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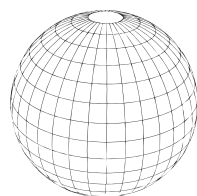


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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Donald Provenzale, DDS, FAAID, DABOI/ID  
AAID President

### O. Hilt Tatum Implant Dentistry Lifetime Achievement Award & Lecture

It is my distinct honor and privilege to officially announce the establishment of a monumental new tradition for our Academy: The O. Hilt Tatum Implant Dentistry Lifetime Achievement Award & Lecture.

Established this year, this prestigious award was created to recognize those whose entire careers reflect the foundational values that shaped modern implant dentistry through meaningful clinical innovation, a lasting footprint on our profession, and an unwavering commitment to teaching the next generation. As part of this distinguished recognition, each recipient delivers the Dr. Hilt Tatum Lecture at the Annual Conference. Through this lecture, recipients honor Dr. Tatum's influence while inspiring continued innovation, excellence, and leadership in implant dentistry.

#### Honoring a Giant: Dr. O. Hilt Tatum, Jr.

For more than five decades, Dr. Tatum was a foundational force in implant dentistry, revolutionizing treatments for the posterior maxilla, atrophic ridge, and compromised implant sites. Dr. Tatum firmly believed that a restorative dentist's ultimate goal is to return patients to normal contour, comfort, health, function, and esthetics. He dedicated his life to helping others achieve that exact standard through clinical innovation, disciplined education, and long-term biological thinking.

His groundbreaking advancements fundamentally changed the trajectory of our field. His landmark contributions include:

- The NIRISAB Philosophy: Natural Implant Restoration in Stable Alveolar Bone.
- Surgical Techniques: Lateral window sinus augmentation graft and sinus lift procedures, bone expansion and manipulation, and inferior alveolar nerve lateralization.
- Grafting Innovations: Autogenous bone grafting with remote incision techniques and vascularized osteotomy with interpositional grafting.
- Implant Design: Two-stage titanium root-form implant systems.

Beyond his clinical brilliance, Dr. Tatum was a gifted and devoted educator who delivered more than 2,000 presentations worldwide and trained thousands of clinicians. In 2003, his contributions were globally recognized when he was named a Chevalier (Knight) of the French Legion of Honor.

Dr. Tatum's pioneering vision forever changed implant dentistry. In honor of his enduring legacy, the Dr. Hilt Tatum Lecture will inspire future generations by advancing the spirit of innovation, excellence, and education that defined his remarkable career.

Dr. O. Hilt Tatum, Jr.



## Announcing our Inaugural Recipient: Dr. Bernee Dunson

When considering who possesses the clinical brilliance, educational heart, and pioneering spirit to receive this inaugural honor, one name stood out above the rest. I am thrilled to announce Dr. Bernee Dunson as the first-ever recipient of the Hilt Tatum Award.

Dr. Dunson's lifetime of leadership, exceptional surgical skill, and absolute dedication to dental education perfectly embody the legacy of Dr. Tatum.

Dr. Dunson's journey in dentistry is rooted in excellence. A third-generation graduate of Morehouse College (Biology, 1987), he earned his DDS from the University of Southern California (USC) in 1991. He completed a general dentistry residency at Columbia University's Harlem Hospital before undergoing a rigorous, three-year oral implantology residency program at Loma Linda University (LLU). Along the way, he had the privilege of studying under Dr. Tatum, who served as one of his personal mentors.

For 30 years, Dr. Dunson has been a global beacon for education in implant dentistry. As the founder and director of the Global Dental Implant Institute, he runs the Mid-Atlantic MaxiCourse, drawing dentists from all over the United States to learn his surgical techniques. His sought-after lectures have reached faculties and clinicians as far as India, Dubai, and Japan.

As an AAID Past President (2019-2020), an AAID Honored Fellow, and a Diplomate of the ABOI/ID, Dr. Dunson is no stranger to well-deserved accolades. He previously received the Terry Reynolds Trailblazer Award (2021) and the Gershkoff-Goldberg Award (2022). Today, he continues to push our discipline forward as the CEO of two thriving Atlanta-area practices, Dunson Dental Design and Smile Source Atlanta East.

### Task Force Thank You

This award would not have been created without the tireless work of our Task Force. A big thank you to our Chair, Dr. Trace Rutherford, and the Task Force Members, Dr. Bill Anderson, Dr. Duke Heller, Dr. Keith Long, Dr. Don Provenza, and Dr. Jasmine Sung.



## Celebrate with Us

Please join me in congratulating  
**Dr. Bernee Dunson**  
on this historic achievement.

