



Join us in Los Angeles for the ACP Annual Session

Registration is Open

Pre-registration and preparations are well underway for the **2005 ACP Annual Session** in Los Angeles!

Don't miss this exciting

opportunity to engage in educational and social events, catch up with colleagues and friends, and explore new technologies and services demonstrated in the exhibit hall.

Registration is open by fax and mail. Complete pre-registration information and a downloadable form for faxing or mailing are available on our Web site at www.prosthodontics.org/annual. Early registration is encouraged as space is limited on certain workshops. We also encourage attendees to book flight and hotel accommodations early. The Westin Century Plaza Hotel and Spa is the ACP Annual Session hotel. A special room rate of \$209 single/double (plus applicable

taxes) is available to attendees. See the Web site or your pre-registration brochure for details and cancellation policies. Early pre-registration deadline is September 26th.

Annual Session Expands Scope for Attendees

As you review the Annual Session pre-registration brochure or our Web site, you will find that we have expanded the scope of this Annual Session. We have added two new sessions to run concurrently to the general session. These special sessions include the *Science & Solutions* session and *Dental Technology* session.

Science & Solutions Session

Moderated by Dr. Clark Stanford, this special session will run concurrent to the ACP general session on Friday, October 28 from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm. This session will provide speakers an opportunity

to present short talks on their area of scientific investigation or clinical innovation. This session is broken down into five parts. Part one, *Outcome Issues in Overdenture Therapy*, includes *Perspectives in Implant Overdenture Therapy: Perceptual* (Neal Garrett), *Perspectives in Implant Overdenture Therapy: Functional* (Eleni Roumanas), and *The Implant Overdenture: First Choice Standard of Care for the Edentulous Mandible?* (Steve Sadowsky). The second part, *Oral Facial Pain and Behavior*, features *Jaw Muscle Pain and Proprioception* (Radi Masri), *Mandibular Movements related to the Quality of the Maximum Intercuspal Position* (Niles Guichet) and *Emotional Behavior and Muscle Activity: a TMD Paradigm* (Saul Weiner). Part three, *Implant Screw Biomechanics*, will discuss *Implant Biomechanics: Important or Immaterial in 2005?* (David Gratton), *Biomechanical Considerations for Implant Dentistry* (Winston Chee) and *Implant Screws – Why so*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Proud Moments

Of the many perks of serving as president of the ACP, none has been more rewarding than visiting state sections and attending their annual meetings. I get to share information about ACP projects and programs, what we're doing to represent the interests of patients, and how we're advancing our specialty.

Georgia section's annual continuing education program in April continued their tradition with an address by the ACP President. This year, they sponsored an implant course for prosthodontists, oral/maxillofacial surgeons, and periodontists. The three groups showed up in roughly equal numbers, and the two speakers – a prosthodontist and a periodontist – had practiced together for years. The program included plenty of real-life cases, practical advice, and a collection of contemporary evidence to support the treatment decisions presented.

It was a perfect opportunity to reinforce the importance of good relations among specialties, and I stressed the point that each discipline contributes to every other discipline to make it stronger and better able to meet the needs of today's complex dental patient. Such interactions are even more crucial in the area of education, where residents learn from one another how their unique skills can contribute to offering an ever-higher quality of care. "We all need one another if we are to better educate our residents, care for our patients, and conduct clinically relevant research," I concluded.

A couple of weeks later in Michigan, Dr. Frank Tuminelli (director of our membership division) and I took part in a lively discussion about state specialty licensure (see the Michigan section article in *State News*, page 5). I learned much about the obligations prosthodontists must fulfill before they can be declared "specialists" in Michigan. Most memorable was a comment made by one of the section members: "This is the first time we've ever had an ACP president at a section meeting," he said. "We weren't sure whether the College really cared about us. It's so reassuring that you're here today."



Dr. Patrick Lloyd
ACP President

The meeting was highly productive, with full participation and a free and open exchange of ideas. We left Grand Rapids feeling that we had helped boost the spirit of collegiality among section members.

In June, the Pennsylvania section met for a day and a half. A speaker gave a presentation each morning, there was a golf outing on the afternoon on the first day, and that evening had plenty of opportunities to talk one-on-one. Members shared where they had trained, why they settled in Pennsylvania, and how their practices were doing. I asked questions about how the College was supporting private practice initiatives. A couple of senior dental students from Temple University had come to the meeting because of their interest in training as prosthodontists. Listening to what had sparked their interest in the specialty, I encouraged them and offered to contact people at the schools where they were thinking of applying.

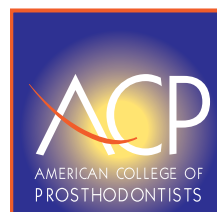
On the second day, I spoke to the entire group, describing the programs, projects, and events our College is working on. I answered a broad mix of questions, clarified a few issues that had been raised in College publications, and asked them to join me in Los Angeles to celebrate the specialty. In the space of only a day and a half, I had established many great connections with loyal and dedicated members.

These experiences put into perspective everything I do as president of the College. I saw the ACP in action at the grass roots level, working for our patients, our communities, and our organization. Senior, mid-level, and younger prosthodontists all shared an unspoken and underlying purpose that had brought them together. They were excited to be prosthodontists and eager to do what they could so that others could also experience everything our specialty has to offer.

These were proud moments indeed.

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Dr. Bruce G. Valauri, DDS, FACP

We are what we are.

Precise, exacting, strict, particular, meticulous, critical and definitive are a few descriptions that come to mind. For better or worse, most of these qualities (although some may disagree) are inherent in our personalities as prosthodontists. In our professional setting, one could comment that these are essential threads to the fabric of our being. In a personal setting, well, let's not go there.

We are sought out to provide the highest quality of care based on our knowledge, experience, and desire to achieve the most pleasing functional and esthetic rehabilitations to all of our patients. We can be and are generally our harshest critics. That's a good thing. In an effort to continually improve the quality of the care and service we provide, we are constantly engaged in self-assessment. The perfect margin, matched shade, refined occlusion and endless deliberations for contingency treatment planning are all aspects of patient care we cope with. Hopefully, it is creative and positive evaluation. Self-deprecation seldom provides a positive result. So, what does any of this have to do with prosthodontics and the ACP?

Actually, it relates to everything that we do. I welcome constructive criticism.

It provides me with refreshing perspectives and insights that may otherwise be overlooked. Note: the key here is constructive. All too often, people criticize others without offering a positive alternative. These individuals tend to have a limited social schedule, poor sense of fashion and treat a special group of patients. The College is its membership. It is not an organization representing the minority. The Officers, Board of Directors and Central Office Staff all work cohesively to further the specialty and service our members' needs. The State Sections and House of Delegates currently provide avenues for individual members to put issues before the membership as a whole. There are open lines of communication to all of the administration and "leadership". There is a reason why we are listed in the opening pages of the directory and not tucked in the back pages hiding.

Anecdotally, there are members who have voiced disappointment about certain activities or direction that some projects have taken. There have been surveys of the membership on an array of issues; results conveyed and information shared via a variety of communication sources (Web site, *E-Messenger*, *Messenger*, blast email, and the *Journal of Prosthodontics*). I urge each of you to read what we send you.

