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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Rajaram Gopalakrishnan, BDS, PhD

Dear AAOMP Fellows and Members, I hope it's been a good start to the New Year for all of you so far!

It has been my pleasure to serve as president of AAOMP this past year, and as my term is coming to an end, I wanted to provide an update of all the recent activities that have occurred since the last newsletter.

We have officially begun a new era for the AAOMP website. There were some minor growing pains, but the move to the new platform was mostly seamless and I'm hopeful the website will now be easier to navigate. The website remains a work in progress, with members of our Professional & Public Relations Committee, Dr. Kathleen Higgins (chair), Dr. Ashleigh Briody and Dr. Rachelle Wolk,

working towards the ultimate goal of a user-friendly and informative website experience. In addition, the Committee has also revived the AAOMP Facebook page and created a new Instagram account to give AAOMP a prominent social media presence, a key ingredient for the continued success of our specialty. My sincere thanks to the Committee for all their hard work, which will benefit all of us in the future.

A top priority for me as president was to form the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee. This ad hoc committee, chaired by Dr. Victoria Woo, is now complete and has already met several times. I would like to thank Dr. Woo and the DEI Committee members for the time and effort. In the next few months,

you will be hearing more about the committee and its various activities.

Another crucial task in the upcoming year is strategic planning for AAOMP. Dr. Paul Edwards and Dr. Ellen Eisenberg have identified and outlined key initiatives for the Strategic Planning Committee, which will be recruiting AAOMP members to participate in prioritizing and developing an action plan for the organization. I would encourage those with strategic planning experience to reach out to Dr. Edwards or myself as we begin to staff this committee.

On January 31st, I had the opportunity to attend one of many Organized Dentistry Coalition (ODC) meetings. ODC is a coalition of dentist-only organizations striving to be a single lobbying voice for all dental providers. Many governance matters were discussed, but I was particularly interested in the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) call for a unified coalition on legislating teledentistry. While the implications of teledentistry for oral and maxillofacial pathology are uncertain at this time, I feel strongly that this is a topic deserving more attention and in-depth discussion as remote patient care becomes more prevalent in our field.

At the 2024 meeting in Orlando, the microscope portion of the Fellowship exam will be administered virtually for the first time. This is a welcome change for those taking the Fellowship exam as they won't need to tote their own microscopes

to the meeting. All members of the Fellowship Committee deserve a round of applause for implementing this process.

Once again, the Education Committee, chaired by Dr. Elizabeth Bilodeau, has put together a wonderful program for the upcoming annual meeting in Orlando. Program details and information about speakers are available on the conference website and in this newsletter. I encourage all of you to participate in the pre-conference CE program. Microscope slides for the cases that will be discussed by the speakers can be found on the conference website. Participation in the pre-conference program offers not only additional CE credit but also the sort of interactive experience I know everyone thoroughly enjoys. As always, I expect the meeting to have vibrant oral sessions and poster presentations, as well as a terrific slate of CPC cases.

I want to recognize and thank members of the AAOMP Executive Council and the Leadership team for their support and advice over the past several months. Thanks are also due to our staff, Ms. Kim Gilsrud, Ms. Megan Thorstad, and Ms. Katie Benson, for their help throughout the past year and their dedication to the work at hand.

I wish everyone a happy and healthy rest of 2024 and I hope to see you all in Orlando in April.

Best regards,
Raj Gopalakrishnan BDS, PhD
President, AAOMP



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MEET MEGAN – AAOMP'S MEMBER SERVICES MANAGER

Greetings Members of the AAOMP! My name is Megan Thorstad and I am honored to be AAOMP's Member Services Manager. I have two years of association management experience with a focus on board and committee support, budgeting, database management, administration and member services expertise. I have a passion for using design and marketing strategy to grow brand awareness and membership. I enjoy creating marketing materials for print, digital and social media and find value in tracking data to maximize engagement. I have previously worked as a writer, editor, photographer (digital and, yes, even developing film in a dark room), social media strategist and graphic designer.

Prior to joining the Harrington Company, I worked for a local municipality in the northern Twin Cities suburbs as its Communications and Events Coordinator. I began my career as a reporter for the Sun

Newspapers where I earned awards for "Rookie of the Year" and "Best Local News Story" from the Minnesota Newspaper Association. I obtained my Bachelor's Degree in Journalism from the University of Minnesota Duluth in 2013.

I'm a Minnesota native and millennial that grew up loving the Backstreet Boys and camping in a tent in the backyard with my younger sister. I was the captain of my high school swim team my senior year in 2008 (Go Rebels!) and made all conference choir my junior and senior years. In my free time I enjoy singing, playing in the garden and spending time with my husband of eight years, Kyle, and my daughter, Everley (3). We are blessed to be welcoming our second daughter in July 2024.

I'm looking forward to meeting you in April at AAOMP's Annual Meeting. Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions. I can be reached at info@aaomp.org.

SCHEDULE

Please check our website aaomp.org for updates.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Fellowship Examination
12:00 PM - 1:00PM	Fellowship Committee/ Examinee Luncheon
12:00 PM - 5:00PM	Executive Council Meeting

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Registration
7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	CE#1: Management of Premalignant Lesions (Pre-registration Required) <i>Dr. Catherine Poh</i>
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Spouse/Guest Welcome Breakfast
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CE#2: Digital Pathology <i>Dr. Anil Parwani</i>
10:00 AM - 10:15 AM	BREAK
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Past Presidents' Luncheon
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	LUNCH on own
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	CE#3: Newly Defined and Recently Refined Head and Neck Tumors: A Legacy Sequel (Soft Reboot) <i>Dr. Justin Bishop</i>
2:15 PM - 2:30 PM	BREAK
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	ADEA Meeting
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Program Directors Meeting
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Education Committee Meeting
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Welcome Reception
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Harvard Reception (Tentative)
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Indiana Reception (Tentative)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Emory Reception (Tentative)
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	New York Presbyterian Queens Alumni Reception (Tentative)