We look forward to welcoming him  
to the Main Podium at the  
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# Make Every Moment Count IN NASHVILLE

**Your Guide to Getting the Most from the  
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The AAID Annual Conference is much more than four days of lectures. It's an opportunity to sharpen your clinical skills, explore emerging technologies, reconnect with colleagues, build new professional relationships, and return to your practice with fresh ideas that can immediately benefit your patients. Below are some tips from members of the 2026 Annual Conference Education (ACE) Committee.



## 10 Ways to Make the Most of Your AAID Annual Conference

By Adam Hogan, DDS, FAAID, DABOI/ID

1. Download the conference schedule before you travel.
2. Choose three "must-see" educational sessions.
3. Visit every aisle of the Exhibit Hall.
4. Introduce yourself to at least five new members.
5. Attend at least one networking reception.
6. Ask a speaker a question after a lecture.
7. Visit the 75th Anniversary Exhibit.
8. Take notes on ideas you can implement within 30 days.
9. Exchange contact information with colleagues you meet.
10. Schedule time after the conference to share what you learned with your team.

## Before You Arrive: Have a Plan

The conference schedule is packed with outstanding educational sessions, hands-on workshops, networking events, and exhibits. Before you travel, spend some time reviewing the program and identifying your priorities.

"Prior to any conference I attend, I always ask myself the same questions: What clinical skills do I want to improve? Which new technologies am I considering for my practice? What questions have come up recently that I may be able to find answers to?" said Michael Fioritto, DDS, FAAID/ DABOI/ID. "From there, I mark my 'must-attend' sessions and speakers."

## Set Learning Goals

"Annual can be a daunting four days. There is a near constant flow of Main Podium and Workshop sessions. Rather than trying to absorb everything, I choose two or three areas where I'd like to grow and build my schedule from there," said Keith Long, DDS, FAAID, DABOI/ID. "By focusing on what I

hope to get out of it, it's easier to return to my practice with actionable ideas instead of an overwhelming stack of notes."

Maybe you're looking to strengthen your surgical techniques. Perhaps you're interested in digital workflows, prosthetic innovations, guided surgery, soft tissue management, or practice growth. If it's on the cutting edge of implant dentistry, the AAID Annual Conference has you covered.

## Don't Skip the Exhibit Hall

Manufacturers, technology companies, laboratories, and service providers will showcase the latest products and innovations shaping implant dentistry. Take time to ask questions, request demonstrations, compare solutions, and discuss how new technologies can integrate into your practice.

"Don't miss out on what's next in implant technology!" said Bernee Dunson, DDS, FAAID, DABOI/ID. "Head into the Exhibit Hall to ask tough questions, test-drive groundbreaking products, and discover modern solutions designed to transform the way you treat patients."





## Introduce Yourself

One conversation can change your career. The AAID Annual Conference brings together clinicians from around the world with decades of experience and a willingness to share what they've learned.

- Introduce yourself to someone you've never met.
- Ask how they approach challenging cases.
- Share your own experiences.

Many lifelong friendships, mentorships, referrals, and collaborations begin with a simple conversation during a coffee break or reception.

"If you're attending for the first time, remember that everyone was once a first-time attendee," said Bill Anderson, DDS, FAAID, DABOI/ID. "The AAID community is known for being welcoming, collaborative, and eager to help colleagues succeed."

## Take Advantage of Social Events

Some of the most memorable discussions happen outside the lecture hall.

"Attend the Welcome Reception, networking events, anniversary celebrations, and other social gatherings," said Daniel Domingue, DDS, FAAID, DABOI/ID. "These relaxed settings make it easier to meet fellow members, reconnect with mentors, and build relationships that continue long after the conference ends."

## First Time at AAID? Here's What to Expect

By Jasmine Sung, DDS, FAAID, DABOI/ID

Your first AAID Annual Conference can feel overwhelming—in the best possible way. Hundreds of educational sessions, industry partners showcasing the latest technologies, and clinicians from around the world create an unmatched learning environment.

A few tips:

- Don't worry about knowing everyone—introduce yourself.
- Wear comfortable shoes; you'll cover a lot of ground.
- Leave room in your schedule for spontaneous conversations.
- Spend time in the AAID Museum Hall, not just the lecture rooms.
- Attend the social events—they're where many lasting professional relationships begin.

Remember that AAID members are known for their willingness to mentor and share their experience.

## Engage with the Speakers

AAID faculty are among the most respected educators in implant dentistry. Don't hesitate to introduce yourself after a presentation, ask questions, or continue the discussion between sessions. Many speakers welcome thoughtful conversations and enjoy hearing how attendees apply new concepts in practice.