This is where the **constructive** part comes into play. I became a student member of the ACP in 1984 and have been involved in committee activities since 1988. It has been one of the most rewarding organizational experiences. I was encouraged by my mentors and colleagues to be active. In our democratic organization, your input is essential. Openly, we share our goals and constructive comments. I would welcome participation of ANY member as I develop the 2006 committee assignments and charges. I welcome the opportunity to engage our members and enlist your participation on our committees. Demonstrate your concerns by commitment to being involved. Today, please email, fax, or phone me and share your committee interest. Together, we can further the College; impact the specialty in the areas of patient care, public awareness, education and research.

We are what we are and that's a Great thing!

ACP Annual Session Shows Off "Smile Of The Future"

This year, the ACP Annual Session in Los Angeles will focus on the future of prosthodontics. It's the perfect opportunity to promote the new technologies that will some day be available to the general public. Prosthodontists have played a major part in industry advancements and will continue to lead the field with technological developments in the coming years. We want to tell that story.

The ACP would like to take this opportunity to give the public a sneak peek at the latest dental technology, a campaign we're calling the "Smile of the Future." During the Annual Session, our public relations team will highlight prosthodontists as leaders in new technology and scientific research. We want to spotlight prosthodontists as a diverse group who performs both complicated procedures and more common ones.

The goal of this outreach is to gain media coverage through local and top-tier papers as well as magazines, television and radio outlets. Here are just a few of the topics we will highlight:

Future of Dentures

New techniques are rapidly replacing the more traditional options such as dentures. Many Americans are just beginning to learn about dental implants and how they provide a more natural feel with added security and comfort.

Robotics in Dentistry

As the world of technology and science continue to evolve, prosthodontists are exploring the use of robotics to assist in creating the smile of the future. We'll highlight visuals and how this will impact the average person's trip to the dentist's chair.

Restoring Smiles of Eating Disorder Patients

Eating disorders, such as bulimia, cause severe destruction to the mouth and teeth. The acids in the mouth of bulimia patients cause the excessive erosion of the teeth. We'll highlight some new ways that prosthodontists can help restore smiles to patients overcoming eating disorders.

Repairing Dental Damage from the War Zone

Soldiers who have sustained facial injuries from gunshot wounds or bomb blasts now have the opportunity to obtain new treatment. Prosthodontists are using a new technique called "Rapid Tissue Prototyping" to recreate facial tissue around the mouth, and we'll show the media how it's done.

New Dental Impression Options

Say goodbye to the liquid trays once used to form teeth molds -or impressions- for retainers and braces. We'll tell the public about new techniques that eliminate the mess and offer a more convenient and faster method of creating molds.

Re-Growing Teeth

Imagine the possibility of losing a tooth and being able to grow it back. Scientists and prosthodontists are working together to discover a breakthrough method using adult stem-cell research to help re-grow teeth. While still in the initial stages, this topic has already captured public attention, and we will highlight the role of prosthodontists in future research.

Media Outreach Plan

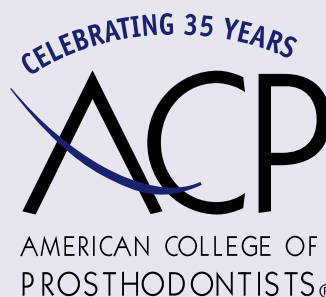
Our media promotion will begin long before the conference does. Throughout September and October, we will promote our story by first creating a press kit to be mailed to top media around the nation. In this kit, we will highlight visual examples of each story angle, including before and after photos. We'll then aggressively pitch media at top publications, securing interest in our story.

While on site in Los Angeles, we will arrange one-on-one interviews with top newspapers and magazines. We'll also pitch local television news stations to cover the story. We'll use compelling visuals to illustrate the technology. In addition, we will shoot TV-ready footage of on-site displays and share the story with stations around the nation via satellite, generating additional interest in prosthodontics.

Because Los Angeles is the entertainment capital of the world, we will also contact top industry reporters to discuss the beauty angle of esthetic procedures. And, we'll invite journalists from the Los Angeles bureaus of national newswires and news services to the conference.

Finally, we will reach consumers in their cars, homes and offices through radio news reports. We'll secure interviews with top stations around the country to describe the latest procedures in prosthodontics.

We are excited about taking the annual session to the next level, highlighting these new technologies to consumers. We will also boost the visibility of the specialty of prosthodontics in the process. We're looking forward to seeing you there!



This is an exciting time of growth and change in the ACP. There are currently many new faces in our Central Office in Chicago. As most of you are aware, we are currently involved in a search for a new Executive Director. In advance of Mr. Cronin's departure in July, the officers and BOD were working to restructure Central Office and considered realignment and/or replacement of some staff members. The core office staff has remained unchanged and other personnel modifications are consistent to meet expansion of duties. We expect that our new Executive Director will complete the refinement of the staff structure and definition of duties. All of these changes reflect a constant effort to better serve our members, corporate colleagues and the public consumers. Please see the listing below for your ACP Central Office Staff contacts.

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Chair., Central Office Oversight Committee

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PR 101

Greeting the Media with a Smile: Some Practical Advice

In our last issue, we described how the American College of Prosthodontists approaches national and major market media on your behalf, advancing awareness of prosthodontics. We also discussed how the ACP has enjoyed great success in small and medium markets around the nation by distributing a series of syndicated news releases called "Mat releases" to community and suburban newspapers. These cost-effective releases are mailed as typeset, camera-ready proofs on CDs and posted on the internet as downloadable files for editors. The releases make it simple for editors to publish information in thousands of community newspapers around the nation.

We also encouraged all of our members to set up meetings with editors and reporters at small and medium sized newspapers in your hometowns. Perhaps you had a chance to accomplish this task. However, we realize that you are also busy with your practices and may not have taken advantage of this opportunity yet.

In this issue, we've developed some additional tips on how to make a crucial connection with community newspapers. Community newspapers are daily or weekly newspapers in small cities and suburbs, and it may be easier to meet with a reporter or editor than you think. Here's how:

Send a word of "Thanks"

It's no secret that prosthodontics does not enjoy the name recognition of cosmetic dentistry. You may read stories about cosmetic dentistry and wonder why reporters do not include any quotes by prosthodontists. It is usually not intentional. The reporter may simply have no idea the special-

ty of prosthodontics exists. Our public relations efforts are gradually increasing awareness, one media outlet at a time.

However, if you read a story about cosmetic dentistry, don't be afraid to call the reporter or send an email. One technique that works particularly well is to thank the reporter for writing about the topic of dental health. Even if the reporter did not include information about prosthodontics, he or she may have written some good advice. Then, introduce yourself as a prosthodontist. Explain that prosthodontists are the *only* specialists recognized by the American Dental Association to perform cosmetic, implant and reconstructive dentistry – with extensive training and experience. Let the reporter know that you're available to discuss any of these issues in future stories.

Provide Real Life Examples

It's one thing to explain to a reporter what you do. However, as the cliché goes, a picture is worth a thousand words. If you do secure a meeting with a reporter, be sure to bring along visuals of your work. Before and after shots are especially powerful, because they show exactly what kind of problems prosthodontists solve. If you have a patient who gives permission to tell his/her story, it may make an interesting feature story.