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

6:00 AM - 7:00 AM	RUN-O-PATH 5k Run/1k Walk for Charity (coordinated by Dr. Marco Magalhaes)
7:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Registration
8:00 AM - 9:15 AM	CE#5: Clinically Significant Updates in Nomenclature and Molecular Diagnostics of Thyroid Pathology (Part 1) <i>Dr. Nicole Cipriani</i>

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Posters Set up
9:15 AM - 9:30 AM	BREAK
9:30 AM - 11:00 PM	CE#6: Critical Concepts in Reporting and Staging of Oral Mucosal Squamous Cell Carcinomas (Part 2) <i>Dr. Nicole Cipriani</i>
11:00 PM - 12:00 PM	Lunch on own
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM	CE#7: AAOMP Seminar <i>Dr. Kathleen Schultz</i>
1:15 PM - 1:30 PM	BREAK
3:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Posters/Residents' Reception (Presenters must be at posters from 3:30-4:30 PM)
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Spouses' Reception
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	ABOMP Board Meeting

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Lab Directors Meeting
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Editors Breakfast (by Invitation Only)
7:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Registration
8:15 AM - 10:15 AM	Oral Essay Program
10:15 AM - 10:30 AM	BREAK
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	CE#8: Gorlin Lecture--Fanconi Anemia <i>Dr. Agata Smogorzewska</i>
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch on own
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Resident Slide Exchange
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Fellows Business Meeting
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM	President's Reception and Awards Ceremony/2024-25 Executive Council Installation (Awards at 4:30)

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024

7:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Registration
7:30 AM - 9:30 AM	CE#9: Clinical Pathology Conference <i>Dr. Renee Reich, Moderator</i>
8:15 AM - 8:30 AM	BREAK
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM	CE#10: Founders Seminar <i>Dr. Jared Gardner</i>
11:30 AM - 11:45 AM	BREAK

HOTEL INFORMATION



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by Wednesday, March 20, 2024



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LODGING DETAILS

Reduced Resort Fee: \$25

A Daily Resort Charge will be added to the room rate. This includes guestroom high-speed internet access, shuttle transportation to/from the Disney World Theme Parks, two (2) 16 oz. Starbucks Coffees daily, redeemable at Mainstreet Market, two (2) 16 oz bottled waters (Nestle Pure Life) daily, redeemable at Mainstreet Market and a \$5 discount on one attraction ticket sold at the concierge desk (coupons cannot be combined).

ADDITIONAL CONCESSIONS:

Three (3) days pre- and three (3) days post-room block dates are available at the AAOMP discounted rate as availability allows.

ROOM RATES:

- \$209 Standard Room (+Taxes & Fees) Single/Double Occupancy
- \$229 Standard Room (+Taxes & Fees) Triple Occupancy
- \$249 Standard Room (+Taxes & Fees) Quad Occupancy

Start Date: Friday, April 12, 2024

End Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Check in: 4:00 pm - Check out: 11:00 am

PLEASE NOTE:

Due to the affordable rate available, there will not be an additional 'special rate' for Students/Residents. If you prefer, you may make, modify and/or cancel your room reservation by contacting the Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista directly at (407) 827-4000 making sure to reference the "2024 AAOMP" room block. Reservations must be made on or before the cutoff date of March 20th.

— EXTEND YOUR STAY AND EXPLORE ORLANDO —



Even though the scheduled Annual Meeting events conclude April 16, why not extend your stay and spend a few extra days exploring Orlando with friends and family? Immerse yourself in unforgettable adventures like the magic of Walt Disney World Resort, endless excitement at Universal Orlando Resort, an aquatic wonderland at SeaWorld Orlando, or building family fun at LEGOLAND Florida Resort.

And, if theme parks aren't your thing, Orlando boasts many beautiful gardens, educational museums, outdoor activities and other attractions. Or, explore Orlando through its delicious cuisine. Between family-friendly feasts, breweries, wineries, sleek lounges, dazzling nightclubs, gourmet food trucks or sports-focused pubs, you'll never go hungry or thirsty no matter your budget or preferences.

MEET OUR SPEAKERS



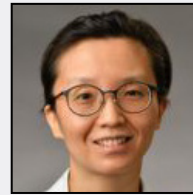
CPC Speakers



DR. MONI AHMADIAN

Dr. Moni Ahmadian serves as an associate professor of oral pathology in the department of Clinical Sciences at the UNLV School of Dental Medicine. He

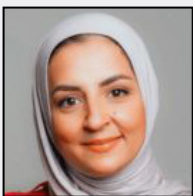
is the current laboratory director of the UNLV Oral Pathology Biopsy Service. He earned his doctor of dental medicine degree from UNLV and completed his advanced residency training at New York-Presbyterian/Queens. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and a fellow of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. In addition to his duties and didactic teaching activities, he has been actively engaged in direct patient care, various outreach clinics in Las Vegas, and pre-doctoral and post-doctoral curriculum planning. His research interests include autoimmune mucous membrane diseases, oral manifestations of systemic diseases, and combined odontogenic tumors.



DR. KING CHAN

Dr. King Chong Chan is dual-boarded in Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology and Radiology in Canada and the United States. After receiving her dental degree

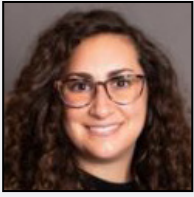
from the University of British Columbia, Dr. Chan completed specialty training in pathology at Long Island Jewish Medical Center, followed by graduate training in radiology at the University of Toronto. In 2012, Dr. Chan was appointed Director of Oral & Maxillofacial Radiology at New York University College of Dentistry. She currently holds this position at the College of Dental Medicine, Columbia University Irving Medical Center. Dr. Chan shares her expertise in radiologic-pathologic correlation at numerous local and national dental meetings, including the Greater New York Dental meeting and the annual American Academy of Oral & Maxillofacial Radiology meeting. She serves as an ad hoc reviewer in both specialties for multiple peer-reviewed journals. Dr. Chan is a past recipient of the prestigious Wuehrmann prize for best journal article published in the radiology section of Oral Surgery Oral Pathology Oral Medicine and Oral Radiology. In 2023, she completed a six year term as Chief Examiner in Oral & Maxillofacial Radiology for the Royal College of Dentists of Canada. Dr. Chan continues to serve as the American Board of Oral & Maxillofacial Radiology member on the Review Committee on Oral & Maxillofacial Radiology for the Commission on Dental Accreditation.