“Our faculty represent the gold standard of dental implant education, but their primary goal is your clinical success. Don't hesitate to engage with them; those hallway conversations and exchanges of real-world insights are where the true spirit of our community shines,” said Justin Moody, DDS, FAAID, DABOI/ID, 2026 ACE chair.

## Take Better Notes

Instead of trying to write down the content on every slide, focus on capturing:

- Clinical pearls you can immediately apply
- New techniques to research further
- Products or technologies worth evaluating
- Questions to discuss with your team after returning home

Many attendees also photograph slides (when permitted) or use digital note-taking apps to organize ideas by topic.

“Work smarter, not harder,” said Lion Berzin, BDS, FAAID, DABOI/ID. “Focus on the big-picture takeaways: practical clinical insights, and actionable ideas you can bring straight back to your team on Monday.”

## Share the Experience

Learning becomes even more valuable when you bring it back to your practice. After the conference, schedule time with your team to share your biggest takeaways. Discuss new workflows, patient communication ideas, or technologies you discovered. Even small improvements can have a meaningful impact on patient care.

“Don't keep your conference breakthroughs to yourself! Gather your office team when you're back to review game-changing concepts, streamline your clinical processes, and roll out fresh ideas that directly enhance the patient experience,” said Bart Silverman, DMD, FAAID, DABOI/ID.

## Honoring the Past, Engineering the Future

This year's conference is especially meaningful as the Academy is celebrating its 75th Anniversary.

Be sure to visit our special 75th Anniversary AAID Museum, celebrating the pioneers, innovations, and milestones that helped shape implant dentistry into the profession we know today.

“Celebrating 75 years of the AAID means honoring our roots while building our tomorrow. Don't miss the special 75th Anniversary AAID Museum to journey through the groundbreaking innovations and milestones that made implant dentistry the dynamic profession it is today,” said David Hochberg, DDS, FAAID, DABOI/ID, 75th Anniversary Task Force Chair.

By honoring where we've been, we become better prepared for where we're going.

## See You in Nashville

The AAID Annual Conference is an investment in your education, your career, and your professional network. Arrive with a plan, remain open to unexpected opportunities, and take advantage of every conversation, every lecture, and every connection.

When you head home from Nashville, you'll bring back more than continuing education credits—you'll leave with new ideas, renewed inspiration, and valuable relationships that will continue to benefit your practice and your patients for years to come.

We'll see you in Music City this September 30–October 3 as we celebrate 75 years of excellence in implant dentistry and engineer the future together.

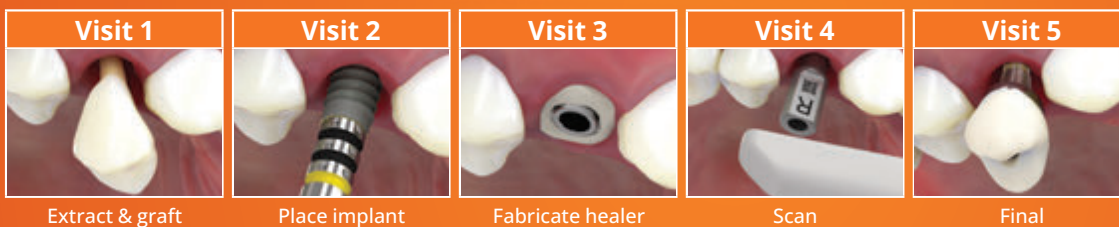


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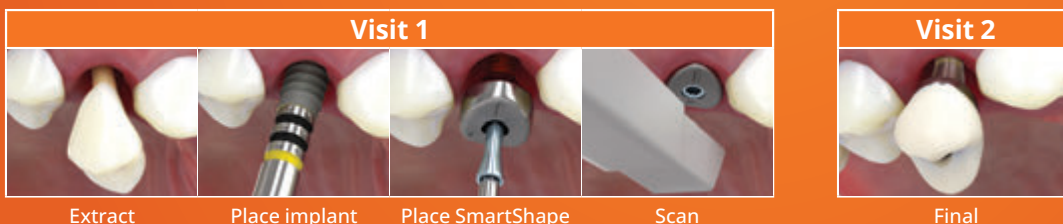


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DABOI/ID,  
75th Anniversary Task Force Chair

# AAID is Turning

# 75



## How You Can Be a Part of the Celebration

**When I think about the Academy turning 75, I don't just think about the years. I think about the people.**

I think about the pioneers who challenged conventional thinking and helped build this profession from the ground up. I think about the mentors who generously shared their knowledge with the next generation. And I think about the thousands of members—past and present—whose passion for implant dentistry has made the AAID the organization we know today.

If you're reading this, you share in this vital story. Here is how you can help tell it.