Think About Trends

Reporters are eager to report on anything that is new or emerging. Whether you're using new technology, new procedures or even new materials being used in standard procedures, share that with your local reporter or editor. If you live in a smaller community, you may be the only prosthodontist

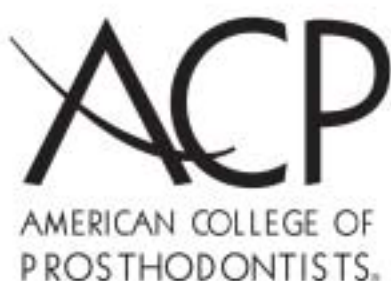
in town—or the only one who is performing cutting-edge procedures. Reporters want to hear about this.

Providing a Public Service

As you know, newspapers are filled with pages of negative news. However, editors are increasingly looking to cover positive feature stories. If you volunteer your services to disadvantaged residents or conduct any type of free or outreach dental care, share this with the media. Smiles literally change patients' lives, and when the patient is unable to afford traditional services, the transformation is even more rewarding. Sharing these stories will bring a smile to readers across the community.

We're Here to Help Tell Your Story

The ACP is here to assist you with any questions you may have about the media. If you need advice or have been contacted by a reporter, please call us and we'll help by providing background on the reporter, key messages and media tips. We recognize that any positive news coverage about a prosthodontist helps the entire prosthodontics specialty. We look forward to continuing to educate the public and welcome your questions and feedback as we work together toward this goal.



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PROSTHODONTIC UPDATE 2005: STATE-OF-THE-ART

*November 17-19, 2005; InterContinental Hotel Chicago
22 Continuing Education Credits Available*

Hear lectures encompassing a comprehensive update of the different aspects of a modern prosthodontic practice; literature reviews and take-home study aids; and networking opportunity with your prosthodontist and general dentist colleagues. This course is ideal for all dental professionals who provide esthetic and restorative procedures for their patients.

For more information or to register, go to www.prosthodontics.org/cpe or call the ACP at (800) 378-1260.

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Dr. Michael D. Forde
Dr. Damon T. Jenkins
Dr. Theodoros Kapos
Dr. Diana Kogan
Dr. John W. Lewis, III
Dr. Kirk R. Preston
Dr. Julia Wittneben

New Members

Dr. Kunal Lal
Dr. Marina Saucó
Dr. Mojdeh Shayestehfar

New Life Members

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Dr. Anthony R. Patterson – Retired Life Member
Dr. Conrad A. Schwalm – Life Member
Dr. Myron S. Winer – Life Member

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Student to Member

Dr. Steven Mantinaos
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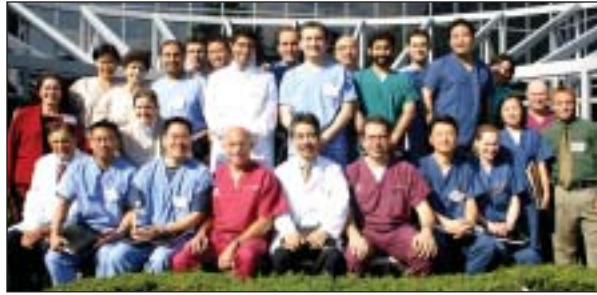
Dr. William C. Arendt
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Dr. Joseph A. Zagami

2005 Undergraduates Achievement Award Recipients

Veronica Alvarado, *University of California*
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Tony Martin, *University of Minnesota*
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Rogue A. Penalzoza, *Stony Brook University*
Ashish S. Naik, *The University of Texas*
Charles D. Niolet, *UMC School of Dentistry*
Anthony L. Ramos, *OHSU School of Dentistry*
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Cory M. Resnick, *University of Pennsylvania*
Lindy Rucks, *UIC College of Dentistry*
Kyle K. Schmidt, *Loma Linda University*
Jeremy T. Vogel, *Marquette University*
Cerina Wanzer, *Virginia Commonwealth University*

Drs. Touradj M. Ameli, Richard Blustein, Alan Paradis, and James A. Vito were recently certified by the American Board of Oral Implantology/Implant Dentistry as Diplomates of the ABOI/ID. To earn the title of Diplomate, these dentists presented cases for review by an expert panel of implant dentists and passed a series of written and oral examinations.

Drs. Thomas Balshi and Glenn Wolfinger hosted a course of their trademarked Teeth in a Day™ protocol to TUFTS University postdoctoral



residents and faculty. Attendees watched a 19 year-old patient with multiple dental and medical problems receive a brand new set of implant supported teeth. The patient was referred to the practice through Donated Dental Services of Pennsylvania, a local branch of the National Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped.

Students also observed a patient receiving two single Nobel Direct implants that replaced congenitally missing maxillary canines. A representative from Imaging Sciences International demonstrated the i-CAT™ 3-D scanner and software. In addition, a representative from harvest Technologies explained about the SmartPreP™ platelet separator, used to make Platelet Rich Protein, the growth factor proteins that accelerate healing time for patients receiving dental implants.

Earlier this month, Drs. Thomas Balshi and Jonathan Ferencz, two members of the American College of Prosthodontics (ACP), performed prosthodontic procedures that were telecast from their operatories to the MGM Grand Arena in Las Vegas. The two US doctors were among only seven specialists worldwide selected to perform live procedures as part of Nobel Biocare's 40th Anniversary World Conference. Other clinical protocols were beamed from Australia, Belgium, Italy, Portugal and Switzerland.

In Fort Washington, PA, **Dr. Thomas Balshi** placed two titanium implants in the anterior maxilla of his patient. These Nobel Biocare implants were coated with TiUnite, a unique bioactive surface that speeds the bone conduction osseointegration process. The procedure provided fixed teeth for the patient replacing his removable partial denture.

In the MGM Grand Arena, more than 6,000 doctors viewed Dr. Balshi's 24-minute procedure, demonstrating the incisionless guided surgical approach for implant placement.

Dr. Jonathan Ferencz of New York performed a prosthodontic procedure using Procera® crowns in the anterior maxilla of his patient. Two previously placed implants and two natural teeth were restored with four Procera® CAD/CAM generated all-ceramic crowns to provide the patient with an esthetically pleasing smile.

Dr. Ferencz's procedure took approximately 66 minutes with Las Vegas audience interaction.

Both clinical procedures can be viewed on Nobel Biocare's Web site.

Dr. Charles C. Kelsey of Michigan passed away March 20. He attended the University of Michigan where he received a B.S. degree in wood technology in 1956. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the Naval Officer Candidate School at Newport, Rhode Island and was commissioned as an Ensign in 1957. After serving 3 years in the Navy, he studied dentistry at the University of Michigan, where he received his D.D.S. in 1963 and M.S. in Prosthetic Dentistry in 1967. He was promoted to professor in 1973 and taught at the undergraduate, graduate and pre-doctoral levels throughout his career, remaining truly devoted to teaching dental students until his retirement in 1999. A true scholar, he was an author, publisher, and collector of rare books. Memorials may be made in memory of Dr. Charles C. Kelsey to the Silver Club (c/o Turner Geriatric Clinic in Ann

Arbor, WI), the Alzheimer's Association, or to the Battle Creek VA Medical Center.



