

Timeline of Historical Highlights in Organized Prosthodontics and the American College of Prosthodontists

- 1918** **The National Society of Denture Prosthetists (NSDP)** was formed when a few distinguished dentists interested in the field of prosthetic dentistry sought to learn the extent and differences in the techniques and concepts used in different parts of the country. This group's goal was to correlate, develop and enlarge the anatomic, physiologic and technical facets of prosthetics.
- 1940** NSDP was renamed to **Academy of Denture Prosthetics (ADP)** and the words study, investigate, promote and disseminate became fundamental concepts to the group's mission statement.
- 1947** As the discipline evolved, the need to establish Prosthodontics as a specialty of dentistry and to establish the individual's level of prosthodontic knowledge became apparent. The **American Board of Prosthodontics (ABP)**, sponsored by the ADP, was incorporated as the official governing body responsible for setting the standards and criteria for being recognized as a board certified prosthodontist. The ABP develops and administers the certification examination in prosthodontics to identify those individuals who have the knowledge, skills and attributes deemed important to the advancement of the specialty.
- 1969-70** A small group of federal service/military prosthodontists joined together to form **The American College of Prosthodontists (ACP)** to better represent the needs of individuals with special training/education in prosthodontics. The ACP is the only prosthodontic organization where membership is based on educational criteria.
- 1970** **Incorporation of ACP as the ADA recognized organization for the specialty of prosthodontics** and establishment of a means for stimulating interest in the specialty among young dentists. Further goals would be to represent prosthodontists and prosthodontics, encourage and assist junior members to prepare for board certification; improve and standardized training programs, hold annual meetings and promote interest in prosthodontics so that that public would be aware of and receive high quality prosthodontic care.
- 1972** The **Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations (FPO)** sponsors the ABP.
- 1985** The **ACP Education Foundation** was formed. In response to the demand for education and research the foundation was developed to provide the resources required to support the vision of the College and the needs of the specialty. The ACPEF is a nonprofit 501 (c)3 organization governed by an independent Board of Directors with representatives from the College, leading academic institutions and the corporate community all working together for the overall advancement of the specialty.

- 1990** ADP was renamed to **Academy of Prosthodontics** to better represent the broad range of treatment provided by prosthodontists.
- 1994** As the ADA-recognized organization for the specialty of prosthodontics, the **ACP is the new sponsor of ABP** upon dissolution of the FPO.
- 1994** The **Prosthodontic Forum** is formed. Sponsored by the ACP, the Forum is a group of member organizations with a special interest in the discipline of prosthodontics whose mission is to provide a vehicle for exchanging information and concerns with other prosthodontic organizations to improve patient care and raise concerns of the specialty and discipline regarding dental education, research, dental laboratory technology and clinical practice.
- 1994** The **ACP headquarters is relocated from San Antonio to Chicago**. The ACP Central Office is located in the American Dental Association headquarters building at 211 E. Chicago Ave. in Suite 1000, on the 10th Floor.
- 2000** The ACP **Dental Technician Alliance** was formed. To foster a team-building mechanism between technicians and their prosthodontic partners, the ACP developed the Dental Technician Alliance. The ACP recognizes the significant role that the dental technician plays in the day-to-day operations of a prosthodontic practice, and offers an array of valuable benefits and professional services including providing an opportunity to develop productive relationships and increasing communications with other professionals.
- 2001** The **ACP Center for Prosthodontic Education** was formed. With a goal of providing superior prosthodontic continuing education for dental professionals including general dentists, prosthodontists, dental technicians, dental hygienists and dental assistants, the CPE focuses on developing high quality seminars and hands-on training courses.
- 2005** The **ACP celebrates 35 years** of advancing the specialty of prosthodontics throughout an anniversary year.
- 2006** The ACP and ACPEF sponsor ***Reframing the Future of Prosthodontics: An Invitational Leadership Summit***. The first of three meetings to review critical issues facing prosthodontics and the future of prosthodontic education. Strategies for collaboration with dental industry corporate sponsors and Prosthodontic Forum Organizations to help reshape the future of the specialty are planned for the year ahead.