## AAID Coffee Table Book

One of the projects I'm most excited about is our 75th Anniversary Coffee Table Book. This won't be just another history book on a shelf. It will be a beautiful keepsake that captures the Academy's journey, the evolution of implant dentistry, and the members who helped shape both.

I hope you'll consider becoming part of it. By making a commemorative contribution of \$1,000, you'll have your professional headshot and name included in this one-of-a-kind publication, which will include a personalized dust jacket with your photo and a personal message.

## AAID Museum

When we gather at the AAID Annual Conference, September 30 – October 3 in Nashville, I hope you'll spend some time exploring our Museum in the Implant World Expo. We've been working to curate an experience that brings our history to life through photographs, artifacts, and the remarkable individuals whose vision transformed implant dentistry. Whether

you've been an AAID member for forty years or four months, I think you'll come away with an even greater appreciation for the Academy we all share.

## Share Your AAID Story

We're inviting members to submit a short video sharing what the AAID has meant to them. Maybe it was the mentor who changed your career, the first Annual Conference that inspired you, the friendships you've built, or simply the confidence you've gained through this incredible community. Whatever your story is, it's worth telling.

It's simple. Follow this QR code with your mobile device and record your story. It won't take you more than five minutes.



Thank you for being part of this journey. I look forward to celebrating with you in Music City and creating memories that future generations of AAID members will one day look back on with the same sense of pride.





SPECIALFEATURE

# **A Vision Taking Root:** How Jacksonville University Is Helping Shape the Future of Implant Education



Three years ago, Dr. James Rutkowski began thinking about his vision for the future of dental implant education. His vision was ambitious: creating a model of implant education that could one day help establish common, evidence-based standards for dentists around the world. Today, through Jacksonville University's Comprehensive Oral Implantology Program, that vision is steadily becoming reality.

At first glance, Jacksonville University may seem an unlikely place to transform implant education. The university does not have a traditional dental school. Yet it has built what Dr. Rutkowski proudly describes as the world's largest residency program devoted exclusively to compre-

hensive oral implantology. Its distributed model combines graduate education with intensive clinical training at carefully selected practices across North America, allowing residents to learn while treating real patients under the supervision of experienced mentors.





**Dr. Zachary Kuchta**

That emphasis on real-world practice distinguishes the program from many traditional residencies. Residents are responsible for evaluating patients, developing treatment plans, presenting treatment options, and performing treatment—not simply observing procedures or working through isolated surgical exercises. The experience mirrors everyday practice while remaining grounded in rigorous academic instruction.

Dr. Rutkowski, who became chairman of the program in 2023 after a distinguished career as a clinician, educator, researcher, and editor, believes that structure is intentional. Implant dentistry has evolved dramatically during the past four decades, but he argues that technical ability alone is no longer enough. Today's clinicians must understand biology, prosthetics, digital workflows, evidence-based literature, and exhibit sound clinical judgment. His goal is to produce dentists who understand not only how to place implants, but why each treatment decision is the right one for an individual patient.

That philosophy attracted Dr. Zachary Kuchta early in his career. Inspired after observing implant procedures performed by his mentor, Dr. Frank Caputo, Dr. Kuchta realized he wanted an education that went beyond weekend continuing education courses. Jacksonville University's immersive curriculum offered the opportunity to combine graduate study with daily patient care while learning from experienced clinicians across the country. For a young dentist, the program represented an accelerated pathway toward clinical confidence built on mentorship rather than trial and error.



**Dr. Frank Caputo**

Dr. Kuchta's experience reflects one of the program's defining characteristics: residents are expected to think critically from the beginning. They diagnose cases, coordinate treatment plans, communicate with patients, and integrate surgical and restorative principles into comprehensive care. The result is an educational experience designed to prepare graduates for the realities of modern implant practice rather than simply teaching isolated procedures.

If Dr. Kuchta represents the future of implant dentistry, Dr. Caputo demonstrates that professional growth never ends. A respected implant clinician, educator, AAID Fellow (FAAID), and Diplomate of the American Board of Oral Implantology/Implant Dentistry (DABOI/ID), Dr. Caputo already possessed decades of experience when he entered the Jacksonville University program. Yet he viewed the master's curriculum not as a credential, but as an opportunity to deepen his understanding of anatomy, pharmacology, digital technology, and comprehensive treatment planning. His decision underscores an important message: mastery requires continual learning.

That culture of lifelong education extends beyond graduation. Dr. Bill Anderson, owner of Anderson Family Dentist in Findlay, Ohio, AAID Fellow (FAAID), Diplomate of the American Board of Oral Implantology/Implant Dentistry (DABOI/ID), and incoming AAID President, credits Jacksonville University with changing the way he approaches every patient.



