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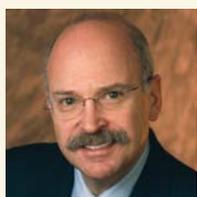
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New Annual Session keynote speaker to explore prosthodontists as outliers

A highlight of the ACP's 40th Annual Session, Malcolm Gladwell, *New York Times* bestselling author, will speak during the Scientific Session on Thursday, Nov. 4. Sponsored by Ivoclar Vivadent, this new keynote presentation is a "can't miss" lecture. Annual Session Program Chair Dr. Lawrence E. Brecht had the opportunity to interview Gladwell on his thoughts about prosthodontists, becoming "better" and oral health as a preview of what to expect in Orlando.



Malcolm Gladwell

LB: Based on your theories in *Outliers*, would you consider prosthodontists "outliers?" Why or why not?

MG: Well, the term "outlier" refers to any individual or phenomenon that "lies outside of an ordinary experience," and a specialty such as prosthodontics clearly fits into that category. What

interested me in the book was in the specific circumstances and experience that explain truly high achievers. We don't need that kind of help in

understanding what makes someone a good automobile mechanic. But we do when it comes to explaining success in a highly competitive specialty.

LB: Why is 10,000 hours of practice the difference between a professional and a talented amateur?

MG: The 10,000 hour rule come from what is called expertise research in psychology. Researchers looked at a number of elite performers in a wide range of disciplines (classical music composers, chess grandmasters, etc.) and found again and again that what seemed to separate the top performers from everyone else was not "talent" but rather the amount of practice time they had put in. Specifically, across a wide variety of fields, something special seemed to happen when someone

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The College is pleased to announce the results of the ACP 2010 Election:

The 2010-11 College officers are: President, Dr. Jonathan P. Wiens; President-Elect, Dr. Lily T. Garcia; Vice President, Dr. Lee M. Jameson; Secretary, Dr. Steven Eckert; and Treasurer, Dr. John Agar.



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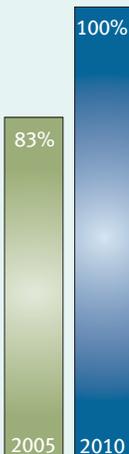
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Board Certification of Program Directors

Comparison of certification, 2005 and 2010

With 46 Advanced Education Programs in Prosthodontics in the U.S., one of the major goals is for all program directors to be board certified. Five years ago only 38 or 83 percent of program directors were board certified. Now 100 percent of program directors are board certified. This accomplishment represents unanimous support for the value of board certification among educators.

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LYNDON F. COOPER,
D.D.S., PH.D., F.A.C.P.

The ACP conducts business on behalf of its members. In representing the membership to stakeholders and in representing the message of stakeholders to the membership, the College recognizes the important ethical issues that challenge our profession and all like-minded professional organizations.

We desire to be strong advocates of the specialty; to benefit both our members and their patients. This requires that the College enable continual dialog between the clinicians and the academic centers, industrial partners and regulatory organizations that establish the oral healthcare environment. As such we also must be strong advocates of the industries and corporations that provide materials and technologies that enable our patient care. How is this managed ethically?

One of the strongest attributes of the College is its dual commitment to evidence-based dental care and knowledge-based governance. These fundamental tenants of professional and organizational behavior depend on awareness of information and facts that emerge in our workspace. Thus, ethical behavior at both the organizational and professional level requires the collation of information and data, its thoughtful evaluation and ultimately assimilation of facts into our decision making framework. Obviously, unethical professional or organizational behavior would be represented by the absence of this process, ignoring information that emerges from the process, or deliberate misrepresentation of information acquired in the process. The ACP commitment to ethical behavior is reflected in our educational standards

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and our governance documents. Our membership should be comfortable in knowing that its leadership is fully committed to an unbiased, well informed process of knowledge-based governance.

The process by which we obtain information involves people. The quality of that information is dependent – often times – on simple, hard work and commitment. The process is not without flaws. An important second aspect of ethical behavior is protecting the process of informed decision making from bias. The ACP Board of Directors invokes a declaration of any conflict of interest at each direct or phone meeting of the board. The ACP recognizes that there is potential for unintended bias and this process serves as a frequent reminder that decisions made for the membership are not influenced by external matters of relevance.

An important complicating factor exists in considering how external factors could influence decisions affecting the ACP membership. Specifically, we involve stakeholders in the well being of the College through partnerships of goodwill, shared interests, service and financial support. All College relationships involving financial support are conducted at the contractual level with specific activities or outcomes directly tied to payment. Successful partnerships are notably direct and transparent.

The ACP attempts to conduct business relationships and dispense the benefits of membership ethically. The ACP has existed for 40 years without ethical incident and it is reassuring that our governance enables this path of leadership. It is a good time to consider having a formal discussion concerning the importance of ethics in our roles as members, leaders and corporate partners of the College.

ACPEF Appeal shapes specialty's future

SUBMITTED BY DR. GREGORY GUICHET, D.D.S., 2010 ANNUAL APPEAL CHAIR



Dr. Gregory Guichet

Try as we might – we can never see clearly into the future with complete accuracy.

Our Foundation leadership knows this better than anyone. Without resources, many things considered impactful on the development of a future vision for prosthodontics remain at best – wishes, dreams or theories.

With this in mind, since its creation 25 years ago, our Foundation has always understood two simple concepts:

- With long-term, committed funding, bigger projects can be tackled (campaign support).
- With renewable funding, new initiatives or projects can be addressed (appeal support).

The College's membership currently exceeds 3,000 dental professionals with an interest or focus in prosthodontics. Our Foundation is grateful for more than 1,200 current members who have made at least one gift of support to the future of the specialty at some time (38 percent rate of participation) in their past. Surprisingly enough, in 2010, 33 percent or nearly 400 of these historic supporters are making a commitment or have sent a gift of support to the Foundation's mission to invest in the specialty and discipline of prosthodontics.

Times like these, with so many reasons not to get involved, I am proud to be included in the list of those 400 prosthodontists

who remain committed to investing our future.

The College will celebrate its 40th Anniversary and the Foundation its 25th year in existence this November in Orlando. As far as we have come, as a dental specialty and professional discipline, none of us can ignore the fact that collectively we all have benefitted from the past investment of others in our future.

As we continue to invite those interested to get involved with the Annual Appeal 2010 efforts by making a gift to the Foundation or volunteering to contact other prosthodontists, I do not know of a better reason not to ask you personally to make such an investment in yourself, your specialty and our Foundation.