Dr. Carol A. Lefebvre



Dr. Lily T. Garcia

The Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Program for Women has selected **Drs. Carol A. Lefebvre** and **Lily T. Garcia** as fellows for 2005-2006. They are two of 45 senior women faculty from medical and dental schools in the U.S. and Canada to be selected. ELAM is the only in-depth national program that prepares senior women faculty for leadership positions at academic health centers (AHCs). ELAM's mission is to increase the number of women at AHCs in leadership positions and their success rate in attaining and remaining in these positions.

Dr. Lefebvre is a professor in the Departments of Oral Rehabilitation and Oral Biology at the Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry and the School of Graduate Studies and is section director of removable prosthodontics. In addition to her faculty position, Dr. Lefebvre is the editor of *The Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry*. Dr. Garcia is an associate professor and chair of the Department of Prosthodontics at the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio. She currently serves as secretary for the American College of Prosthodontists and chair of the Council for the American Board of Prosthodontics.

New York University College of Dentistry (NYUCD) will present a major prosthodontics symposium next fall to celebrate the contributions of **Dr. Harold Litvak** to prosthodontics education and patient care. The event will also honor the commitment of Dr. and Mrs. Litvak to the future of prosthodontics education at New York University by providing an update on plans for construction of the Harold and Sheila Litvak Prosthodontics Wing.

The NYUCD Prosthodontics Symposium will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 30 and October 1, 2005, at the NYUCD. For information call 212-998-9757, email dentalcde@nyu.edu or visit www.nyu.edu/dental/.

The Litvak Prosthodontics Symposium will feature contemporary, evidence-based, practical presentations by world-renowned educators, clinicians, and researchers to enable prosthodontists to expand both the scope and depth of the services they provide. The symposium will be moderated by **Dr. Gerald Barrack, Dr. Thomas McGarry, Dr. Francis V. Panno, and Dr. Bruce Valauri**.

Dr. Craig Van Dogen a prosthodontist/maxillofacial surgeon in Providence, was featured in *Rhode Island Monthly* (May 2005) "Top Dentists." 700 Rhode Island dentists who were polled to vote for their peers whom they felt excelled in their specialty in Rhode Island. The article touches on the complexity of Dr. Van Dogen's practice in rebuilding ears, eyes, and noses in addition to teeth, the challenge of working with emotional patients with high expectations, and the prosthodontist's top priority in raising people's quality of life.



Dr. Jonathan P. Wiens

Dr. **Jonathan P. Wiens** was installed as President of the Academy of Prosthodontics during the Annual Meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona. Dr. Wiens will preside over the 88th Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California, which will be held at the Grand Hyatt on Union Square, May 22-26, 2006.

Dentures for a Three-Year-Old?

Contributed by Dr. Thomas Vergo, Maxillofacial Committee Chair



Dentures for a three-year-old? Implants for a teenager? These are not common procedures. Yet they are common needs for kids born with Ectodermal Dysplasia (ED).

Prosthodontists are the only dental specialty uniquely trained and ideally suited to change optimally the lives of children born with ED. These kids almost always require complex dental care and may need dentures as early as three years of age. Multiple denture replacements are often needed as the child grows, and dental implants are an option in adolescence. ED Parameters of Care include complete dentures/overdentures, removable partial dentures, conservative rigid, fixed prosthesis, adhesive resin "bridges" restorations, comprehensive orthodontic tooth movement, selective extractions, crowns and fixed bridges, implants and pre-prosthetic surgery. Because dental treatment is complex, a multi-disciplinary approach is best.

Who better than a prosthodontist to direct the treatment for dental care this complex?

Several ACP members attended the National Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasia (NFED) meeting in October 2004. The NFED is a non-profit organization that seeks to enrich the lives of individuals affected by all forms of the ED syndromes. What began as the quest of a Southern Illinois farmwife, Mary Kay Richter, to find information about her son's congenital disorder has developed into an international charity providing hope and smiles to children across the world. The NFED's goals are to aide in the identification of individuals affected with ED and to offer support to their families and their care providers. The NFED stands as the largest clearinghouse of information on the ED syndromes in the world, and the sole provider of comprehensive services for ED families in the United States, including dental treatment funding. NFED efforts include research, a medical guide series, treatment funds, educational meetings for families and health care professionals, family support networks, national advocacy and health care provider referrals. This is where the partnership with the ACP comes in.

NFED leaders recognize prosthodontists as holding the key to the castle for these kids. Prosthodontists can provide an age-appropriate dentition that optimizes chewing, speech and swallowing functions, improving everything from the kids' nutrition to their social confidence. NFED has asked to partner with the ACP in some way so that NFED can refer their families to our members who are qualified to deliver the level of care that is so desperately needed.

As Chair of the ACP Maxillofacial Committee, I have been asked by the ACP Board to establish this joint venture. I would like to create a network of my fellow ACP Members to provide prosthodontic care for individuals affected by ED syndrome. The members of Maxillofacial Committee stand ready to mentor, support and guide you (even if the idea of providing dentures to a four-year-old currently seems daunting to you). These kids need the unique skills that only prosthodontists can offer them. If we don't do it, who will? The answer is simple: No one else can help these kids like we can. Call the ACP today for more information. (800) 378-1260 x 223.

FORUM NEWS

Northeastern Gnathological Society

Contributed by Drs. Burney Croll, Liaison Committee NYCCT Chair, and Leonard B. Kobren, Northeastern Gnathological Society President

The Northeastern Gnathological Society Initiative, a partnership between the NGS and the New York City College of Technology (NYCCT), is in its third year. The objective of this partnership is to enhance the education of students studying for an associate degree in applied science with a concentration in dental technology granted by NYCCT. The educational objective of this two-year program is to prepare students to enter the employment market place with a comprehensive knowledge of dental technology. One of the strengths of the NGS Initiative is the externship program. This year, in an effort to expand the number of externships available, members of the Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics, a fellow ACP Forum organization, have been asked to participate.

Externships for the students are taking place in dental offices with and without in-house laboratories as well as in commercial dental laboratories. Guidelines developed as a result of discussions with students, faculty, dentists, and laboratory owners have led to allocating a greater proportion of time spent by the students in the dental operator environment. The number of days available for the students to participate has been expanded as a result of the enthusiasm expressed by the students about their experience during the two previous summer externship programs. Here the students observe the processes necessary to prepare, impress, and develop working casts at a sophisticated level. As a result of these externships students report that they have a much greater appreciation of the comprehensive care and attention to detail dentists must apply as part of a team effort. This experience is very different than what is commonly presented to most dental technicians who receive "on the job training."

The externship experience provides the students with an opportunity to acquaint themselves with concepts, textbooks and techniques beyond the curriculum presented by the accredited program at NYCCT. Perhaps of greater importance than the limited time spent in the summer externships are the relationships that have developed between the students, the dentists and dental



Figure 1. David Barthold, a student at NYCCT, observes Ed Delgado, a CDT in the office of Dr. Croll.

technicians in the participating offices. These relationships offer the possibility of continued mentoring during the second year of the educational program through contact with the participating dentists and dental technicians. It was both surprising and interesting to note that many of the students participating in the NYCCT dental technology program had virtually no acquaintance with dentists before their externship program.

