; and participation in college, university, and community service. Qualified candidates must possess a DDS/DMD degree, or international equivalent and have successfully completed the NBDE Parts I & II or the INBDE. By their start date, the candidate must have completed a CODA-accredited graduate program in Prosthodontics; must be Board Certified, or eligible for Board Certification, as a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics; and must have active Maine Board of Dental Practice licensure.

Full job description:

<https://une.peopleadmin.com/postings/20469>**Contact Information**

University of New England College of Dental Medicine
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Prosthodontist, Open Rank, Full Time Faculty Position**SOUTH CAROLINA (CHARLESTON)**

Department of Reconstructive & Rehabilitation Sciences

Division of Pre-Doctoral Prosthodontics

Medical University of South Carolina

James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine

The James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine, Medical University of South

Carolina is seeking applications for a full time faculty position in the Department of Reconstructive & Rehabilitation Sciences. The preferred candidate would be a prosthodontist, graduate of an AEGD/GPR program or a general dentist well experienced in removable prosthodontics. The position would involve providing classroom and clinical instruction for pre-doctoral dental students in removable prosthodontics, and potentially implant prosthodontics. The faculty member will work collaboratively within all disciplines of the department and other departments of the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine.

Qualified candidates must hold a DDS or DMD degree, have graduated from a Prosthodontics Residency program and be board eligible or certified. Experience in educational innovation, use of technology in education and computer skills are expected with preference given to those with previous teaching and research experience. Successful applicant should have a South Carolina Dental License or qualify for a teaching license. Salary and rank will be commensurate with experience. Participation in the Dental Faculty Practice for private patient care is expected. MUSC is an EEO/AE employer—minorities and women encouraged to apply.

Apply online at

<https://musc.career-pages.com/jobs/univ-open-rank-prosthodontist-department-of-reconstructive-rehabilitation-sciences-charleston-south-carolina-united-states>

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Prosthodontic Associate Wanted for Private Practice

TEXAS (HOUSTON)—Opportunity with an established fee-for-service, busy, private practice with an excellent reputation for providing comprehensive quality care while building long-term trusting relationships. Looking to add an Associate with 3 – 5 years of experience to this well-respected practice in the Memorial / Tanglewood / River Oaks area. A plus if you also have experience and enjoy clear aligner therapy or oral surgery.

Attractive practice with the latest digital

technology and equipment including CBCT. Please email CV to leslie@postoakdental.com.

Contact Information

Leslie Devillier
leslie@postoakdental.com

Prosthodontist, Open Rank, Full-Time Faculty Position at UTHSA

TEXAS (SAN ANTONIO)—The UT Health San Antonio, School of Dentistry, is seeking applications for an Assistant, Associate or Professor/Clinical faculty, full-time position within the Division of Prosthodontics, in the Department of Comprehensive Dentistry. Applicants must have a DDS, DMD or foreign equivalent degree, with experience in Graduate prosthodontics, and must possess either a Texas Dental license or be eligible for licensure in Texas. A completion of a CODA accredited residency program in Prosthodontics with Board certification is preferred. The individual selected for this position must be broadly competent in a wide range of prosthodontics, dental occlusion, dental materials, fixed prosthodontics, removable prosthodontics, implant prosthodontics, and maxillofacial prosthetics. Experience in the surgical aspects of dental implant therapy and digital dentistry procedures and workflows desired.

Academic rank and salary commensurate with experience and credentials. All interested candidates should apply at the UT Health San Antonio Careers website, <https://uthscsa.referrals.selectminds.com/faculty>.

Contact Information

Dr. Soo Cheol Jeong
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Surgical Trained Prosthodontist

VIRGINIA (MCLEAN)—Private Implants & Prosthodontics Practice with Two locations in Northern Virginia, looking for Surgical trained prosthodontist to join our growing modern digital practice with state of the art in-house digital lab. Future partnership opportunity for the right candidate. Please email your C.V. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Contact Information

Dr. Esam Abou Nahlah
dr_esam2001@hotmail.com

Associate to Partner Opportunity

Seattle, Washington

WASHINGTON (SEATTLE)—Come and join our newly built and remodeled 6 operatory (7th plumbed) Prosthodontic office. We are seeking a prosthodontist that is willing to join us here in Seattle! Long established prosthodontic office now on its second generation of prosthodontists. Great patients, long established team, and incredible growth potential. In house Lab with 3 full time lab techs one of which is a full time digital designer. Strong referral base. No surgery done in house. The office is a pure prosthodontic restorative practice that is referral only. Generous compensation package. Strong removable department, and fixed implant as well. This is for an associate position with a clear path to partnership. A growth minded individual with great communication skills and impeccable ethics is a must. Come join in the success that we have built over the years in a caring, competent, and state of the art practice. The practice is privately owned and not tethered to any corporate or DSO entity. Please submit your CV and work history, we look forward to meeting with you.

Contact Information

John Petrini
john@petriniprosthodontics.com

Prosthodontist Opportunity in Wisconsin

WISCONSIN (MULTIPLE LOCATIONS)—

Dental Associates of Wisconsin – Family-owned, multi-Specialty practice serving Wisconsin for over 50 years at 15 locations from Green Bay to Kenosha, WI offering competitive compensation, incentive plan, full benefits, signing/retention bonus, collaboration, CE, in-house network of doctors and specialists. Contact Katie Herman at kherman@dentalassociates.com or visit <https://www.dentalassociates.com/careers> to learn more.