In the end, we only benefit from the results of those who invest the effort to realize a dream, wish or vision for the future. Knowing the accomplishments of the Foundation – which are detailed in the the 2009 Annual Report online at www.acpef.org – I challenge everyone to speak with me personally about why they might believe that now isn't the time to make a personal statement of commitment to the specialty and discipline of prosthodontics.

There is no easier or simpler way to make such a statement than by donating a gift to the ACPEF through the Annual Appeal 2010.

To make a gift, visit the Foundation website at www.acpef.org to download a donation form or contact the ACPEF at (312) 573-1260 x 226.

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Dr. David L. Guichet



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Dr. David L. Pfeifer

The Continuing Professional Education Division Director is Dr. David L. Guichet. The Education and Research Division Director is Dr. Clark M. Stanford. Four Regions also had elections for Regional Membership Directors and the new directors are: Region 2 (Eastern) – Regional Membership Director, Dr. Terry M. Kelly; Alternate Membership Director, Dr. Flavio H. Rasetto; Region 4 (Rockies/Plains) – Regional Membership Director, Dr. Alfonso Monarres; Region 5 (Pacific) – Regional Membership Director, Dr. Nadim Z. Baba; Alternate Membership Director, Dr. Jenny J. Chen; Region 7 (International) – Regional Membership Director, Dr. John P. Zarb; Alternate Membership Director, Dr. Guillermo Bernal; and ACP Council for the American Board of Prosthodontics (Private Practitioner) Dr. David L. Pfeifer.

Please congratulate your new ACP Board members, alternates and ACP Council member. The Board members will be installed during the Annual Awards & President's Dinner on Friday, Nov. 5, 2010 in Orlando. Visit the Annual Session homepage at www.prosthodontics.org/AS for more details or to register.

ACP hosts Dental Specialty Group meeting



Dr. Cooper shares podium time with AAP President Dr. Sam Low to present on recognition criteria for non-specialty areas of general dentistry.

ACP President Dr. Lyndon F. Cooper presided over the second Dental Specialty Group (DSG) meeting of the year at the Four Seasons Hotel in Chicago on Aug. 5. Representatives from the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, the American Academy of Periodontology, the American Association of Endodontists, the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, the American Association of Orthodontists, the American

Association of Public Health Dentistry and the American College of Prosthodontists attended. Various agenda items of interest to the specialty organizations were discussed including the future of advance dental education admissions, the AMA Scope of Practice Challenge and recognition criteria in development by the Council on Dental Education and Licensure for non-specialty interest areas for general dentistry.

Dr. Cooper discussed the fiscal challenges of undergraduate dental education and the specialties. "The potential solutions to the economic dilemma are debated often and widely throughout our dental schools. My concern and the purpose of this brief discussion is to suggest the need for further discussion concerning the role of specialties in addressing the economic challenges that face dental education today. We have an obligation to address the economic crisis of our dental schools and to preserve the profession of dentistry. Dental specialties should embrace the opportunity to elevate dentistry among our health professional peers."

The next meeting of the DSG is scheduled for February 2011 and will be hosted by the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.

Members attend the Academy of Osseointegration's Silver Anniversary Summit



Dr. Lyndon F. Cooper

Several members of the ACP participated in the AO's Silver Anniversary Summit held in Oak Brook, Ill. on Aug. 5-8. The summit provided a remarkable opportunity for prosthodontists to join with other stakeholders and key opinion leaders to review the near horizon of biology and technology that is shaping our care of patients using dental implants. Four topical areas were introduced by leading scientists that included bioengineering presented by Dr. Kyriacos Athanasiou, nanotechnology by Dr. Antoni Tomsia, stem cell research discussed by Dr. Rock Tuan and growth & differentiation/signaling molecules presented by Dr. Paul Kebsbach. ACP members in attendance included: Dr. Edward Amet,

Dr. Lyndon Cooper, Dr. Steven Eckert, Dr. David Felton, Dr. Asbjorn Jokstad, Dr. Russell Nishimura, Dr. Jonathan Orenstein, Dr. Clark Stanford, Dr. James Taylor and Dr. Thomas Taylor. Ms. Deal Chandler, the ACP's Executive Director, also participated in the summit. All participated in two days of discussions and deliberation that were summarized in call to action statements by Dr. Michael Block (representing oral and maxillofacial surgery), Dr. Myron Nevins (representing periodontics) and Dr. Thomas Taylor (representing prosthodontics). The ACP and its members were pleased to represent the prosthodontists' perspective in these enlightening discussions and to participate in creating a better future for our patients.

CODA commissioners convene in Chicago



Dr. Kent Knoernschild
Commissioner

Significant decisions that have an impact on dentistry and advanced programs were made at the Commission on Dental Accreditation meeting on August 5-6, 2010. Three years ago, a Task Force on Specialty Standards began an assessment of current standards that apply to all specialties. The Commission charge related to methods for consistent outcomes assessment across specialties and led to the task force recommendation to change all description of clinical achievement in advanced programs to a learning level of competency rather than proficiency. Although this proposal met with resistance, the Commission adopted this recommendation. The result is that the prosthodontic and other specialty standards will have to be re-written to comply with these new definitions of learning. Pending revision adoption, implementation is recommended by February 2014.

Another topic discussed relates to how advanced programs must report plans for enrollment increases. If programs plan an increase beyond the currently authorized enrollment, Commission approval for that increase must be obtained prior to advertising those positions. Failure to obtain approval will adversely affect program accreditation status up to and including loss of accreditation. A site visit must also occur at the program's expense. Enrollment increases without prior Commission approval can not occur.

Finally, although members of the commission recognize that midlevel providers are currently practicing under dentist supervision, the Commission determined at this time to not pursue a survey of the communities of interest to identify need, begin development of accreditation standards, nor assess the economic impact of introduction of the mid-level provider model.

The next CODA board meeting is scheduled for February 2011.

Reflections from a Past President



My year as President started on a very ominous note. Within the first few weeks on the job, three dental schools closed their postgraduate programs in prosthodontics. I remember calling my prosthodontist friends who were Deans at the time, Howard Landesman, Charles Goodacre and Bill Kotowicz for guidance and encouragement. With their advice and the results of survey we had done a few years

earlier and reflecting on my own personal experience we embarked on a program that may have rescued the specialty. I had practiced general dentistry for the first 10 years of my career before going back to school to get my specialty training. Even though it was at great sacrifice, both personal and financial, it changed my life. I was convinced that we had to tell the story of how a postgraduate education in prosthodontics could lead to increased financial success. So one of my acts as President was to commission a study that showed that an investment in a PG Prosthodontics program produced a favorable return on investment. Even before it was published we distributed it to dental students and this program, along with others, turned the tide of closings and over the ensuing years new programs opened.