He entered the program seeking to become a better implant dentist, not simply to earn another diploma. What he discovered was a curriculum that challenged him to understand the scientific reasoning behind every clinical decision.

"Anyone can learn surgical techniques," Dr. Anderson said. "But the program teaches you why you make clinical decisions." Rather than focusing exclusively on implant placement, the curriculum emphasizes evidence, literature, biomechanics, treatment planning, and critical thinking. That approach strengthened Dr. Anderson's confidence in managing complex cases and continues to influence his work as a clinician, lecturer, scientific reviewer, and AAID leader.

Dr. Anderson also highlights another unexpected benefit of the program: the opportunity to learn alongside classmates representing every stage of the profession. New graduates, seasoned practitioners, and nationally recognized implantologists all contribute different perspectives while sharing the same commitment to improving patient care. Those relationships often continue long after graduation, creating a professional network built on collaboration rather than competition.

Throughout every interview with participants, one message emerged repeatedly: Jacksonville University is not attempting to teach dentists a particular technique or philosophy; instead, it seeks to cultivate disciplined clinical judgment. Residents learn how to evaluate evidence, ask better questions, collaborate with mentors, and make thoughtful decisions that place patients—not procedures—at the center of care.

That commitment to standardization is central to Dr. Rutkowski's long-term vision. Through carefully defined educational competencies and collaboration with other institutions, he hopes implant education will increasingly reflect shared standards of excellence regardless of geography or specialty background. As international participants begin enrolling in Jacksonville University's academic programs, that vision is already expanding outside of North America.

For AAID members, the significance extends beyond one university. Implant dentistry continues to evolve rapidly as digital technologies, biomaterials, and scientific evidence reshape clinical practice. Programs that combine rigorous academics with extensive clinical mentoring help ensure practitioners are prepared not only to adopt new techniques but to evaluate them thoughtfully.

Dr. Rutkowski often returns to the same vision: dentists from around the world learning together through common standards and a shared commitment to excellence. Judging by the experiences of residents like Dr. Kuchta and accomplished clinicians like Dr. Caputo and Dr. Anderson, that dream is no longer an aspiration alone. It is becoming a model for what implant education can be—one that teaches not simply how to place implants, but how to think critically.



**Dr. Bill Anderson**





By Dennis Flanagan, DDS, MSc, FAAID,  
DABOI/ID

## EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

# Tongue Fasciculation: Insights into Neuromuscular Dynamics and Clinical Implications

## ABSTRACT

Tongue fasciculation, the involuntary and rapid contraction of small muscle fibers in the tongue, is a phenomenon that has garnered attention in both clinical and scientific contexts. This article reviews the current understanding of tongue fasciculation, exploring its underlying neuromuscular dynamics, potential causes, and clinical significance. Additionally, we discuss diagnostic approaches, associated conditions, and potential therapeutic interventions. A comprehensive understanding of tongue fasciculation is crucial for clinicians, researchers, and healthcare practitioners to provide accurate diagnoses and effective management strategies.

### 1. Introduction

Tongue fasciculation refers to the spontaneous, rhythmic contractions of small bundles of muscle fibers in the tongue. These fine, flickering movements are often observed in clinical settings and can be indicative of various neurological conditions. Understanding the mechanisms underlying tongue fasciculation is essential for elucidating its diagnostic and prognostic significance.

### 2. Neuromuscular Dynamics

The tongue is a complex muscular organ with a highly coordinated neuromuscular system. Fasciculation arises from spontaneous firing of motor neurons, leading to asynchronous contractions of

individual muscle fibers. Studies suggest that alterations in ion channel function, particularly involving calcium and sodium channels, contribute to the development of fasciculations.

### 3. Potential Causes

Tongue fasciculation can be idiopathic or secondary to underlying neurological disorders. Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), a progressive neurodegenerative disease, is a well-known cause of tongue fasciculation. Other potential etiologies include motor neuron diseases, neuropathies, and metabolic disturbances. Identifying the root cause is crucial for appropriate management.

### 4. Clinical Significance

While tongue fasciculation is often benign, its presence may raise concerns about underlying neurological conditions. Clinicians must carefully evaluate associated symptoms, perform a thorough neurological examination, and, if necessary, order imaging studies to rule out serious underlying pathology. The presence of tongue fasciculation can sometimes precede the onset of overt symptoms in conditions such as ALS.

### 5. Diagnostic Approaches

Various diagnostic tools are employed to assess tongue fasciculation. Electromyography (EMG) can help confirm the presence of fasciculations and differentiate them from other neuromuscular

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disorders. Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and computed tomography (CT) scans may be useful in identifying structural abnormalities contributing to tongue fasciculation.