Through the externship programs students have the opportunity to work side by side with seasoned dental technicians in the real life envi-



Figure 2. Dr. Croll demonstrates facebow procedure in the operator for David Barthold

ronment. Students are able to spend significant time advancing their skill development guided by experienced dental technicians who are efficient and productive. A common comment from the students is that seeing especially skilled technicians work at their bench with the opportunity to observe and ask questions has been invaluable.

The members of the NGS and GNYAP have expressed a greater appreciation and respect for the students, faculty and program at New York City College of Technology as a result of their experience. Most of the participants spent more time with each other than required. Members of the NGS have been invited to attend and participate in the yearly mandated advisory meeting at the College. Here evaluation and recommendation is part of the accreditation process outlined by the Commission on Dental Education at NYCCT. The NGS feels privileged to be an active part of this process and looks forward to making a positive impact on the College program as well as to advance the externship program for next summer.

ACP Survey Results Published in JADA

Dr. David L. Pfeifer, ACP Treasurer, and Kent D. Nash, Ph.D. recently published findings from the 2002 ACP Survey of Prosthodontists in the August issue of *JADA*. The survey sample represented about 77.2 percent of all active prosthodontists - ACP members and non-members - in the U.S. Results indicated that the mean earnings of prosthodontists were 33 percent higher than those of general practitioners. Factoring in the cost of education, forgone earnings in the next-best alternative occupation while in residency training and time spent in education, the study estimates an 8.23 - 12.18% internal rate of return on prosthodontic residency training.

Nash, Kent D. and David L. Pfeifer. 2005. Private Practice and the Economic Rate of Return for Residency Training as a Prosthodontist. *Journal of the American Dental Association* 136 (August): 1154-1162.

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Important? (Hoda Aboyoussef). The penultimate part, *Management of Oral Craniofacial Syndromes*, covers *Treatment of Children with Oral craniofacial Syndromes* (Kendra Schaefer) and *Clinical Rapid Prototyping in Prosthodontics and Maxillofacial Prosthetics* (Thomas Cowper). Finally, *Prosthodontic Tissue Engineering*, reviews *Cell-Based Bone Grafting Strategies* (Michael McCracken), *Biological Considerations for Prosthodontics: Potential Future Applications* (Galen Schneider) and *Rapid and Predictable Correction of Combination Syndrome* (Edward Amet).

Be sure to join the speakers in lively interchange on these pertinent topics.

Dental Technology Session

Moderated by Dr. Larry West, this special session will run concurrent to the ACP general session on Saturday, October 29 from 8:00 am – 12:15 pm. This new session features a variety of outstanding dental technologists presenting current topics including *Predictable Prosthetic Treatment for the Completely Edentulous Patient* (Robert Kreyer, CDT and Dr. Timothy Miller), *The Use of CAD/CAM Abutments when Restoring Dental Implants with Varying Gingival Esthetic Requirements* (Walter Haechler, MDT and Dr. Lampert Stumpel), *Advanced Ceramic Techniques* (Donald Cornell, CDT) and *Key Steps and Communication* (Michel Magne, MDT). Presentations will explore the newest applications of dental technology in full denture techniques, ceramic techniques that produce the ultimate in esthetic results and laser assembly of implant substructures. This exciting and informative technological program will explore the new horizons in dental technology

and provide techniques and concepts that can be applied to the practices of prosthodontists and dental technologists.

Bring your technician, assistants and other colleagues for these exciting and informative special sessions!

Social Events

Kick off your 2005 Annual Session experience with some of your favorite Hollywood legends, your colleagues and friends in this relaxed and congenial setting at the **Welcome Reception** Wednesday, October 26 at 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. On Thursday, October 27, join us in thanking our corporate friends for their support of the specialty at the **Exhibitor/Attendee Reception** from 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm. (Includes light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.) This is a great time to reacquaint yourself with past friends and establish new contacts in the corporate community.

Annual Luncheon

Celebrate another great year of achievements! This lunch on Friday, October 28 at 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm honors and acknowledges individuals who have made significant contributions to the College and/or specialty during the past year. Also, join us as we induct our new 2006 president, Dr. Bruce Valauri.

Alliance Reception

The ACP is also proud to present the ACP Dental Technician's Alliance 1st Annual Reception in Los Angeles. Join colleagues and friends and enjoy light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar Friday, October 28th at 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm.

As you know, the Alliance is a special membership within the ACP for certified dental laboratory technicians. The purpose of the program is to foster a team-building mechanism between technicians and their prosthodontic partners. In addition to the Alliance's new regular column in the *Messenger* (see page 13), the ACP is delighted to offer this new opportunity for our Alliance members and dental technology colleagues.

Student/New Prosthodontist Reception

Mingle with other new and soon-to-be prosthodontists on Friday, October 28th at 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm. This is an excellent opportunity to mix and mingle with fellow students and new professionals as well as key ACP directors in attendance to offer congratulations, support, and advice.

Military Events

The ACP regularly hosts military events including the Air Force Reception and Navy Reception on Thursday, October 27 at 5:00pm – 6:30pm and the Army Breakfast and VA Breakfast on Saturday, October 29 at 7:00am – 8:00am. Join Federal Services colleagues at these special events honoring your federal services and prosthodontic commitments.

We are all looking forward to an excellent 2005 Annual Session. Help make this the best Annual Session yet. Register today and invite friends, colleagues and staff to participate in this exciting occasion.

Have a safe trip to Los Angeles and see you soon!

STATE NEWS

Michigan Section

Contributed by Dr. Frank Tuminelli, Membership Division Director

On May 14th 2005, ACP President Patrick Lloyd and Membership Division Director Frank J. Tuminelli attended a meeting of the combined Michigan State Prosthodontic Society (MSP) and ACP Michigan section.

As with other states that require specialty licensure to declare oneself as such, Michigan administers its own examination and certifying process. Trained prosthodontists need to complete either the ABP or the MSP specialty examination in

order to list themselves as specialists in Michigan. Our meeting focused on the need to improve patient access to trained prosthodontists' care.

The members of the MSP were genuinely receptive to forging a new allegiance with the ACP. With this in mind, it was proposed the ACP section in Michigan would now become the lead state representation for the specialty. A council would be formed within the organizational structure of the section and have as a defined role interfacing with the legislative components in Michigan and addressing state specialty issues as they pertain to prosthodontics. Consistent with ACP bylaws, the ACP has committed to support the goal of certifi-

cation of all prosthodontists in Michigan. ACP President Lloyd has pledged to continue working with the prosthodontists in Michigan to develop a plan that best serves the professional community and the public.

This meeting represented a significant event for the college and the MSP and is hoped will foster a new era of cooperation and commitment on all levels so that the goals of all prosthodontists can be realized.

Public Relations Update – Spreading the News About Prosthodontists

Throughout the remainder of 2005, the ACP will be executing a strategic media outreach program to reach reporters and editors with top national and local media outlets. Here is a brief overview:

National Outreach – New York Media Tour

This tour is a series of face-to-face meetings with reporters and editors at top national publications. It will bring prosthodontists to media – literally. The tour will allow editors to meet prosthodontists, learn about the specialty and discover why prosthodontists should be consumers' first call for esthetic, implant and reconstructive dentistry. We'll also send Rolodex cards with our contact information to editors in New York and beyond.