JONATHAN L. FERENCZ ACP PAST PRESIDENT (2002-03)

One of my favorite memories from my year as President of the ACP was the closing of the New Vision Campaign during the Annual Session. At the time, we were about \$1 million shy of our goal. At an evening event in Dallas, we were able to meet this goal with the help of many friends of the ACP Education Foundation. Everyone, from students and corporations to the Board and many members worked together to achieve the \$5 million target. What started as a bold and courageous plan, growing the ACPEF from \$18,000 to \$5 million had become a reality!

Not all of my ideas were so brilliant or successful. Together with the President of the AAP we hatched a secretive scheme to merge the specialty of prosthodontics with periodontology. Throughout the year we held a number of private meetings. My counterpart in perio began to fear for his life if the plan was leaked and, in the end, we decided it was premature and settled for creating opportunities for the two boards to collaborate.

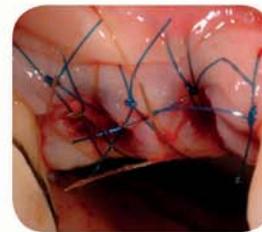
In retrospect, I think the real success of those years for the specialty was that three ACP Presidents, Tom McGarry, Dave Felton and myself decided to work together to achieve some major goals. We agreed on the long-range goals and decided that we didn't care about which administration got credit for the accomplishment. We crafted a true partnership that allowed us to focus on a few key goals: securing resources for the future via the ACPEF, creating a meaningful and realistic long-range plan and better communication. I think we were successful in attaining these goals because we truly didn't care on whose watch these projects came to fruition.

The challenge for the specialty today is the same as the challenge for the last 40 years: how to distinguish prosthodontics from general practice (restorative dentistry). It is great that prosthodontics is a small dental specialty, but we are all too often subsumed by the "restorative dentists." The College and our small specialty have modest resources and we have to spend them wisely and get the most impact for every dollar spent. Every ACP dollar has to be leveraged to accomplish our goals. One year as president is insufficient to accomplish very much; it takes three or more administrations to really move the specialty in any direction. Putting one's ego aside and working with other presidents is a challenge, but essential to the long-term success of the College of our specialty.

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ACP Board approves new public relations initiatives

BY SUSAN E. BRACKETT, D.D.S., M.S., F.A.C.P.
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Dr. Susan E. Brackett

The ACP Board of Directors recently approved a series of national public relations efforts with the goal of increasing visibility of the specialty. Working with ACP Affinity Program provider Healthcare Success Strategies, the ACP developed a package of radio and TV commercials to be broadcast through Sky Radio Network and CNN, which reaches American Airlines and U.S. Airways flights, and TV screens at 48 U.S. airports. This package has broad appeal and is a rare opportunity to utilize prestigious media on a national basis at an affordable rate. Planned spots include:

- Three 3-minute audio interviews about prosthodontics that will run for six months on American Airlines and U.S. Airways flights equipped with in-flight radio programming.
- Twenty 30-second commercials will run for six months on 2,000 screens at 48 U.S. airports.

About 4.7 million travelers per month are the possible audience for the in-flight radio programming. A realistic estimate of listeners tuning in when a prosthodontics interview plays is 1 percent. For the TV commercial spot, each reaches about 20,000 travelers.

While capturing video for the commercials, Healthcare Success Strategies will develop an ACP 40th Anniversary Video to commemorate the College's history. This 3-5 minute video can be used to promote prosthodontics during National Prosthodontics Awareness Week™ in 2011 by members across the country. While filming and editing the Anniversary video, footage will be captured to create three, 30-second commercial templates that ACP members can customize with Healthcare Success Strategies to be placed through advertising co-ops at the local, Section and Regional levels, at a discounted rate.

These projects will be implemented in the coming months. Stay tuned for updates in the *Wednesday Wake-up Call*™ e-newsletter, in future editions of the *Messenger* and on the ACP website at www.prosthodontics.org.

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Young Stars

Students and young prosthodontists featured in this column are among the best and the brightest in the specialty. Participants were asked to share their insights and intrigue about prosthodontics.

What is the best advice given to you during your prosthodontic residency?



Dr. Garin Liu
United States Naval
Postgraduate Dental School '11

The best advice that I have received during my prosthodontic residency is summed up in the phrase, "When ONE teaches, TWO learn." I have found that taking time to teach others at every opportunity has allowed me to consolidate and refine my practice philosophy and clinical skills. But encouraging classmates, technicians and even assistants to teach me (or at least vocalize) what they are doing and why helps to foster an environment where team learning takes place... because as hard as this residency gets, it helps if everyone is learning from our own mistakes and successes.

Garin Liu, D.D.S., L.C.D.R., D.C., U.S.N. is a student member of the ACP and is a third year prosthodontic resident at the Naval Postgraduate Dental School.

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passed 10,000 hours of practice – which equates to roughly 10 years. What we suspect is that for cognitively complex tasks the brain simply requires a minimum number of repetitions before mastery can be achieved. As a party trick I ask every professional I meet when they first felt comfortable in their work – and the answer is invariably 10 years in. It's quite remarkable.

LB: In considering our meeting theme – “Better: Improving Our Routine Practices” – do you think seasoned professionals can devote themselves to improving or is it something that needs to happen early-on in one’s career?

MG: No. There doesn't seem to be any age-specific window where this practice has to occur. It tends to happen early in life only because our educational institutions are set up to serve youth – and it's easiest for young people to be that single minded about something. (10,000 hours, after all, is a long time.) But given that most cognitively complex fields are in a state of constant flux, I would guess that the period of skill acquisition in many cases would have to be ongoing. Tennis today is a lot like tennis 10 years ago. But the same is not true of prosthodontics.

LB: In a *New Yorker* column several years ago you wrote that oral health care is not a luxury and explored the “moral hazard” myth. How have you seen this issue transform in the past few years and what issues do you see today with oral health care in the U.S.?