## 6. Associated Conditions

Tongue fasciculation is often associated with a spectrum of neuromuscular disorders. Understanding these associations is crucial for accurate diagnosis and appropriate management. For instance, the co-occurrence of tongue fasciculation and dysphagia may suggest certain motor neuron diseases.

## 7. Therapeutic Interventions

Management of tongue fasciculation depends on the underlying cause. In cases where fasciculation is benign, reassurance and observation may be sufficient. For conditions like ALS, multidisciplinary care involving neurologists, speech therapists, and other specialists is essential. Emerging therapeutic approaches, such as neuroprotective agents, are under investigation for potential efficacy in managing underlying neurodegenerative processes.

## 8. Conclusion

Tongue fasciculation is a notable clinical phenomenon with implications for the diagnosis and management of various neurological conditions. Advances in our understanding of the neuromuscular dynamics underlying fasciculation, coupled

with diagnostic tools and therapeutic options, are essential for providing comprehensive care to affected individuals. Further research is needed to unravel the intricacies of tongue fasciculation and its role as a potential early marker for neurological diseases.

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Partner, Flannery Georgalis

## LEGALBITE

# Two States, One Message: Your Right to Call Yourself a Specialist Just Got Stronger

For years, AAID members who have achieved certification and validation of their proficiency in implantology by becoming Diplomates of the American Board of Oral Implantology/Implant Dentistry (ABOI/ID) have been told by state dental boards that they cannot call themselves what they are: specialists.

In the span of one week this July, that changed in two states.

### **South Dakota: A Federal Judge Agrees — ABOI/ID Diplomates Have A Constitutional Right to Advertise As Specialists**

On July 20, 2026, the U.S. District Court for the District of South Dakota ruled decisively in favor of the AAID and longtime AAID Fellow and ABOI/ID Diplomate Dr. Edward Kusek, striking down South Dakota's specialty-advertising rule as unconstitutional. Judge Karen E. Schreier's order in *American Academy of Implant Dentistry and Dr. Edward R. Kusek v. Jackley, et al.* permanently bars the state from enforcing the rule against Dr. Kusek and every similarly situated ABOI/ID Diplomate in South Dakota.

South Dakota's unconstitutional advertising rules allowed a dentist to advertise as a "specialist" only after completing a two-year, ADA-recognized postdoctoral residency. Under that now inoperative regulatory regime, it did not matter how many implants a dentist had placed, how many years they had practiced, or that they held a Diplomate credential from an independently accredited certifying board. Thus, as the Court ultimately

emphasized in its order, South Dakota's rules would serve to silence a dentist with 40 years of implant experience like Dr. Kusek, while a dentist fresh out of residency was free to advertise as a specialist on day one.

In defending its unconstitutional advertising rules, the Board relied heavily on survey data purportedly showing that consumers associate the word "specialist" with residency training. Specifically, the Board argued that its rule was necessary in order to protect consumers from mistakenly thinking that any dentist that advertised as a specialist had completed a residency program. The court rejected the Board's rationale, in part, because even if the Board's flawed survey data was reliable, the Constitution does not permit the State to ban truthful speech merely because some consumers may interpret it incorrectly. The court also criticized the Board for failing to properly explore less-restrictive disclosure-based rules, rather than an outright ban on truthful advertising.

As of this writing, the Board has not filed a Notice of Appeal.

Notably, the South Dakota Court's decision mirrors the reasoning of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit's decision in *American Academy of Implant Dentistry v. Parker*, which struck down a similar Texas rule and adds South Dakota to a growing list of jurisdictions where courts have recognized that AAID members have a constitutional right to advertise their own expertise and hard-won credentials.

“U.S. District Court Rules South Dakota's Specialty-Advertising Rule Unconstitutional. Federal court strikes down state restrictions, upholding First Amendment rights for implant dentists and protecting truthful advertising for consumers.”



## Ohio: Eight Years of Persistence Pays Off

While South Dakota delivered a courtroom victory, Ohio delivered proof that AAID's patience and persistence work, too.

On July 13, 2026 — one week before the South Dakota ruling — Judge Algenon L. Marbley of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio entered a Consent Judgment resolving *American Academy of Implant Dentistry, et al. v. Kamdar, et al.*, a case the AAID first filed more than eight years ago, in January 2018.

Rather than litigate the case to a final judgment, the AAID, the Ohio State Dental Board, and other interested stakeholders agreed to have Ohio suspend the enforcement of its specialty advertising rules so that the state could develop new proposed rules that would allow ABOI/ID Diplomates to continue to advertise as a "specialist" or as "specializing in" dental implants or implant dentistry. Importantly, through the recently entered Consent Judgment, the Board has agreed.