Radio Media Tour

We will book a Radio Media Tour with drive-time DJs in top radio markets around the nation. The tour features back-to-back live and taped interviews via phone and an opportunity to spend three to five minutes on air telling our story. Radio media interviews are a great way to generate interest, as they often spark water-cooler conversation. We'll use the tour to drive consumers to the ACP Web site, where they can check out before-and-after pictures of cases.

National Media Relations

We will continue to conduct aggressive media relations to pitch and place stories and sidebars in national and local media. This includes pitching spokesperson interviews on morning/daytime talk shows (*Good Morning America, Regis and Kelly*), national dailies (*New York Times, Chicago Tribune*) and magazines (*Time, Shape*). Angles include:

- The most popular procedures in prosthodontics.
- Trends in restorative and reconstructive procedures, including dental implants and "plateless" dentures.
- Growth rate of specialty over the next few years and what the ACP is doing to ensure steady growth and attract new recruits.

Camera Ready Feature

We will produce one Mat release, a camera-ready news feature targeted towards local and regional papers. These features are widely used by media that don't have large enough reporting or photography staffs to cover the kinds of feature stories we're offering.

Smile of the Future

We'll turn our 2005 Annual Session in Los Angeles into a "premier" location for news about prosthodontists, giving the media a sneak peek at the smile of the future. The ACP will utilize presenters as our experts for print and broadcast media interviews, create a press kit that packages our story for media coast to coast and shoot TV-ready footage of on-site displays (visuals and computer models) to distribute via satellite to TV stations nationwide.

If you have any questions about our public relations program, please contact the ACP communications manager at (800) 378-1260. We are looking forward to great success as we spread the news about prosthodontists in the second half of 2005!

Checklist for Classification of Complete Edentulism

| | Class I | Class II | Class III | Class IV |
|--|---------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Bone Height-Mandibular | | | | |
| 21 mm or greater | | | | |
| 16-20 mm | | | | |
| 11-15 mm | | | | |
| 10 mm or less | | | | |
| Residual Ridge Morphology-Maxilla | | | | |
| Type A-resists vertical & horizontal, hamular notch, no tori | | | | |
| Type B-no buccal vest., poor hamular notch, no tori | | | | |
| Type C-no ant vest, min support, mobile ant ridge | | | | |
| Type D-no ant/post vest, tori, redundant tissue | | | | |
| Muscle Attachments-Mandibular | | | | |
| Type A-adequate attached mucosa | | | | |
| Type B-no b attach mucosa (22-27), +mentalis m | | | | |
| Type C-no ant b&l vest (22-27), +genio & mentalis m | | | | |
| Type D-att mucosa in post only | | | | |
| Type E-no att mucosa, cheek/lip moves tongue | | | | |
| Maxillomandibular Relationships | | | | |
| Class I | | | | |
| Class II | | | | |
| Class III | | | | |
| Conditions Requiring Preprosthetic Surgery | | | | |
| Minor soft tissue procedures | | | | |
| Minor hard tissue procedures | | | | |
| Implants - simple | | | | |
| Implants with bone graft - complex | | | | |
| Correction of dentofacial deformities | | | | |
| Hard tissue augmentation | | | | |
| Major soft tissue revisions | | | | |
| Limited Interarch Space | | | | |
| 18-20 mm | | | | |
| Surgical correction needed | | | | |
| Tongue Anatomy | | | | |
| Large (occludes interdental space) | | | | |
| Hyperactive- with retracted position | | | | |
| Modifiers | | | | |
| Oral manifestation of systemic disease | | | | |
| mild | | | | |
| moderate | | | | |
| severe | | | | |
| Psychosocial | | | | |
| moderate | | | | |
| major | | | | |
| TMD Symptoms | | | | |
| Hx of paresthesia or dysesthesia | | | | |
| Maxillofacial defects | | | | |
| Ataxia | | | | |
| Refractory Patient | | | | |

Guidelines for use of the worksheet

1. Any single criterion of a more complex class places the patient into the more complex class.
2. Initial preprosthetic treatment and/or adjunctive therapy can change the initial classification level.
3. In the situation where the patient presents with an edentulous maxilla opposing a partially edentulous mandible, each arch is diagnosed with the appropriate classification system.

Checklist for Classification of Partial Edentulism

| | Class I | Class II | Class III | Class IV |
|--|---------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Location & Extent of Edentulous Areas | | | | |
| Ideal or minimally compromised-single arch | | | | |
| Moderately compromised-both arches | | | | |
| Substantially compromised- >3 teeth | | | | |
| Severely compromised-guarded prognosis | | | | |
| Congenital or acquired maxillofacial defect | | | | |
| Abutment Condition | | | | |
| Ideal or minimally compromised | | | | |
| Moderately compromised - 1-2 sextants | | | | |
| Substantially compromised - 3 sextants | | | | |
| Severely compromised - 4 or more sextants | | | | |
| Occlusion | | | | |
| Ideal or minimally compromised | | | | |
| Moderately compromised-local adjunctive tx | | | | |
| Substantially compromised-occlusal scheme | | | | |
| Severely compromised-change in OVD | | | | |
| Residual Ridge | | | | |
| Class I Edentulous | | | | |
| Class II Edentulous | | | | |
| Class III Edentulous | | | | |
| Class IV Edentulous | | | | |
| Conditions Creating a Guarded Prognosis | | | | |
| Severe oral manifestations of systemic disease | | | | |
| Maxillomandibular dyskinesia and/or ataxia | | | | |
| Refractory patient | | | | |

Guidelines for use of the worksheet

1. Any single criterion of a more complex class places the patient into the more complex class.
2. Consideration of future treatment procedures must not influence the diagnostic level.
3. Initial preprosthetic treatment and/or adjunctive therapy can change the initial classification level.
4. If there is an esthetic concern/challenge, the classification is increased in complexity by one level in Class I and II patients.
5. In the presence of TMD symptoms, the classification is increased in complexity by one or more levels in Class I and II patients.
6. In the situation where the patient presents with an edentulous maxilla opposing a partially edentulous mandible, each arch is diagnosed with the appropriate classification system.

Checklist for Classification of Dentate Patients

| | Class I | Class II | Class III | Class IV |
|--|---------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Teeth Condition | | | | |
| Ideal or minimally compromised (3 or less teeth) | | | | |
| Moderately compromised-two sextants/oppose arches | | | | |
| Substantially compromised-3-5 sextants/oppose arches | | | | |
| Severely compromised-all sextants | | | | |
| Occlusal Scheme | | | | |
| Ideal or minimally compromised | | | | |
| Moderately compromised-anterior guidance | | | | |
| Substantially compromised-occlusal scheme | | | | |
| Severely compromised-change in VDO | | | | |
| Conditions Creating a Guarded Prognosis | | | | |
| Severe oral manifestations of systemic disease | | | | |
| Maxillomandibular dyskinesia and/or ataxia | | | | |
| Refractory patient | | | | |

Guidelines for use of the worksheet

1. Any single criterion of a more complex class places the patient into the more complex class.
2. Consideration of future treatment procedures must not influence the diagnostic level.
3. Hopeless teeth should not be considered in applying the classification.
4. Initial preprosthetic treatment and/or adjunctive therapy can change the initial classification level.
5. If there is an esthetic concern/challenge, the classification is increased in complexity by one level.
6. In the presence of TMD symptoms, the classification is increased in complexity by one or more levels.