MG: If anything, this message is more important than ever. One of the defining characteristics of this country over the past 20 years has been a dramatically widening gap between rich and poor and a precipitous decline in social and economic mobility: believe it or not, America is now one of the hardest places in the West for person born poor to end up in the upper middle class. Given that, we need to be paying attention to as many different ways as possible of reopening those doors for the less advantaged. Affordability of higher education is clearly one crucial area. But so is oral health, since teeth in our society have been a crucial “class marker,” particularly in an economy that is increasingly driven by the service industries. I think all of those in the profession of dentistry need to take their broader social responsibilities more seriously – and to make the rest of society take those responsibilities more seriously.

Gladwell is a staff writer with *The New Yorker* magazine. He was named one of *Time Magazine's* 100 Most Influential People in 2005. He is the author of *The Tipping Point: How Little Things Make a Big Difference*, (2000); *Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking*, (2005); *Outliers: The Story of Success*, (2008); and *What the Dog Saw* (2009). Gladwell has written that oral health care is not a luxury, which ties into the ACP's mission to serve the public and increase care to patients in need.

Register now online to attend the 40th Annual Session in Orlando on Nov. 3-6 and learn how to do what you do everyday, only better. Attendees will have an opportunity to meet Gladwell after his keynote address at a book signing in the ACP Booth.



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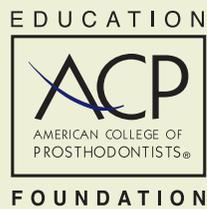
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The ACPEF Board of Directors is pleased to announce a new ACP/ACPEF Young Prosthodontist Innovator Award. The goal of the award is to advance understanding of prosthodontic-related biological and/or materials systems, human behavior, cost and care of delivery as well as economic modeling and Quality of Life investigations. The scope of research is any area of science that contributes to the understanding of prosthodontic tooth replacement therapies. A \$12,500 award is available for 2010. Applications are due Oct. 1.

New! Digital realities sessions in Orlando

Join the ACP and Spectrum Dialogue for two new exciting sessions focused on emerging dental technologies on Nov. 5-6 in Orlando. On Friday be sure to attend the Digital Realities for Dental Laboratories

Workshop offering the latest insights in digital planning, abutment design and manufacture, fabrication of copings, veneers and monolithic crowns as well as several other topics. Saturday's session, Digital Restorative Symposium - Beauty Through Technology, will focus on digital technologies and the ongoing enhancement of prosthodontic therapy. For more information on these two events or to register online visit the Annual Session Homepage at www.prosthodontics.org/AS. Space is limited so register early to secure your spot.

Procter & Gamble supports research through ACP Education Foundation

Thanks to an education grant from Procter & Gamble, the American College of Prosthodontists Education Foundation is awarding research fellowship grants up to \$6,000 for meritorious research proposals that seek to advance basic scientific and applied clinical knowledge in the area of prosthodontics.

With the support of this unrestricted educational grant from P&G, the ACPEF is able to recognize promising research conducted by dental scientists-in-training. The ACPEF deeply appreciates P&G's support of this program.

Visit the ACPEF homepage at www.acpef.org to learn more about future research programs including eligibility, guidelines and deadlines.

Register now for bone grafting course in San Diego

Register now for this cutting-edge course at an unbeatable price being offered through the ACP's Center for Prosthodontic Education.

The Bone Grafting for Implant Site Preparation is an advanced course that will feature scientific lectures and a hands-on workshop focusing on the most current techniques in bone grafting to improve long term clinical success with dental implants. A course of this nature typically costs several thousand dollars; however the ACP is pleased to offer a \$425 rate for members and a \$825 rate for non-members. For more information and to register visit the Meeting & Events page at www.prosthodontics.org.



Forum provides unified voice for the specialty

BY LEE M. JAMESON, D.D.S., M.S., F.A.C.P.
ACP FORUM DIRECTOR

This past year we have fulfilled the Prosthodontic Forum purpose "to provide a unified voice in the representation of the discipline of prosthodontics and provide a means of exchanging ideas, incentives and information between prosthodontically oriented organizations." Discussions have included denturism, prosthodontic competency issues concerning recent dental school graduates and development of an annual survey to use as a standardized annual report from each of the Forum organizations.

A motion was approved last fall to standardize the annual Forum Organization reports to provide a consistent and standardized database of information that would benefit all organizations. Drs. Stephen Campbell and Lawrence Brecht submitted initial questions for this annual survey. Topics included in the survey are: membership issues, corporate support trends, annual meeting attendance trends, annual meeting dates, annual AV costs and dates for officer elections. The results will be shared at this fall's meeting in Orlando, Florida.

Another topic that has occupied the Forum agenda for several years is the issue of prosthodontic competency of recent dental school graduates. This past year a letter to the Council of Deans was composed to address this issue. The letter was carefully written to present feedback to the leadership in dental education in order to establish dialogue in the interest of problem solving and request the opportunity to meet with the Deans. Unfortunately, this goal was not achieved. This topic will again appear on the agenda this fall with the goal of developing a different approach/strategy.

The Forum continues to increase in size. Other organizations interested in joining the Forum have been brought to our attention. The ACP Bylaws provides a protocol for potential organizations to formally apply for Forum membership, requires approval by the ACP Board of Directors and organization dues payment.

I encourage ACP members to submit potential Forum agenda items (e.g. issues involving patient care, dental education, research, dental laboratory technology and clinical practice) to me by e-mail at dej3@comcast.net.

NGS hosts continuing education course at NYUCD

In early May the Northeastern Gnathological Society held an all day continuing education course on CADIAX at New York University College of Dentistry. This course was the vision NGS and NYUCD faculty member and ACP Fellow Dr. Harold Litvak. It was hands-on instructional day with CADIAX developer Christian Slavicek visiting from Austria, along with NGS Faculty members, including Drs. Kenneth Malament, Burney

Croll, Len Kobren, Steve Hudis and guest speaker Dr. Kiho Kang. Each attendee learned about and had an opportunity to make a CADIAX Compact 2 recording. Clinical applications of the recorded information and troubleshooting scenarios were also discussed. Applications included articulator settings and diagnostic information related to condylar disc function and the centric relation treatment position.



Dr. Kenneth Malament (upper right) demonstrating use of the CADIAX Compact 2.

Mandibular movements being demonstrated by Dr. Kiho Kang.

Cadiax developer Christian Slavicek (left) describing aspects of pantographic recording.

Forum organizations announce new mentorship initiative

The Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics and the Northeastern Gnathological Society launched a new extracurricular Mentorship/Networking program offered exclusively to students/residents in their final year of postgraduate prosthodontic education programs and to recent PG program graduates. The goal is to help young doctors with the difficult transition from the academic world into private practice. To learn more about this opportunity visit the Prosthodontic Forum News section of the ACP website at www.prosthodontics.org.