Just as important, the AAID didn't give up its leverage. The settlement preserves the AAID's right to go back to court if the agreed-upon rules aren't formally adopted, or if the Board in the future tries to modify the agreed-upon rules.

## Why This Matters for Every AAID Member — Not Just Two States

It would be easy to read these as two isolated wins. They're not. Together, they show that AAID's specialty advertising strategy — fighting in court where necessary, negotiating where possible — is working.

For AAID members practicing in states with similar restrictions, these decisions are more than encouraging news — they are precedent and leverage. The AAID will continue to track specialty-advertising rules nationwide and will keep members informed as further developments unfold, including any appeal in South Dakota and the completion of Ohio's rulemaking process.

You earned the credential. These decisions affirm you have the right to say so.

*This article is intended for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. Members with questions about how these decisions may affect advertising in their own state should consult qualified legal counsel.*

This decision ensures that patients in South Dakota will have full access to information concerning dentists' experience and expertise in implant dentistry, including expertise obtained through the rigorous certification process of AAID and the ABOI.

# Where Legacy Meets Innovation: The 19th MegaGen International Symposium



An academic alliance with Nobel Biocare, clinical validation by leading global scholars, and the "New Toronto Declaration" — charting the next 50 years of implant dentistry.

## **Carrying Forward the Legacy of 1982: The Historic Significance of the Toronto Symposium and a New Academic Alliance**

In the history of modern dental implantology, the 1982 Toronto Conference stands as the milestone that established the concept of osseointegration and opened a new era. In 2026, leading figures from across the global dental community gathered once again in Toronto — the birthplace of modern implantology — for MegaGen's 19th International Symposium.

Held under the main theme "Reviewing the Past 50 Years, Envisioning the Next 50 Years of Implant Dentistry," the symposium brought together approximately 1,300 clinicians, researchers, and industry experts from around the world to reflect on half a century of achievement and to discuss the clinical standards of the future.

The symposium drew particular attention with the participation of Nobel Biocare, the company that pioneered the early history of dental implants. This collaboration took concrete form through "The Grand Alliance," an academic partnership established between MegaGen's academic foundation, MINEC, and Nobel Biocare's educational foundation, FOR (Foundation for Oral Rehabilitation).

More than a one-time corporate exchange, this partnership embodies a shared

commitment to connecting the traditional legacy of dentistry with the digital innovation of the future. United by a common mission to deliver safer, more predictable, and biologically stable treatments to patients worldwide, the two organizations have taken a monumental first step toward fusing clinical trust with advanced technology.

## **Validating Clinical Value: A Cross- Generational Lineup of 14 Distinguished Speakers**

The scientific sessions featured fourteen world-class speakers whose lectures spanned the entire arc of implant dentistry, from its formative years to the current era of digital innovation.

\* **Pioneers of Implant Dentistry:** The program opened with lectures by the legendary scholars who laid the foundations of modern implantology. Prof. Tomas Albrektsson, who conducted research alongside Prof. Brånemark and helped define the modern criteria for implant success, shared his invaluable insights on long-term osseointegration. Prof. Dennis Tarnow, originator of the "5mm rule" in esthetic implantology, offered clinical wisdom on preserving interproximal tissue, while Prof. David Garber, whose career has been devoted to long-term esthetics through comprehensive prosthetic rehabilitation, delivered a featured lecture. In addition, Dr. Izchak Barzilay presented an in-depth scholarly review of the fifty years

of development since the 1982 Toronto Conference.

\* **Leaders of Contemporary Clinical Innovation:** The program continued with speakers who are actively expanding the boundaries of clinical practice. Dr. Paulo Maló, developer of the All-on-4® concept that redefined full-arch rehabilitation, discussed the latest parameters of immediate full-arch reconstruction, and Prof. Tomas Linkevicius, founder of the Zero Bone Loss concept, presented evidence-based protocols for maintaining crestal bone stability. Prof. Christian Makary, a leading figure in immediate placement and immediate loading, shared practical strategies for achieving both patient safety and clinical efficiency.

\* **Architects of the Digital Future:** Sessions charting the standards of next-generation digital dentistry also drew strong interest. Prof. Alessandro Pozzi, an authority on prosthetically driven digital implant treatment, and Prof. Francesco Mangano, President of the Digital Dentistry Society (DDS), examined the path toward complete digital standardization. Prof. Clark Stanford (Dean, University of Iowa College of Dentistry), Prof. David Kim (Harvard School of Dental Medicine), and Prof. Kyu-Jin Cho (Seoul National University School of Dentistry) joined as panelists, offering diverse perspectives on integrating advanced tissue management and biological principles into digital clinical practice.