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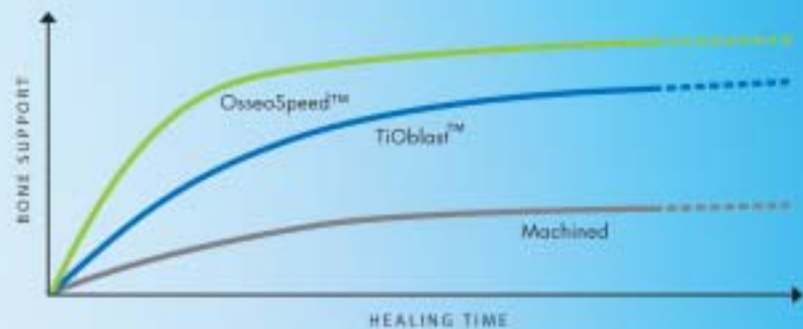
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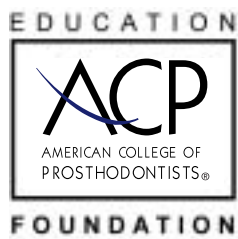


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Great news from the ACPEF! The 2005 Annual Appeal is 400% ahead of last year's appeal through early June (currently at \$42,303 compared to 2004's \$9,575). Thanks to all who have contributed!

ACPEF 2005 Grants

At its February meeting, the ACPEF Board of Directors voted to provide grants to the following programs and projects.

Scholarships: \$100,000

Up from \$80,000 allocated for scholarships in 2004 and \$10,000 per year in all previous years. The increased investment allowed the Board to follow the ACPEF Awards Committee's recommendation to create a new scholarship for 2005. Previously, only first-year students were eligible to receive support from the ACPEF. This year, in addition to the continuing program of \$2,500 awards for first-year students, each program director was asked to select one student in his or her program to receive \$1,000.

Pre-ADEA Meeting Educators' Symposium: \$60,000 for Partial Underwriting

Following last year's overwhelmingly successful pre-ADEA symposium, *Creating a New Vision for Prosthodontic Education*, the ACPEF Board voted to provide funding for the 2005 pre-ADEA meeting symposium, *Enhancing Learning Through an Electronic Prosthodontic Curriculum*. Held on March 4, 2005, more than 80 percent of participants rated the program good or excellent.

Continue and Expand the ACP's Search Engine Project: \$50,000

The ACPEF committed \$36,000 in 2004 for this program that displays the ACP Web site first whenever a person is searching the Internet for information on prosthodontic-related dental con-

cerns. Hits on the *Find a Prosthodontist* feature of the ACP Web site increased 79% in 2004 as a result of the ACPEF's investment.

Continue to Assist the ACP in its Public Relations Program: \$95,000

In 2004, the ACP's public relations outreach (with the assistance of the ACPEF) put prosthodontics in the *Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today* and in front of more than 6 million television viewers on local news health segments. The ACPEF committed \$95,000 to supplement the ACP's investment of \$200,000 for 2005.

Support for a Fellowship Designed to Encourage Academic Careers: \$8,333 per year for three years

The Graser Fellowship Fund launched by Dentistry at the University of Rochester provides funding to encourage recruitment and retention of qualified faculty who are capable of providing quality prosthodontic education to the undergraduate dental student and who can stimulate and nurture a grassroots interest in the student to desire pursuing the specialty.

Funding to Advance a Model Program to Enhance Dental Technician Training Program

The Northeastern Gnathological Society (NGS) is dedicated to the advancement of the relationship between the dentist and the technician. The NGS has developed a relationship with the New York City College of Technology (NYCCT) to enhance

the education of future technicians so that their skill sets and experiences upon graduation meet the high-tech requirements of today's leaders in prosthetic dentistry and the laboratories that serve them. The NYCCT offers the only accredited dental technician program in the area. The school's cooperation with the NGS has expanded its curriculum to include NGS technology seminars and programs and an opportunity for every student to engage in internships and externships to introducing students to all aspects of the clinical evaluation and techniques required to deliver prosthodontic treatment at the highest level.

The NGS and the NYCCT came to the Foundation seeking \$10,000 to upgrade the school's equipment so that students have access to and experience with the types of technologies they will require expertise with in the field when partnering with prosthodontists in delivering the highest quality care.

This program can serve as a model for other dental technician programs.

Start-Up Costs to Assist a New Post-Graduate Prosthodontics Program

The Foundation approved a \$20,000 grant to help cover some of the costs of opening a new post-graduate prosthodontics program at Queens Hospital in New York. The new program was initiated on July 1, 2004 with three residents and has received the requisite Initial Accreditation status from the Commission on Dental Accreditation with no adverse recommendations.

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Technician's Notes

By Robert Kreyer, CDT



Robert Kreyer, CDT

What is the crisis in dental technology?

I believe this crisis stems from decreasing and, in some programs, elimination of dental technology education in dental schools. In the past dentists were required to master different levels of laboratory procedures as part of their clinical dental education. This technical laboratory education gave dentists a baseline to assess quality restorations. If a general dentist is not technically educated in dental laboratory procedures then what is the basis used to assess the quality and value of prosthetic restorations they receive from a dental laboratory? If the dentists value of a dental laboratory is based on price and not quality or service this will definitely affect the quality standards of prosthetic restorations in dentistry and thus reduce the quality of care.

This reduced exposure to dental technology during dental school education has resulted in

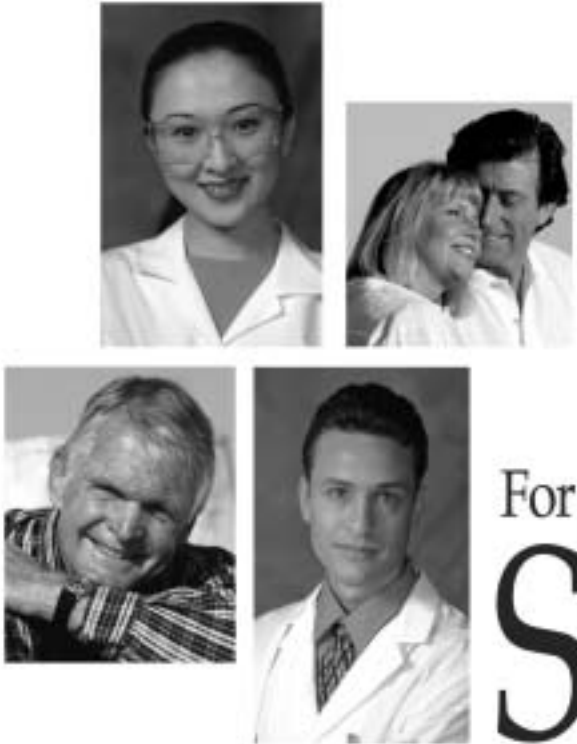
expanding the experienced dental technologist's role to a prosthetic technical consultant. The problem is a dental technologist's competency expectations are increasing with sophisticated technical requirements of new equipment and procedures combined with our expanding functions as technical consultants. Our technical compensation in relation to our technical competency requirements is very minimal as compared to other technology-based professions. According to the NADL "entry level salary for a dental technician is significantly less than what other allied health professionals make starting out". According to McGarry and Jacobson's article in *JADA* (v.135 February 2004), "The educational and economic imbalances of the past are now being reversed with dental technologists being the most knowledgeable members of the dentist/dental laboratory technician partnership in the area of laboratory techniques, instrumentation and materials".