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER 2010

American Dental Association
Annual Session
Orlando, FL
Oct. 9-12, 2010
www.ada.org

American Academy of Implant
Dentistry 59th Annual Meeting
Boston, MA
Oct. 20-23, 2010
www.aaid.com

American Academy of Maxillofacial
Prosthetics
58th Annual Session
Orlando, FL
Oct. 30- Nov. 2, 2010
www.maxillofacialprosth.org

American College of Prosthodontists
40th Annual Session
Orlando, FL
Nov. 3-6, 2010
www.prosthodontics.org

NOVEMBER 2010

Bone Graft for Implant Site
Development – A Cadaver Workshop
ACP Continuing Education Course
Orlando, FL
Nov. 6, 2010
www.prosthodontics.org

DECEMBER 2010

Greater New York Academy of
Prosthodontics Winter Scientific
Session
New York, NY
Dec. 3-4, 2010
www.gnyap.org

JANUARY 2011

National Association of Dental
Laboratories Vision 21 Meeting
Las Vegas, NV
Jan. 20-22, 2011
www.nadl.org

FEBRUARY 2011

American Equilibration Society 2011
Scientific Session
Chicago, IL
Feb. 23-24, 2011
www.aes-tmj.org

The American Prosthodontic
Society 83rd Annual Meeting
Chicago, IL
Feb. 24-25, 2011
www.prosthodontics.org

American Academy of Fixed
Prosthodontics Annual Scientific
Session
Chicago, IL
Feb. 25-26, 2011
www.fixedprosthodontics.org

MARCH 2011

Academy of Osseointegration
Annual Meeting
Washington, DC
March 3-5, 2011
www.osseo.org

APRIL 2011

Southeastern Academy of
Prosthodontics Annual Meeting
Memphis, Tennessee
April 14-17, 2011
www.seaop.com

MAY 2011

The Academy of Prosthodontics
Annual Meeting
Hilton Head Island, SC
May 4-8, 2011
www.academyofprosthodontics.org

American Academy of Cosmetic
Dentistry
27th Annual Scientific Session
Boston, MA
May 18-21, 2011
www.aacd.com

RESEARCH LUMINARY



Dr. Takahiro Ogawa, D.D.S., Ph.D.

Biosketch:

ACP Member Dr. Takahiro Ogawa is widely recognized as a pioneer in photoenergy- and photocatalysis-mediated functionalization of oxide metals. Dr. Ogawa received D.D.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Kyushu University, Japan and completed maxillofacial prosthetics residency program at UCLA. Dr. Ogawa is currently an Associate Professor in the Division of Advanced Prosthodontics at UCLA School of Dentistry and directs Laboratory of Bone and Implant Sciences (LBIS) at UCLA Weintraub Center for Reconstructive Biotechnology. Dr. Ogawa has published more than 100 papers in peer

reviewed journals and earned a total impact factor of approximately 300. He also is a recipient of IADR/AADR William J. Gies Award for his nanotechnology work honored as the best paper in 2008 Journal of Dental Research. Students and postdoctoral researchers in his team received more than 20 scientific awards in the last five years. Dr. Ogawa is a founder and President of Academy of Advanced Applied Sciences in Oral Medicine. He also serves as President of IADR Prosthodontics.

His recent discoveries of photofunctionalization of titanium have led to a new level of peri-implant osteogenesis (defined as “super osseointegration”)

Current research work:

Dr. Takahiro Ogawa has been dedicated to a wide range of research in biomaterial science and bone biology, including the molecular and genetic characterization at bone-titanium interface, titanium implant surface science and technology, nano-designing of biomaterials, detoxification and activation of oxidant-generating materials, and an exploration of osteogenic enhancing molecules. Particularly, his recent discoveries of photofunctionalization of titanium have led to a new level of peri-implant osteogenesis (defined as “super osseointegration”) as well as the biological aging of titanium are expected to have tremendous scientific and therapeutic impacts on near future implant treatment in dental and orthopedic fields.

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MEMBER NEWS

Loma Linda collaborates with North Korean dentists

During an unprecedented two-week visit this spring, a team from Loma Linda University School of Dentistry treated patients in the Pyongyang Medical University Hospital in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), also known as North Korea. ACP member Dr. W. Patrick Naylor, associate dean for advanced education at Loma Linda, and his team performed numerous patient demonstrations and lectured extensively to the dental students, faculty and staff.

Earlier this year, Loma Linda School of Dentistry and Dean Dr. Charles J. Goodacre, ACP immediate past president, hosted a delegation from North Korea in partnership with Samaritan's Purse, a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization that provides spiritual and physical aid worldwide. The visitors from North Korea journeyed to California to see how dental education is provided in the U.S. and assess current dental technology.

Prior to departing for the spring trip, Dr. Naylor and the Loma Linda team contacted dental manufacturers and suppliers to solicit equipment and materials for the trip. Donated items filled three footlockers, two large boxes, four suitcases and a duffle bag. They collected everything from cotton rolls to a programmable porcelain furnace and two complete metal-ceramic porcelain kits.

Dr. Naylor set up a programmable porcelain furnace donated by Ivoclar Vivadent, and conducted a basic course in metal-ceramic technology for two dentists. Ivoclar and DENTSPLY Prosthetics provided the laboratory equipment and materials. Other manufacturers who donated items included: AllPro, Bisco, Inc., Harry Bosworth, Coe/GC America, GC America, Procter & Gamble and the Whip Mix Corporation.

For more information about Samaritan's Purse visit www.samaritanspurse.org. Individuals wishing to make a tax deductible contribution or donate equipment and supplies may send gifts to the DPRK Dental Mission, Office of the Dean, Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, 11092 Anderson Street, Loma Linda, CA 92350.

– Submitted by Dr. W. Patrick Naylor, D.D.S., M.P.H., M.S.



(Left:) Dr. Goodacre explains to Mr. Ri Yong Phil, government representative and interpreter, how the dental simulation units function. Looking on are Dr. Sean Lee, assistant professor of restorative dentistry at Loma Linda (left) and Dr. Won Hae Nam, chief of the dental department at the Pyongyang Medical University Hospital in Pyongyang, DPRK. Partially shown is Dr. Ryu Hwan Su, deputy president of the Pyongyang Medical University Hospital.