DR. SARA ALBASTONI

Dr. Sara Albastoni received her Degree in Dentistry from the Jordan University of Science and Technology. Completed Certificate and MS training in Oral

and Maxillofacial Pathology at the UNC-CH Adams School of Dentistry and a Surgical Head and Neck Pathology Fellowship at the UNC-CH School of Medicine Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine.



DR. MOLLY COHEN

Dr. Molly Cohen received her dental degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine then completed a residency in oral

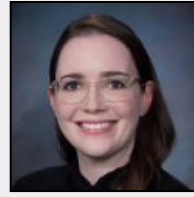
and maxillofacial pathology at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. She is currently an Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of New England College of Dental Medicine.



DR. CRISTEL HABERLAND

Dr. Haberland was born in Guatemala City, Guatemala, and attended Dental school at Universidad Francisco Marroquin. She completed an Oral and

Maxillofacial Pathology residency with an MS degree at The Ohio State University in 1998 and stayed on to obtain her US dental degree. She later completed a residency in Pediatric Dentistry at Yale-New Haven Hospital and stayed on as faculty, eventually becoming the Program Director. She is board-certified in both Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and Pediatric Dentistry. While at Yale, Dr. Haberland started clinical oral pathology practice and an Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Biopsy Service in the Yale School of Medicine Department of Pathology. Recently, she joined Drs. Carl Allen and Ashleigh Briody in a private ENT practice in Westerville, OH. The scope of the practice includes seeing patients clinically, diagnosing and managing oral disease, performing biopsies, CO2 laser ablation as well as a histopathology lab. She is on the editorial board for Pediatric Dentistry, Journal of Dentistry for Children, and Head and Neck Pathology. Her interests are in premalignant lesions, immunobullous diseases, and pediatric oral pathology, and she has lectured nationally on these topics.

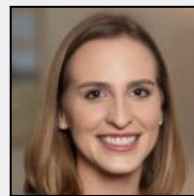


DR. KATHLEEN HIGGINS

Dr. Kathleen Higgins is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry in the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology.

She obtained her Doctor of Dental Surgery from Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry. Following graduation from dental school, she completed a residency in oral and maxillofacial pathology at New York Presbyterian Queens. She then pursued fellowship training in Head and Neck Pathology at the University of Chicago, which she completed in 2021. Dr. Higgins is currently a diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and a fellow of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology.

At the University of Oklahoma, she participates in an active oral pathology biopsy service and manages clinical oral pathology patients. Her teaching responsibilities span undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate courses directed at dental hygiene and dental students, as well dental and medical residents.



DR. ALLISON LEE

Dr. Allison Lee is a third-year oral and maxillofacial pathology resident at the Texas A&M University School of Dentistry. She received her DDS from

the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center in 2018 and subsequently practiced in Alabama as a general dentist for three years prior to starting residency. She is currently completing a Master of Science degree at Texas A&M and is investigating epidemiologic, histopathologic, and immunohistochemical trends in gingival squamous cell carcinomas. Her interests center on diagnostic surgical pathology of the head and neck, treating patients with oral mucosal diseases, and predoctoral education.



DR. VIKKI NOONAN

Clinical Professor and Director of the Division of Oral Pathology at the Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine and she is an Associate

Oral Pathologist at StrataDx in Lexington, MA.

Dr. Noonan completed her dental training at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine and earned her Doctorate of Medical Sciences in Oral Biology and Certification in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology from the Harvard University School of Dental Medicine. She is a Fellow in the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology.

lectured widely on oral pathology and the oral manifestations of systemic disease and is the author or co-author of numerous publications.



DR. SPENCER ROARK

Dr. Spencer Roark obtained his undergraduate dental degree from the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Dentistry in 2021. He

currently trains as a third-year Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology resident at New York-Presbyterian Queens. Dr. Roark intends to complete a Head and Neck Pathology Fellowship at the University of Chicago following residency.



RENEE F. REICH

Renee is a native New Yorker who received her dental degree from Columbia University School of Dental and Oral Surgery in 1992 and then became a resident

in Oral Pathology at New York Hospital Queens, now New York Presbyterian/Queens. She spent an additional fourth year as a Fellow in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology at the same institution. Upon graduation, she joined the Oral Pathology Laboratory Inc. as a member of their attending staff. Subsequently, Renee became the Assistant Director of the Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Residency Program at New York Presbyterian/Queens. Renee also has a teaching appointment as Assistant Professor of Surgery, Oral Medicine, and Oral Pathology at the Weill Medical College of Cornell University. She has been a Fellow of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology since 1995 and a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology since 1997. Renee is currently the Vice President of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and has served on the Fellowship Committee, the Ad hoc Medicare Committee, and the Long-Range Planning Committee. She is a member of the Commission on Dental Accreditation's Review Committee on Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Education. Renee has



DR. KATHLEEN SCHULTZ

Dr. Schultz received her dental degree from the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. She completed a residency in oral and

maxillofacial pathology at Long Island Jewish Medical Center and a residency in pediatric dental medicine at Cohen Children's Medical Center. She is board certified in both disciplines. She is currently a full time attending at Northwell Health, where she manages clinical practices in pediatric dentistry and pediatric oral pathology. She also teaches residents and participates in the surgical pathology service. She is a member of the Hagedorn Cleft Palate and Craniofacial Team and the Vascular Anomalies Team at Northwell Health.

Her interest is on clinical and radiographic presentations of common and uncommon oral pathology in pediatric patients, notably those with syndromes and complex medical conditions.



SEM TIKKHANARAK

My name is Sem Tikhanarak. I am from Thailand and earned my dental degree in 2020 from Chulalongkorn University in Thailand. I am currently a second-

year oral and maxillofacial pathology resident and Ph.D. student at The University of Iowa.