If dental school graduates are not able to assess the quality of prosthetic restorations they receive from a dental laboratory then what is the value in a dental technician certification program? How can dentistry value certification of dental technicians if dental schools do not value educating dentists in dental technology or dental laboratory procedures to assess the quality of prosthetic restorations? A dental team (clinical and technical) approach to treatment is essential to provide opti-

mal patient care. To create a true prosthetic dental team approach in restorative dentistry there must be an integration of clinical and technical dental education in dental schools. A concerted effort must be made by the American Dental Education Association, American Dental Association, Dental Technology Educators, and Dental School Administrators if we are to provide patients with the optimal care they deserve and expect from the dental profession.

Our ACP Alliance emphasizes the importance of close interaction between dental technicians and dental clinicians. We believe that by providing advanced dental technology education through integrated clinical and technical continuing education programs the standards for all prosthetic services will be elevated to the next level of patient care.

At the ACP Annual Session in Los Angeles, our ACP Alliance will have its first social reception. This first Annual Alliance reception will be on Friday October 28, 2005 from 4:00-5:30pm at the Westin Century Plaza Hotel and Spa in Los Angeles, California. Be a part of the exciting changes in dental technology and become informed by attending the ACP Annual Session "Prosthodontics: The New Horizons" and our ACP Alliance reception.





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- 26-24 **ACP-CPE Complete Denture Update**
Atlanta, GA
- 28- **American Academy of Gnathologic**
Oct. 1 **Orthopedics Annual Meeting**
Albuquerque, NM

October

- 5-6 **American College of Dentists Annual Meeting**
Philadelphia, PA
- 6 **National Association of Dental Laboratories Vision 21 East**
Orlando, FL
- 6-9 **American Dental Association Annual Session**
Philadelphia, PA
- 6-7 **American Association of Dental Examiners Annual Meeting**
Philadelphia, PA
- 14-15 **Dr. Richard Tucker Symposium: Current Topics In Restorative Dentistry**
Vancouver, BC Canada
- 17-21 **Academy of Dental Materials Annual Meeting**
Lake Louise Canada
- 19-23 **American Academy of Implant Dentistry Annual Meeting**
Phoenix, AZ
- 19-21 **Dental Trade Alliance Annual Meeting**
Scottsdale, AZ
- 20-22 **29th Annual International Aesthetic Conference**
Dallas, TX
- 23-25 **American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics Annual Meeting**
Los Angeles, CA
- 26-29 **ACP Annual Session**
Los Angeles, CA

November

- 3-5 **Academy of Microscope Enhanced Dentistry Annual Session**
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- 4 **International College of Cranio-Mandibular Orthopedics**
Kona, HI
- 16-20 **American Academy of Oral & Maxillofacial Radiology Annual Session**
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- 17-19 **ACP-CPE Prosthodontic Update 2005**
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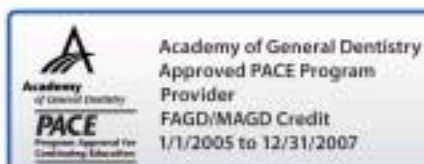
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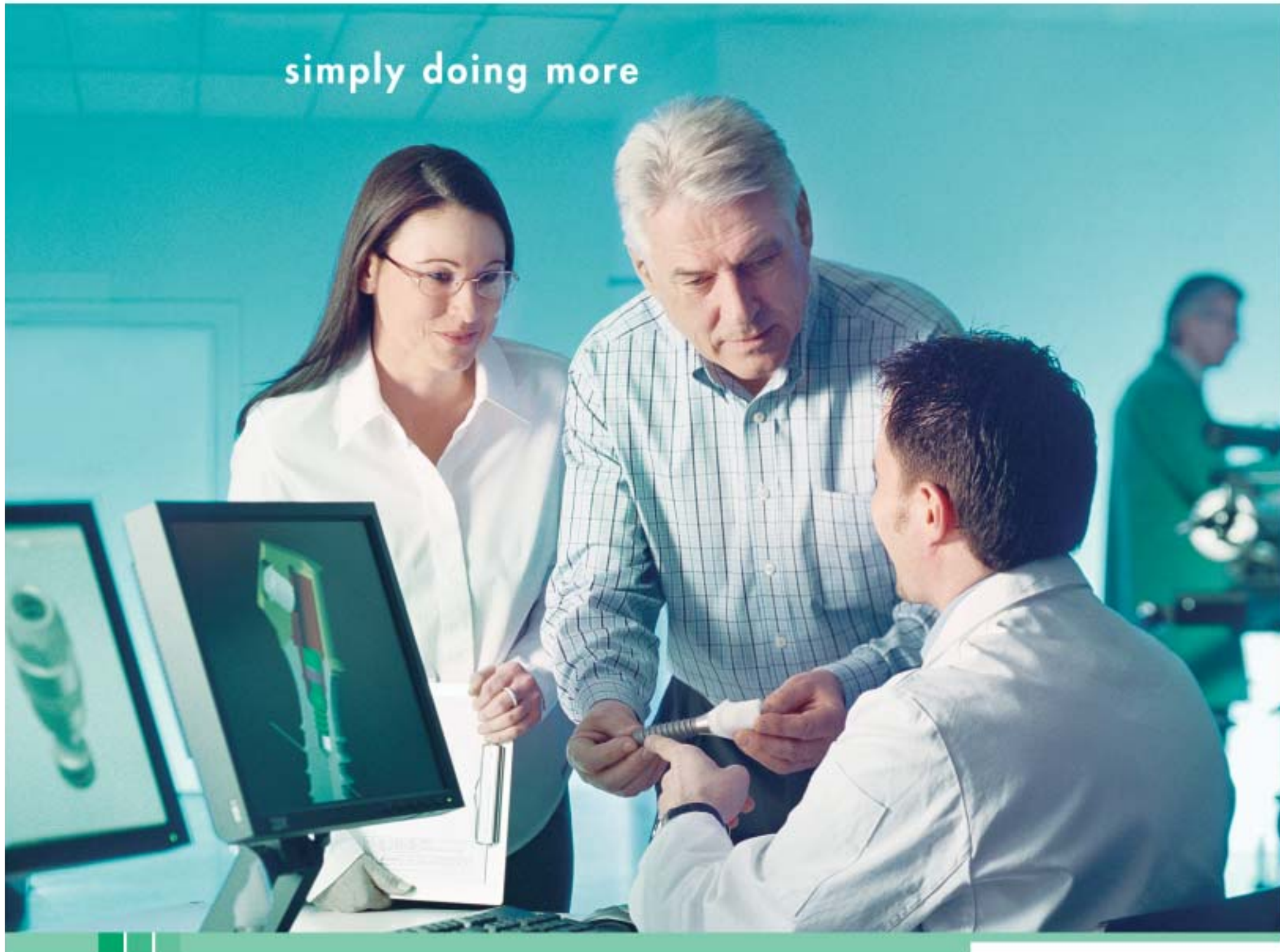
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