During the two-week visit Dr. Naylor taught two DPRK dentists how to operate the Ivoclar porcelain furnace and fabricate metal-ceramic restorations.



Dr. Naylor (front row, second from left), Dr. Thomsen, Dr. Martin del Campo and Mr. Edward Morrow (third row, far right) with their DPRK hosts at Pyongyang Medical University Hospital.

ACP Fellow retires as Meharry Dean



Dr. William B. Butler

ACP Fellow William B. Butler, D.D.S., M.S., F.A.C.P. recently retired as Dean of the Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry. Butler served in this position for the past 10 years and will continue to serve at Meharry as Professor Emeritus in the Department of Restorative Dentistry and Senior Advisor to President Riley.

"It is with mixed feelings that I announce my decision to retire," Butler said. "As I look back over my career, I realize how truly blessed I have been. It has been an honor and a privilege working at Meharry on the mission of meeting the health care needs of the underserved and living up to our motto, 'Worship of God Through Service to Mankind.'"

"It is with mixed feelings that I announce my decision to retire," Butler said. "As I look back over my career, I realize how truly blessed I have been."

Butler has been with Meharry for 33 years. During this time, he has served as Chair of the Department of Prosthodontics for 16 years and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for one year before his appointment as dean. Notable accomplishments under Butler's time as dean include upgrades to the dental equipment in all dental schools, implementation of the first White Coat Ceremony for junior dental students at Meharry and establishment of a dental implantology program and electronic dental records.

One of the greatest accomplishments under Butler's leadership was successfully completing a rigorous accreditation site visit conducted by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) that resulted in a "sterling" review for the School of Dentistry.

Pennsylvania Section convenes for 30th Annual Session

The Pennsylvania Section met this summer at the historic Omni Bedford Springs Resort in Bedford, Pennsylvania for its 30th Annual Session. Lectures by featured speakers described College news and how technology is changing our profession. Speakers included ACP President-Elect Jonathan Wiens D.M.D., M.S.D., F.A.C.P.; Stephen Rosenstiel, B.D.S., M.S.D., professor of restorative and prosthetic dentistry at The Ohio State University College of Dentistry; Carl Driscoll, D.M.D., F.A.C.P. director of the prosthodontic residency program at the University of Maryland; and Robert Engelmeier, D.M.D., M.S., F.A.C.P. chair of the Department of Prosthodontics at the University of Pittsburgh. The meeting included prosthodontists and general dentists from several states including Ohio, Pennsylvania and Maryland as well as prosthodontic residents from the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine. The focus of the Pennsylvania Section has always been to educate dental practitioners on emerging changes of the specialty. Appreciation is extended to the Annual Session sponsors: Nobel Biocare, GC America, Benco, University of Pittsburgh Graduate Prosthodontic Department and the Executive Chief and staff of the Omni Bedford Springs Resort for their financial and material support throughout the year.

– Submitted by Dr. John J. Ference, D.M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.P.

Members' pro bono work changes the lives of their patients



Dr. Clark White

ACP members worldwide contribute their time and services to patients in need. A 2008 ACP Survey of Pro Bono Services by Practicing Prosthodontists

revealed that on average prosthodontists donate about \$25,000 in free services annually. In the past several years the ACP has partnered with the FAIR Foundation to match members willing to donate free services to patients waiting for transplant surgeries. The FAIR Foundation, a non-profit organization with the goal of fair and equitable distribution of research funds by government for all diseases, recently needed assistance locating a prosthodontist in the northern Ohio area.

ACP member Clark White, D.D.S. in private practice in the greater Cleveland area, reached out to help. Dr. White contributed resources to help a patient who needed a mandibular removable partial denture. His work was a team effort including his hygienist, oral surgeon colleague and laboratory services.

"I hope that all of us have an opportunity like this to really see what our 'help' means to a patient," said Dr. White. "It is certainly satisfying to finish a nice anterior case but even more rewarding to do something that enables a transplant patient a chance to 'live' as he can now."

Among other ACP members who have worked with the College to offer care to FAIR Foundation patients, David Guichet, D.D.S., a Fellow of the College and a private practitioner in Orange, California, helped a patient gain confidence with a new smile. Colleen Mawas was on a waiting list for an organ transplant and never smiled much because of several missing teeth and the poor appearance of the remaining teeth that had begun to cause problems. Dr. Guichet and his team stepped in to help Colleen restore her beautiful smile. Mawas believes Dr. Guichet changed her life dramatically and now has a whole new outlook on life – and even a new husband.

ACP members willing to donate time and services through the Fair Foundation may contact ACP Public Relations and Communications Director Dr. Susan E. (Betsy) Brackett by e-mail at brackett@implantassociates.net. Visit the FAIR Foundation online to learn more at www.fairfoundation.org.

Welcome New Members

Welcome New Members (Approved by the Board of Directors during the July and August conference calls.)

Members

Dr. Mike S. Choi
Dr. Takahiro Ogawa

Student Members

Dr. Esam Abou Nahlah
Dr. Azadeh Afshari
Dr. Ayman Ahmed
Dr. Somkiat Aimplee
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Dr. Abdallah Awada
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Ms. Joy Steen
Ms. Laura White

Membership Status Changes

Member to Retired Life Member

Dr. Curtis Becker
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Dr. Brant Bradford
Dr. Joseph Cooney
Dr. Peter Manickas

Reinstated Members

Dr. Andres Carburaru
Dr. Bo Y. Chun
Dr. Alan M. Klein
Dr. Marjan Moghadam
Dr. Ales Obrez
Dr. Hassan S. Osseiran
Dr. Gary L. Plymale
Dr. Shweta A. Shah

Reinstated Fellow

Dr. Hai Zhang

Reinstated International Members

Dr. Mohammed Asiry
Dr. Adriana Ramirez

Reinstated International Fellow

Dr. Pimrumpai Rochanakit

In Memoriam

The College and Board of Directors remember the following colleagues who are deceased:

Dr. Carl "Jerry" Andres, D.D.S., M.S.D., F.A.C.P.

Dr. Douglas Atwood, M.D., D.M.D.

Dr. John Piro

In Memoriam Dr. Carl "Jerry" Andres



ACP member Dr. Carl "Jerry" Andres, D.D.S., M.S.D., F.A.C.P. passed away on June 16, 2010. Most recently Dr. Andres was Professor Emeritus at Indiana University School of Dentistry and before that the Director of the Graduate Prosthodontics Program for over 20 years.