DR. AARON YANCOSKIE

Dr. Aaron Yancoskie is a board certified Oral and Maxillofacial pathologist. He is currently serving as the Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and Director of

Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology at Touro College of Dental Medicine in Westchester, NY where he is an Associate Professor of Dental Medicine. He is also an Attending Pathologist at Westchester

Medical Center and sees patients for clinical oral pathology in his private practice, Midtown Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, with offices in Manhattan and Westchester. He has published several articles and abstracts and has presented locally and nationally on the topics of oral and maxillofacial pathology and dental education. He was awarded his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree by NYU's College of Dentistry with Honors in Oral Medicine and Pathology and received his specialty training in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology at Long Island Jewish Hospital.



Seminar Speakers



DR. AUDREY BOROS

Dr. Audrey Boros graduated from McGill University with a Bachelor of Science in Anatomy and Cell Biology. She continued her studies at Queen's University

earning a Master of Science in Pathology and Molecular Medicine. She received her Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Southern California (USC) Ostrow School of Dentistry. Following graduation, Dr. Boros pursued and completed specialty training in Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology at New York Presbyterian/Queens Hospital. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and a Fellow of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. Dr. Boros is the Laboratory Director and President of Oral Pathology Associates Inc., in Los Angeles and has a clinical oral pathology practice in Santa Monica. As an Assistant Professor at the USC Ostrow School of Dentistry, she directs and instructs both predoctoral and postdoctoral courses in oral pathology, and also directs and

teaches oral and general pathology courses in USC's hybrid online/onsite certificate program in oral pathology and radiology. Dr. Boros has numerous publications in the field of oral pathology and provides mentorship to students interested in the specialty. In her spare time, Dr. Boros enjoys maintaining an active lifestyle, being outdoors, traveling and spending time with family and friends.



DR. SARAH GLASS

Sarah Glass obtained her DDS from Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) School of Dentistry and completed an Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology

residency at New York Presbyterian/Queens. She is an AAOMP Fellow and ABOMP Diplomate. Today, she works as an assistant professor at VCU School of Dentistry. Her job responsibilities include teaching, working in the biopsy service, and seeing oral medicine patients.



DR. MARK MINTLINE

Mark Mintline is an Assistant Professor at the Western University of Health Sciences (WesternU) College of Dental Medicine. He is the founding

Laboratory Director of WesternU Health Oral Pathology Laboratory and the Co-Coordinator of the Advanced Oral Diagnosis Workgroup. Dr. Mintline is committed to increasing access to oral healthcare services at WesternU, and he serves as Director of the Biopsies Save Lives Program, Director of the Oral Biopsies Save Lives Program, and Director of the Ryan White Part F Program. Dr. Mintline received his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the UCLA School of Dentistry. He completed his residency in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology at the University of Florida College of Dentistry. Dr. Mintline is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and a Fellow of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology.



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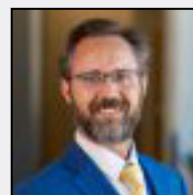
maxillofacial pathology at Long Island Jewish Medical Center and a residency in pediatric dental medicine at Cohen Children's Medical Center. She is board certified in both disciplines. She is currently a full-time attending at Northwell Health, where she manages clinical practices in pediatric dentistry and pediatric oral pathology. She also teaches residents and participates in the surgical pathology service. She is a member of the Hagedorn Cleft Palate and Craniofacial Team and the Vascular Anomalies Team at Northwell Health. Her interest is in clinical and radiographic presentations of common and uncommon oral pathology in pediatric patients, notably those with syndromes and complex medical conditions.



DR. SONAL SHAH

Dr. Sonal Shah is currently an Associate Professor of Oral Pathology and Oral Medicine at the University of Nevada Las Vegas School of Dental Medicine.

In addition to teaching students/residents and signing out cases in the UNLV Oral Path Biopsy Service, Dr. Shah is a very active clinician and diagnoses and treats patients with a wide range of oral lesions and diseases in the UNLV Faculty Dental Practice. Dr. Shah was previously faculty at New York University and was appointed Director of the NYU Oral Medicine Clinic. After leaving NYU, she maintained 2 clinical oral pathology private practices in NYC. She received her DDS from UT Houston School of Dentistry and completed her oral pathology residency at the New York Presbyterian Queens Hospital. She completed her AAOMP Fellowship and became a Diplomate of the ABOMP in 2005. Dr. Shah holds many leadership positions: CODA site visitor for oral pathology residency accreditation, appointed member of the INBDE Test Construction Committee, and AAOM Board of Trustees and Membership Task Force. She is active with ADEA and is the current chair-elect of the Oral Medicine section. She also currently serves as an AAOMP Councilor after participating in the Bylaws and Nomination committees. Dr. Shah is a well-recognized speaker and has been invited to give presentations and CE courses at numerous national meetings including the ADA, AGD, GNYDM, and American Cancer Society. She has presented numerous posters and abstracts, published several articles and reviews manuscripts for several dental journals. Dr. Shah is an advocate of organized dentistry and serves as an ADA Nevada state delegate and secretary for the Southern Nevada Dental Society.



DR. BRYAN TRUMP

Dr. Bryan Trump is a Board Certified Oral & Maxillofacial Pathologist and full-time Associate Professor at The University of Utah School of

Dentistry (2014-present). Bryan grew up in a suburb of Salt Lake City, Utah. He attended Weber State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology (2007). His DDS is from Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry (2011), and he completed his Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology Residency as well as a Master's in Biomedical Sciences at Texas A&M University Baylor College of Dentistry (2014). He

has established a clinical referral center focused on clinical oral pathology at the dental school and directs Utah's first and only oral pathology biopsy service. He enjoys teaching and learning alongside dental and medical residents, dental students and dental hygiene students. He is honored to currently serve as a Councilor for the Academy.