Contact Information

Katie Herman
kherman@dentalassociates.com

Job Opportunities



Los Angeles Practice for Sale

CALIFORNIA (LOS ANGELES) –

Prosthodontist Practice for Sale. 2023 Collections of \$1.5M. Retiring dentist with 40 years of goodwill. 2100 square feet. 5 equipped operatories (6 plumbed). 7 hygiene days/week. Fully Digital office, Technology includes CBCT and Cerec. Future suite ownership possibility. DD SMatch Jason Owens (310) 429-8978. <https://ddsmatch.com/practices/344847/>

Contact Information

Jason Owens
(310) 429-8978



Aspen, CO Area General Dental Practice for Sale

COLORADO (ASPEN) – This is an incredible opportunity to own a thriving general dental practice in the stunning Rocky Mountains near Aspen, CO. This well-established practice, built on over a decade of exceptional care, boasts 2,400 active patients and minimal advertising efforts while welcoming 15-20 new patients monthly. With four operatories, \$930,000 in collections, and \$330,000 in SDE, this practice is primed for continued growth. Nestled in a world-class outdoor paradise known for skiing, hiking, biking, climbing and vibrant cultural events, Aspen offers an unbeatable work-life balance. The valley's charm, top-rated schools, and exceptional dining scene make it an ideal place to live and work. To learn more, contact Bailey Jones at Professional Transition Strategies: bailey@professionaltransition.com or (719) 694-8320, referencing #CO111722.

Contact Information

Bailey Jones
bailey@professionaltransition.com

Practice for Sale by Owner on Cape Cod, MA

MASSACHUSETTS (ORLEANS) – Implant centric FFS prosthodontic practice for sale by retiring owner, (and only prosthodontist!) on Cape Cod, Massachusetts. This is a great opportunity to acquire a highly successful practice with a well-established (34 years) reputation for excellence. The owner has been in the same location (Orleans in the mid-Cape area), in an attractive (inside and out) free-standing building which can be included with the sale of the practice. Despite a reduction in working hours in recent years (currently at about 16 hours/week) the practice still grosses over \$500,000 annually. There is unlimited growth potential for anyone wishing to do so. Check out our website - capecodprosthodontics.com. To learn more, contact edcragg@gmail.com, or write to Dr Erik Cragg, DDS, FACP, 5 Locust Road, Orleans, MA 02653.

Contact Information

Dr. Erik Cragg
edcragg@gmail.com

Projected to collect 800k this year without hygienist, working 3 days/week, no insurance contract and performing limited procedures. Huge potential for growth. Low overhead. Diverse and ample referral base.

Seller has excellent reputation; flexibility with purchase timing and transition, as requested. For more information: aambard@icloud.com

Contact Information

Dr. Alberto Ambard
aambard@icloud.com

TN1037 - Prosthodontic Practice for Sale in Eastern TN

TENNESSEE (EASTERN)

- FFS practice averaging \$900K+ in collections
- 4 equipped operatories with room to expand for additional providers
- Digitalized operating patient software and digital radiography
- Large existing dental and medical referral base
- Doctor will stay for the transition
- Leased facility with first right to purchase

For more information, contact info@goUSDT.com or (678) 482-7305.

Contact Information

US Dental Transitions
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Prosthodontics Practice for Sale Near Asheville, NC

NORTH CAROLINA (ASHEVILLE) – FFS Prosthodontics practice in the Asheville, NC area. Seller's Discretionary Earnings are above \$200K on a 4-day, 32-hour schedule. This is a TruDenta practice with 2-ops and outstanding demographics for future growth. Ideal for a new doctor or a second location for a growing group.

Contact Information

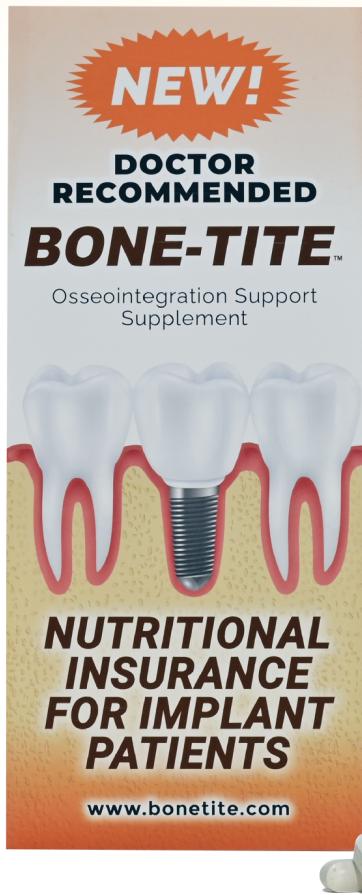
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Practice for Sale in Oregon

OREGON (BEAVERTON) – Well-established prosthodontic practice for sale by owner in desirable area near downtown Beaverton (20min from Portland). Ample parking. Long-term rental. No GP or prosthodontist in complex.

3 operatories and a plumbed room. Great opportunity for multi-disciplinary care and self-referral with OMFS in the same space using his own operatories. Large In-house lab. Stable staff.

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A leading implantologist and BONE-TITE advocate



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