Dr. Andres was born in 1942, in Starlight, IN. He then went on to graduate from the Indiana School of Dentistry in 1966 and signed up for a tour of duty in the U.S. Air Force where he served 20 years in the Air Force and retired as a Colonel. While in the Air Force, Dr. Anders completed his M.S.D. in Dentistry at Indiana University in Indianapolis and a Maxillofacial Prosthetics Fellowship at the MD Anderson Medical Center in Houston, Texas. He then went on to have a second 20-year career as a tenured professor in the Indiana University School of Dentistry, where he served as the Director of the Graduate Prosthodontics and Maxillofacial Prosthetics program. Dr. Andres also spent a great deal of time serving others such as volunteer trips to perform dental services on Native American reservations and time at the Gennesaret Free Dental Clinic. He served as a Cub Master, Scout Master, District Commissioner, and District Vice-Commissioner in the Boy Scouts of America.

In Memoriam Dr. Douglas Atwood



Douglas Allen Atwood, M.D., D.M.D. died on Tuesday, June 29, 2010. Dr. Atwood had led an accomplished career as a practicing dentist and as a professor and researcher of dentistry and prosthodontics. Douglas was born in Boston in 1922. He graduated from Amherst College in 1943, began a joint degree program with the Harvard Medical School and Dental School, and was simultaneously commissioned a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He earned his M.D. in 1946 and spent two years as a surgeon in the U.S. Army Medical Corp., earning the rank of Captain. During and after his service in the Army he pursued his dream of dentistry, receiving his D.M.D. cum laude from Harvard in 1951 and joining his father in the practice of dentistry in Back Bay, Boston. Throughout most of his career, Dr. Atwood taught and conducted research part-time at Harvard School of Dental Medicine (HSDM). After 21 years of practice he worked full-time at HSDM, where he chaired the Department of Prosthetic Dentistry, directed the teaching and faculty clinics, and continued his research and teaching of post-doctoral students. Dr. Atwood's research on residual ridge resorption was groundbreaking in the field of prosthodontics.



NANCY DEAL CHANDLER,
M.A., R.H.I.A., C.A.E.

Executive Director's Corner

ACP members and stakeholders help to shape the future of the College

The ACP's Board of Directors has engaged an external consulting firm to conduct a strategic communications audit of our organization. These consulting experts will examine all of our communications, formal and informal, to all audiences, and address how to generate greater visibility and competitive advantage for prosthodontists and the College.

The goals of this independent analysis of the ACP's communications practices are to:

- Become more strategic in our communications;
- Ensure that we employ the right channels and structure for today's environment;
- Identify disconnects in messages and barriers to success;
- Ensure a clear, consistent, and compelling communications strategy that is aligned with our overall corporate strategy and reflected in our member benefits and services;
- Ensure that the value of the ACP brand is positioned and leveraged appropriately; and
- Better influence the perceptions of key audiences.

The audit will include a review and analysis of all formal and informal communications, including our website, social media sites and media coverage. An essential component of the audit is a series of in-person, confidential interviews with those

representing the spectrum of ACP stakeholders, including volunteer leaders, new, mid-career and senior members, academics, visionaries and contrarians, non-members, and strategic partners, such as the CODA and the Dental Specialty Groups.

The Board of Directors will review the audit report and recommendations as its Mega Issue agenda item at its Nov. meeting in Orlando. The audit report and the Board Mega Issue discussion should provide insights about how to best position the ACP, its optimal communications mix, and the culture, structure, practices and protocols to support a robust ACP communications function. The report will also include a GAP analysis that identifies disconnects between performance and perceptions and present a detailed Strategic Communications Plan and implementation roadmap.

Your Board of Directors is eager to engage in a lively discussion about the communications audit and to lead the College in adapting and transforming to the future as it unfolds. The central theme of this Board initiative is how we can improve the value of your membership in College and increase the visibility of the specialty with the public. The Board leadership will be making a full report back to you early next year.

Deal Chandler may be reached by e-mail at dchandler@prosthodontics.org.

Prosthodontic Champion Dr. Larry Over



Dr. Larry Over

Recently, ACP Fellow Dr. Larry Over, D.M.D., M.S.D., F.A.C.P. was featured in an August issue of *People Magazine* for his work on Chrissy Steltz, the victim of a shotgun accident. Dr. Over recounts his experience with Chrissy Steltz and her mid-facial reconstruction as well what inspires his work as a maxillofacial prosthodontist.

My involvement with Chrissy goes back 10 years when she was first referred to me for the fabrication of a facial prosthesis at that time. Unfortunately, Chrissy was not emotionally ready to proceed with the mid-facial reconstruction. She returned to me three years ago, referred back by Dr. Jason Potter a plastic and oral maxillofacial surgeon and Dr. Erik Dierks.

Dr. Dierks is a dual trained head and neck and oral and maxillofacial surgeon who I have worked with on complex patient treatments for eighteen years. We collaborated on Chrissy and agreed on the surgical revision on Chrissy's mid-face prior to the fabrication of an implant supported and retained facial prosthesis. We also discussed our desires to have the prosthesis supported and retained by extraoral implants if possible.

Chrissy agreed with the revised treatment plan

and Dr. Dierks performed preliminary surgery to open up her nasal passages by removal of a portion of the fibula grafted bone in this area to allow normal air flow. He also performed a right orbital exenteration and revised the mid-face area to allow adaptation of the eventual prosthesis for her.

A second surgery was completed in January 2010 and appeared on 20/20. Eight intraoral implants were placed in her mid-facial area on both right and left sides with the direction of a surgical stent

What inspires my work as a prosthodontist is the training I received from my two mentors Drs. Charles J. Goodacre and Carl "Jerry" Andres. They taught me to be the best maxillofacial prosthodontist I can be. I am also inspired working on patients to continue the excellence instilled by my two mentors.

designed and fabricated by myself. An intraoral implant was also placed to replace missing tooth 8. One additional intraoral implant is planned for tooth 7.

The maxillofacial prosthetic reconstruction took place in July 2010. Seven of the eight implants were integrated and had magnetic keeper abutments placed. David Trainer, my close friend and a

maxillofacial prosthodontist, collaborated with me on the facial prosthesis. Chrissy wore the facial prosthesis home for the first time on July 8, ending years of facial disfigurement and the wearing of a sleep mask. She has adapted very well to the prosthesis and is comfortably wearing it every day. All treatment and collaboration on Chrissy Steltz was entirely donated by the specialists and staff that worked on the case.