Session Speakers



DR. JUSTIN BISHOP

Dr. Bishop completed his pathology training at The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. Bishop was surgical pathology faculty at Johns

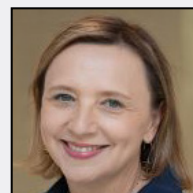
Hopkins until joining the faculty of UT Southwestern Medical Center where he is now Professor, Chief of Anatomic Pathology, and Jane B. and Edwin P. Jenevein M.D. Distinguished Chair in Pathology. Dr. Bishop has given numerous lectures and courses nationally and internationally. Dr. Bishop has published extensively in the field of head and neck/endocrine pathology, with more than 300 articles. Dr. Bishop has also co-authored or edited 11 books and numerous book chapters including the American Registry of Pathology (formerly Armed Forces Institute of Pathology) fascicle on salivary gland tumors and the WHO Classification of Head and Neck Tumours. Dr. Bishop is the editor-in-chief for Seminars in Diagnostic Pathology and associate editor for Modern Pathology and JAMA Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery.



DR. CATHERINE POH

Dr. Catherine Poh is a Professor, Faculty of Dentistry, University of British Columbia and a Senior Scientist at BC Cancer. Besides being a practicing Oral

Maxillofacial Pathologist, she is also the provincial Oral Medicine & Pathology Practice Leader and an active staff member of the Oral Oncology Department at the BC Cancer and the director of the Oral Dysplasia Clinic at the Vancouver General Hospital. Dr. Poh and her team are leading initiative on bringing transformative oral cancer screening, diagnostic, and management to patients having at-risk oral lesions. Her primary research focus involves application of molecular and imaging tools for community screening, early detection, and management of cancerous and precancerous oral lesions.



DR. AGATA SMOGORZEWSKA

Agata Smogorzewska is a Professor and a Head of Laboratory of Genome Maintenance at The Rockefeller University in New York City. She completed her undergraduate

studies at the University of Southern California and obtained her PhD from The Rockefeller University in 2002 and her MD from Weill Cornell Medical College in 2003 as part of the Tri-Institutional MD/PhD program. Agata performed her thesis work in the laboratory of Prof. Titia de Lange, first cloning TRF2 and then studying its function in chromosome end protection and telomere length regulation. Following a residency in clinical pathology at Massachusetts General Hospital, she performed her postdoctoral training at Harvard Medical School in Prof. Stephen Elledge's laboratory where she started working on the DNA interstrand crosslink repair pathway. She joined The Rockefeller University as an assistant professor in 2009.

Research in Agata's laboratory is focused on DNA repair. Using Fanconi anemia and other genetic diseases as a backdrop, her research aims to elucidate the pathways that protect organ function and prevent cancer, with a focus on those that replicate and repair DNA.

Agata is recipient of numerous awards, including the Gabrielle H. Reem and Herbert J. Kayden Early-Career Innovation Award in 2017, David B. Frohnmayer Early Investigator Award in 2015, the Pershing Square Sohn Prize, 2014, the Rita Allen Foundation Scholars Program Grant in 2010, the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation Clinical Scientist Development Award, and the Burroughs Wellcome Fund Award in 2008. She has been a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Faculty Scholar from 2016 to 2021 and has been elected to American Society of Clinical Investigation (ASCI) (2016).



DR. ARNIL PARWANI

Anil Parwani is a Professor of Pathology and Biomedical Informatics at The Ohio State University. He also serves as the Vice Chair of Anatomical Pathology and Director of Division of Pathology Informatics and Digital Pathology. Dr. Parwani completed his residency and fellowship training in Urological Pathology at The Johns Hopkins Hospital and his MBA from the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Parwani has expertise in digital pathology, artificial intelligence and pathology informatics and has led the way in the implementation of these technologies in several key clinical areas including the implementation of these technologies at the first hospital in the United States. Dr. Parwani also has expertise in the area of Anatomical Pathology Informatics including designing quality assurance tools, bio banking informatics, clinical and research data integration, applications of whole slide imaging, digital imaging, telepathology, image analysis, artificial intelligence and lab automation. Dr. Parwani has expertise in prostate, kidney and bladder cancer and has trained several residents and fellows in urological pathology.

Dr. Parwani has authored over 350 peer-reviewed articles in major scientific journals and several books and book chapters. Dr. Parwani is on the editorial board of several informatics and surgical pathology journals and currently serves as an editor-in-chief of diagnostic pathology and a co-editor-in-chief of the journal of pathology informatics. Dr. Parwani has served on many national and international professional societies including USCAP, Digital Pathology Association, ISUP, GUPS, Association of Pathology Informatics, ASCP and Digital Pathology Committee of the CAP. He also serves as part of the test committee for the American Board of Pathology.



NICOLE A. CIPRIANI, MD

Nicole A. Cipriani, MD is a Professor at the University of Chicago. She is board-certified in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology and received subspecialty fellowship training at Massachusetts General Hospital in Head & Neck and Bone & Soft Tissue Pathology. She is the Co-Director of Surgical Pathology, Director of Head & Neck Pathology, and Director of Anatomic Pathology Informatics at the University of Chicago. She teaches in the Pritzker School of Medicine and is a member of the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine Academy of Distinguished Medical Educators. Clinically, she is a diagnostic surgical pathologist

with a subspecialty focus in Head & Neck, Endocrine, and Bone & Soft Tissue Pathology. Her academic research interests include neoplasms of the thyroid gland, salivary gland, and squamous cell carcinomas of the head and neck. She is also interested in web design and virtual pathology, including whole slide imaging for educational purposes, histopathologic diagnosis, and machine learning.



DR. JERAD GARDNER

Dr. Gardner is a dermatopathologist and section head of bone/soft tissue pathology at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pennsylvania.

He has over 130 peer-reviewed publications as well as multiple book chapters. He is also author

of the book *Survival Guide to Dermatopathology* and co-author of the book *Survival Guide to Soft Tissue Pathology*. He has given over 300 invited lectures (over 70 of which were international). He is particularly interested in cutaneous soft tissue tumors, skin adnexal tumors, medical education, and the professional use of Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, Kiko, and other social media for pathologists. His work has been recognized by multiple awards, including the UAMS Chancellor's Teaching Award for Teaching Excellence (2018), which is the University's highest educational award. He was a top five member of the 2017 "40 Under Forty" by the American Society of Clinical Pathology and was ranked first place on the 2019 Power List of pathology trailblazers issued by *The Pathologist* magazine. Dr. Gardner is a Deputy Editor-in-Chief of *Archives of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine*.