Chrissy exemplifies what is possible by having the belief and attitude that previous bad experiences do not dictate the remainder of a person's life. She is a shining example of the power of belief in one's self, even in the darkest and most hopeless time, that her life would one day improve. I was honored to treat her and be a part of her care along with Dr. Dierks and David Trainer.

What inspires my work as a prosthodontist is the training I received from my two mentors Drs. Charles J. Goodacre and Carl "Jerry" Andres. They taught me to be the best maxillofacial prosthodontist I can be. I am also inspired working on patients to continue the excellence instilled by my two mentors.

Dr. Larry Over is a maxillofacial prosthodontist in private practice in Eugene, Oregon. Dr. Over is also an adjunct professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry at the Oregon Health and Science University School of Dentistry. He is a Fellow of the ACP and lectures both locally and nationally on prosthodontics and maxillofacial prosthetics.

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Minnesota (Minneapolis) – Fee for service group specialty practice offering full or part time practice association with long established group practice (prosthodontics). Located in downtown Minneapolis. Office has fully equipped laboratory and six operatories. Full service of fixed, removable and implant prosthodontics offered. Three prosthodontists in group to encourage, consult with and aid transitions to group private practice. Compensation negotiated. Contact: Dr. T. A. Peterson (612) 338-8638

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Anyone with interest in this opportunity is invited to apply by contacting: Lisa Koenig at 212-750-0050.

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Texas (Houston) – The University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston, invites applicants for a full-time tenure track or clinical educator track faculty position in the Department of Prosthodontics. The appointment is expected to be at the Assistant or Associate Professor level. The position is available September 1, 2010. Academic rank and salary are commensurate with qualifications and experience. Responsibilities include lectures, pre-clinical and clinical instruction to undergraduate and graduate dental students, research and service to the university. The applicant must have a dental degree recognized by the Commission on Dental Education of the American Dental Association. Previous teaching and/or private practice experience and advanced training in Prosthodontics is required. The Dental Branch is located in the heart of the Texas Medical Center which offers significant resources and important opportunities for collaboration and advanced training. The Dental Branch is one of six schools in the most comprehensive health science center in Texas. UT Health is an equal opportunity employer and a non-smoking environment. Women, minorities, disabled, and veterans are encouraged to apply. This is a security sensitive position and thereby subject to Texas Education Code # 51.215. A background check will be required for the final candidates. Please submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae and list of three references to: Dr. Gene Stevenson, The University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston, 6516 M D Anderson Blvd, Suite 422, Houston TX 77030. Email: Gene.C.Stevenson@uth.tmc.edu

SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

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Best intentions and the importance of board certification

New graduates often ask, “Why should I take the Boards?” The American Board of Prosthodontics (ABP/Board) certification should be viewed as the final validation in the educational progression of your residency program. The board examination is an external reaffirmation of what the program director hoped was taught and what the candidate hoped was learned.

The New York Times recently reported on a study published in Health Affairs, by Norcini et al, evaluating the quality of care provided by graduates of international medical schools. An interesting finding was that the lessening of patient mortality rates correlated directly with being “board certified” rather than where the individual trained.

Current advances in the board exam have resulted in greater interest in pursuing board certification. Changes include local availability of the written exam, biannual dates for the clinical oral exam including one following Annual Session and the addition of the scenario option. In the last five years there has been a 200 percent increase in the number of ABP examinations and last year more than 50 new diplomates were recognized at the ACP’s Annual Session Awards & President’s Dinner. However, only one of three “educationally trained” prosthodontists is board certified compared to our oral and maxillofacial surgical colleagues’ numbers 9 of 10. As Atul Gawande, M.D. would say, we can do “better” in closing the gap between best intentions and best performances.

Aside from the obvious desire for self-gratification and peer acknowledgement one of the emerging reasons to become board certified is patient awareness. Ten years ago it was only occasionally that the ABP would receive a patient inquiry asking if a practitioner was board certified. These requests now occur daily. The public is more aware and has better access to information. Diplomate status is the “gold standard” for professional competency within medicine and dentistry and is recognized by the general public when they seek out “board certified” specialists for their care.

Planning for success ...

The board process has evolved resulting in an examination that can be completed in less time, but with equal credibility. The first step in the process is to become “board eligible,” which requires applying to the ABP Executive Director and verification of your educational achievement. Candidates should have an in-depth understanding of diagnostic methods, treatment planning options with rationale, best practices in the delivery of treatment and outcome assessments or prognoses.

Examination parameters are outlined by the ABP in its “Guidelines for the Certification Process” along with other pertinent information that is available at www.prosthodontics.org/abp. This guide is periodically updated and may be used as an aid in self-evaluation. Conferring with another ABP Diplomate is often beneficial to address concerns or provide direction to further solidify your educational process.

Attending the Board Preparation Course during the Annual Session is encouraged. This year recent changes in the examination process, key topics and the various examination options will be presented. Candid interviews with new Diplomates are also always insightful. Recent Diplomates have noted that the examination process is more fair and candidate friendly than ever.

For those who hesitate ...

Some individuals who do not take the examination look upon it as a senseless step in their professional career rather than a final accomplishment that validates their education. Some board eligible individuals who start the process and either stop after completing one section simply because they became busy with their practice or because they could not find the appropriate patient or perhaps they were unsuccessful with their first attempts. The ABP always encourages those individuals who are willing to begin or to re-engage the process.

A guiding passage appears in a book called *Lessons in Service*, by Charlie Trotter and Edmund Lawler. Trotter responds to the statement that he is a perfectionist: “... let’s just say that I’m an ‘excellence’ because perfection is an unattainable goal. Perfection isn’t that interesting. With perfection there’s no tolerance for failure, and there are enormous benefits to failure because of the valuable lessons that they impart.” As past examiner Dr. William Pruden said, “The only time you fail is the last time you try!” The ABP is all about being excellent; that excellence encompasses consistency, quality, knowledge, desire, commitment and lastly, a willingness to demonstrate our failures to others.

Both the ABP and ACP need Diplomates and Fellows to maintain the standards of the profession and give prosthodontics political strength in interfacing with organized dentistry, medicine and third-party payers. Having many Diplomates active in education, the federal services, hospitals and private practice promotes all of us, not just the individual. ABP Diplomate status is the highest level of achievement in prosthodontics that one can attain and is worthy of the effort that it takes in our personal commitment to the specialty ... and to yourself.

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