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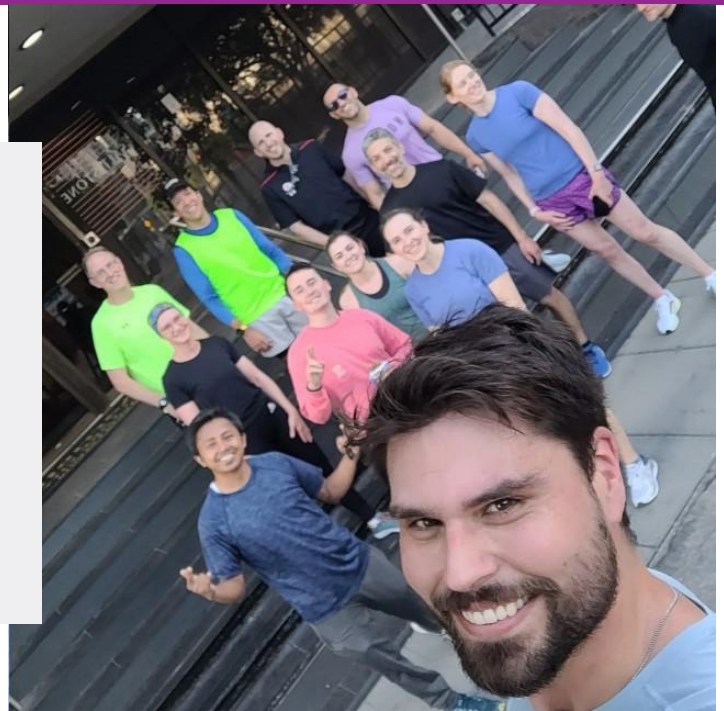
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Full details regarding the schedule, routes, and time will be announced closer to the run date. Like last year, we will attempt to organize the runners based on pace whenever possible, and usual running etiquette is critical as we will run through city streets and sidewalks. Runners/walkers are expected to complete the route in up to 60 minutes and be ready to run/walk 5K in warm weather. There will be no rest stops.

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An Update from Research & Scientific Affairs

Marco Magalhaes, Research & Scientific Affairs Committee Chair

The Research and Scientific Affairs Committee (RSAC) is thrilled to announce exciting developments aimed at spotlighting the scientific advancements within our community and showcasing the impactful contributions of our members. Recognizing the scientific achievements of our members is pivotal in fostering a collaborative environment, stimulating innovation, and facilitating the sharing of expertise, all of which are fundamental to fulfilling the mission of our academy.

Beginning this year, the RSAC committee will introduce a streamlined electronic form designed for easy completion by academy members. This form will invite members to share details of their recent publications, successful grant acquisitions, and their most significant contributions to the field. Submissions will undergo careful evaluation, with the committee selecting standout members to be featured in our newsletter throughout the year. We are confident that this initiative will not only honor the outstanding work of our members but also serve as a catalyst for further inspiration and collaboration within our community.

You will receive an email soon with further details on how to get started.



The power of a fungus: *Aspergillus* fungus balls lift endodontic materials when fed properly

A very short note about something weird

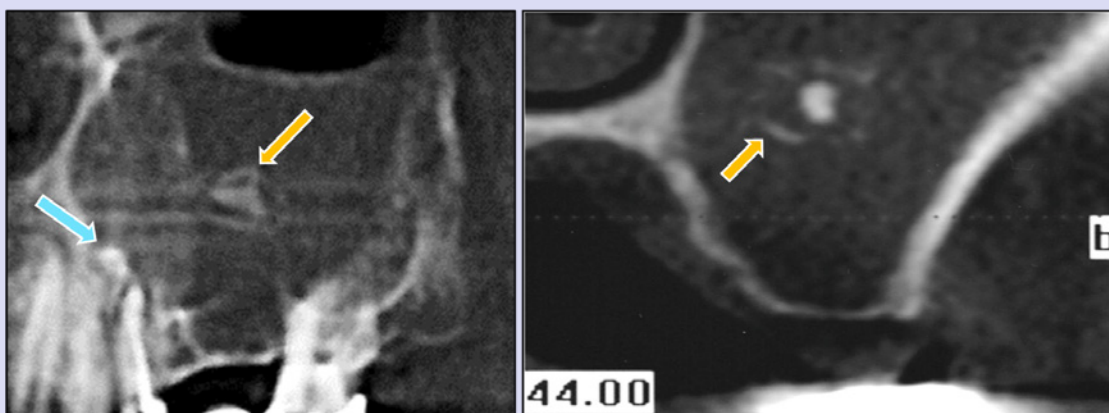
Authored by: J. E. Bouquot, DDS, MSD, DABOMP, DA

Almost half of us have *Aspergillus* in our maxillary sinuses, predominantly lying dormant, just like *Candida* in the mouth. Under certain conditions, *Aspergillus* can, like *Candida*, convert into a hyphae/disease state to cause problems: allergic sinusitis, fungus balls (aspergillomas), sinus wall destruction, aspiration into its preferred home, the lungs. The oral conditions that stimulate oral candida to convert into a disease state are well known (xerostomia, antibiotic therapy, immunodepression, etc.), but did you know that the most powerful “converter” for *Aspergillus* spores is supplied by dentists?

This strongest stimulant to *Aspergillus* hyphae conversion and proliferation just happens to be zinc. Feed zinc to this fungus and it proliferates strongly enough to create a fungus ball large enough to fill the affected sinus. Where does this zinc come from? It just so happens that gutta

percha and many of our endodontic sealants have large amounts of zinc (gutta percha is >60% zinc). When these materials are expressed out the apex of a maxillary tooth and come into close or direct contact with *Aspergillus* spores, it’s like feeding candy to a baby. This is especially a problem for the >10% of us with maxillary root tips extending through the bony floor of the sinuses.

Below is an example of such a case. A bit of gutta percha extruded out of the apex of an endodontically treated premolar (blue arrow). Apparently, a fungus ball was stimulated, proliferating so much that it completely filled the sinus and lifted a portion of the gutta percha (yellow arrows) into the very middle of the sinus. The right radiograph also shows a thin “ring around the percha;” this ring was sealant material.





Oral Biopsies Save Lives

Submitted by: Mark Mintline, DDS

The Delta Dental Community Care Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Delta Dental of California, and the Barr-Campbell Family Foundation have teamed up with Western University of Health Sciences (WesternU) College of Dental Medicine (CDM) to advance equity in oral pathology laboratory testing to Tribal and Urban Health Programs across California. The program, titled Oral Biopsies Save Lives, will offer no-cost oral pathology services and continuing education courses to 34 rural and urban dental clinics operated by 107 Tribes.

WesternU Health Oral Pathology Laboratory will help California Tribal and Urban Indian Programs

reduce health inequities by providing no-cost oral pathology testing services for low income, uninsured, and underinsured patients including seniors. Oral lesions and oral manifestations of systemic disease are potentially fatal diseases if undiagnosed or untreated.

“We are extremely grateful to the Delta Dental Community Care Foundation and the Barr-Campbell Family Foundation for their support of WesternU Health Oral Diagnostics,” said WesternU College of Dental Medicine Dean Elizabeth Andrews, DDS, MS. “WesternU CDM is honored to increase access to oral pathology lab testing.”



Dentists play an important role in detecting, diagnosing, and managing people with intraoral tumors and cysts. Low cost or free diagnostic testing can accelerate diagnosis times and save lives.



“This grant shows the humanism of our College and University,” said CDM Assistant Dean for Patient Care Services Suzanne Adolphson, MSW, MHA, SHRM-SCP.

According to a 2019 Oral Health Needs Assessment Survey conducted by the California Tribal Epidemiology Center (CTEC), a lack of specialty care in dental clinics is the biggest barrier to high-quality oral health care at Tribal and Urban Health Programs. WesternU Health Oral Pathology Laboratory will help California Tribal and Urban Indian Programs reduce health inequities by providing no-cost oral pathology testing services for low income, uninsured, and underinsured patients.

Oral health care providers are often the first providers to perform intraoral examinations and notice signs of oral squamous cell carcinoma and potentially malignant disorders (PMDs). The American Cancer Society’s estimated number of new oral cavity and oropharyngeal cancer cases in the U.S. in 2022 is 54,000, while the estimated number of deaths from oral cavity and pharyngeal cancers in 2022 is 11,230.

“Dentists play an important role in detecting, diagnosing, and managing people with intraoral tumors and cysts. Low cost or free diagnostic testing can accelerate diagnosis times and save lives,” said WesternU Health Oral Pathology Laboratory Director Mark Mintline, DDS.

The major risk factors for oral cavity squamous cell carcinoma include tobacco use, alcohol

consumption, and betel quid. Data from the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health indicate that American Indians have substantially more high commercial tobacco-related cancers compared to the general population.

“Oral pathology services are critical to the early detection of oropharyngeal cancers and diagnosis of other lesions, especially for American Indians in California who suffer disproportionately from oropharyngeal cancers,” said California Indian Health Service Area Dental Consultant Michael Donaleski, DMD.

The collaboration between the Delta Dental Community Care Foundation, the Barr-Campbell Family Foundation, and WesternU, along with support from the California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc. (CRIHB), aims to reduce the number of health care providers needed to diagnose oral lesions.

“We are proud to partner with Western University of Health Sciences’ College of Dental Medicine in their mission to improve the lives and health care outcomes of underserved patients,” said Kenzie Ferguson, vice president of foundation and corporate social responsibility for Delta Dental of California. “This partnership helps us achieve our broader mutual goals of increasing access to oral health care and providing opportunities for oral health education.”

Blending the Future: A Fresh Look at Oral Pathology Education

Authored by: Shankargouda Patil, PhD, FRCPath, FDS, RCPS, FPFA

As we gear up for spring, I am thrilled to share a snippet of what I have been diving into recently. The landscape of dental education has evolved since the pandemic, with a shift towards integrating technology into traditional teaching methodologies. This has given rise to approaches such as 'blended learning' that combine traditional face-to-face teaching with more accessible online digital resources to help students learn. This can include the integration of rich, multimedia content such as high-resolution images of pathological conditions, interactive 3D models, and virtual patient case studies. These web-based activities can help enhance students' ability to diagnose and understand complex oral diseases.

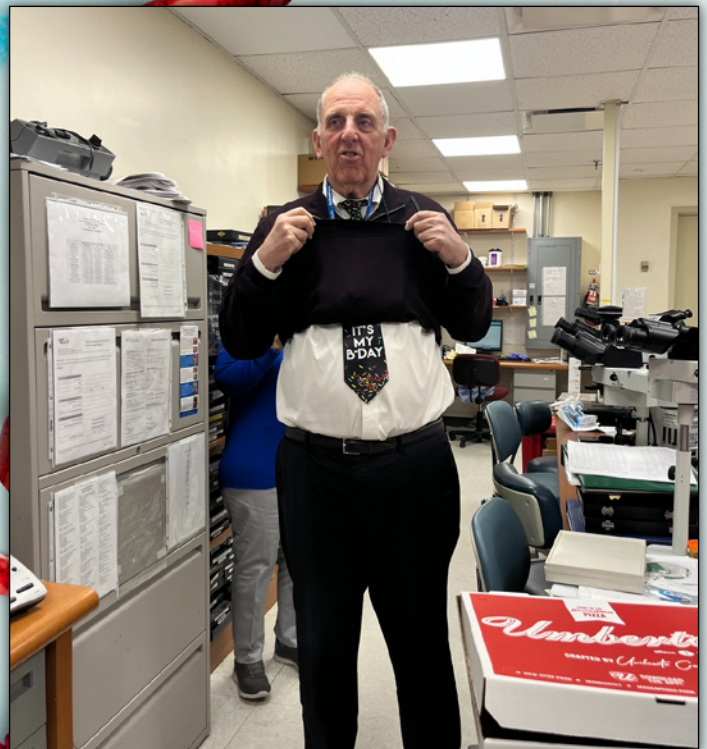
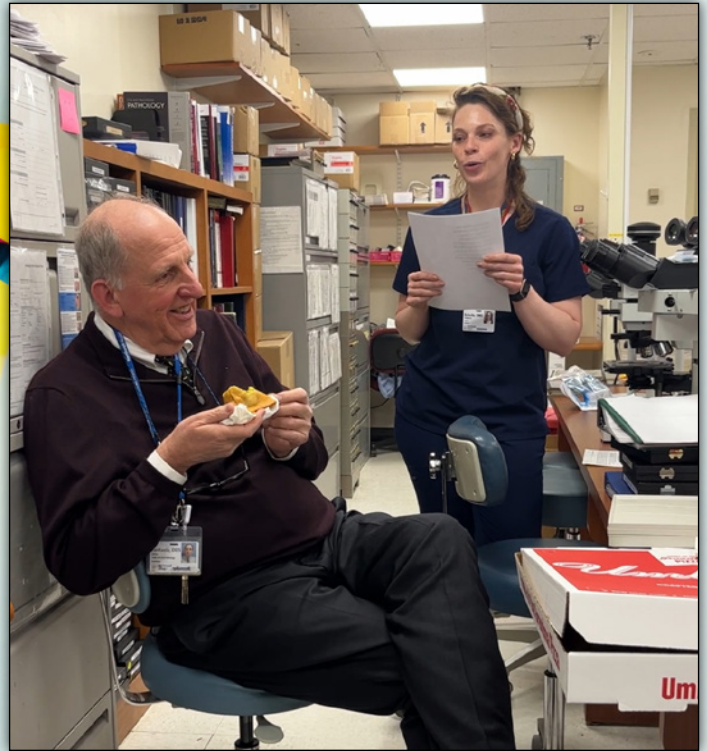
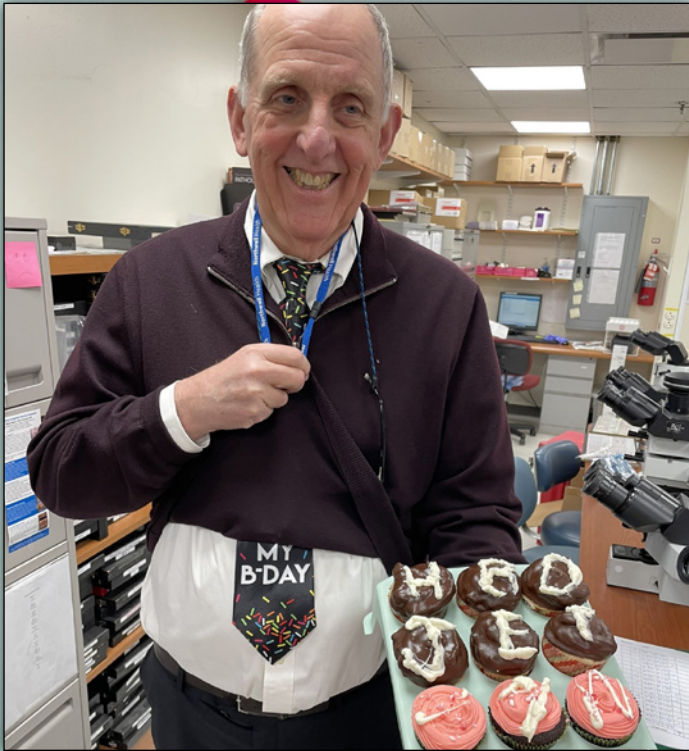
I led a review which focused on evaluating the effectiveness of the blended learning approach in oral pathology education. We pulled together data from recent studies involving over 400 dental students worldwide. The results? Blended learning might just be the edge students need. While traditional teaching has its place, adding online elements seems to boost scores and engage students more. Yet, it's not all clear-cut. The evidence suggests that the success of blended learning varies, depending on how it's implemented and who's learning. Blended learning has potential, but it's not a one-size-

fits-all solution. Our findings underscore the importance of well-designed blended learning interventions that are accessible and effective for all students. Like any pioneering educational approach, it comes with its set of challenges and requires careful implementation to truly reap its benefits. Moreover, it points to the need for further research to solidify the evidence base and guide future educational strategies in dental education.

Why does any of this matter? Well, as we face a growing demand for dental professionals, finding effective and efficient ways to educate becomes crucial.

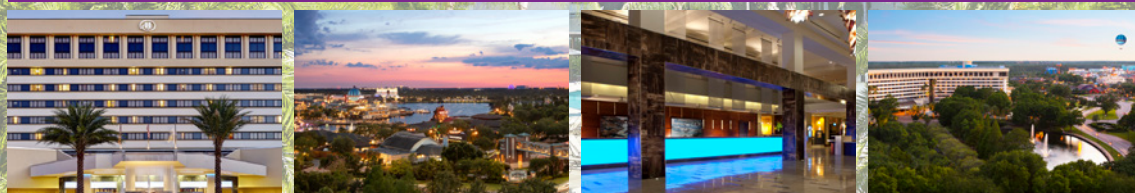
In conclusion, while our systematic review indicates the positive effects of blended learning in oral pathology education, the evidence is currently limited. There's a clear need for more rigorous studies to fully understand the impact of this teaching approach. Nonetheless, current findings are encouraging. As we march towards a new digital dawn in dental education, we must ensure that these methods are accessible, user-friendly, and, most importantly, effective in nurturing competent dental professionals. In sharing this journey through our review, we hope to spark conversations, inspire further research, and ultimately, contribute to shaping a brighter future for dental education.

On December 7, 2024, current and former residents, colleagues and friends celebrated Dr. John Fantasia's 35th birthday with festive foods as well as poetry written by Dr. Kathleen Schultz.



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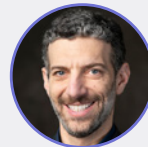
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