## THE NEW TORONTO DECLARATION

### Key Shifts for Patient-Centric Implantology

| Old Protocol                           | New Standard                                   |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Time-specific loading                  | Patient-specific, Biology-driven               |
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| Accepting bone loss is inevitable      | Toward the zero bone loss concept®             |
| Fragmented digital tools               | Seamless Digital Workflow                      |

### A Shift in Clinical Paradigms: The New Toronto Declaration

Building on the scientific validation and reflections of the world's leading scholars, MegaGen proposed the "New Toronto Declaration," setting out a new direction for the future of implant treatment.

True to the theme "Legacy Meets Innovation," the significance of this symposium lies in presenting, in a single forum, a rigorous understanding of the past and a patient-centered vision for the future. The core values shared by participating clinicians were as follows:

\* **Recalibrating the Foundations:** Scientific evidence was presented for re-examining long-held clinical assumptions — including crestal bone loss, peri-implantitis, and implant surface aging — in light of the latest biological understanding.

\* **A Map of 50 Years of Evolution:** The program offered a macroscopic review of the changes in implant design and surgical techniques over the past half-century, weighing their strengths and limitations, and re-illuminating the clinical wisdom demanded by the present era.

\* **Evidence-Based Protocols:** Practical, efficient solutions directly relevant to clinical practice were established, covering immediate placement and accelerated loading, All-on-4® full-arch rehabilitation, and single-tooth esthetic restoration.

\* **A Clinical Philosophy Responsive to Patients:** In response to the growing number of elderly patients and those with systemic conditions, the symposium affirmed a patient-centered paradigm oriented toward simpler, minimally invasive treatments.

\* **A View Toward the Future of Dentistry:** The program outlined the organic connections between dentistry and adjacent advanced sciences, including artificial intelligence (AI), mixed reality (MR), biomedical convergence technologies, and biomimetic robotics.

At the heart of the Declaration are the following Key Shifts — concrete paradigm changes for patient-centric implantology:

Beyond technological progress, these approaches reflect MegaGen's clinical philosophy: to honor patient well-being and quality of life through advanced engineering.

### Visualizing Legacy and Innovation: A New Paradigm for Exhibitions

The exhibition space went beyond conventional product promotion, staged as both a "museum of dentistry" and a showcase of innovation. At the front of the booth, a special Honorary Zone was dedicated to the research achievements of the pioneers who led the 1982 Toronto Conference — a gesture that beautifully captured MegaGen's philosophy of pursuing future innovation on established foundations.

Connected to this legacy, MegaGen's product lineup was also exceptionally well

received. The booth featured a "Seamless Digital Solution" zone in which the entire course of treatment — from the patient's first visit and consultation through diagnosis, placement, and final restoration — was integrated into a single, unified workflow.

Alongside the digital workflow, the exhibition also gave substantial weight to the fundamentals of implant technology: fixation strength and placement stability. Next-generation implant solutions engineered to achieve reliable primary stability across a wide range of bone quality conditions drew keen interest from clinicians on-site. By intuitively presenting the integration of its next-generation implant lineup with the digital workflow, MegaGen's booth was highly credited with setting a new standard for the future of implant exhibitions.

### Toward the Future: The 20th Symposium Awaits in Shanghai

With the conclusion of the Toronto Symposium, the attention of the global dental community now turns to the next chapter of this journey. The momentum generated by the New Toronto Declaration and the spirit of cross-generational collaboration are expected to grow even further in the years ahead.

The 20th MegaGen International Symposium will be officially held on April 16–17, 2027, at the Shanghai World Expo Exhibition & Convention Center (SWEECC) in Shanghai, China.

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By Andy Ray Burton, DMD, FAAID, DABOI/ID  
Smile, Veteran!™ Committee Chair



## Strengthening Care Through Partnership

One of the most rewarding aspects of the AAID Foundation's *Smile, Veteran!*™ program is witnessing what becomes possible when committed partners unite around a shared mission. Today, we proudly celebrate Tatum Surgical joining *Smile, Veteran!*™ as a program sponsor, providing critical in-kind support that empowers our volunteer doctors to deliver life-changing implant care to veterans who would otherwise lack access to treatment.

barriers or limitations in coverage. In response, the AAID Foundation established a collaborative model that unites AAID-credentialed doctors, industry partners, and the Foundation itself to provide comprehensive implant care at no cost to qualifying veterans.

Since its launch in 2019, *Smile, Veteran!*™ continues to grow steadily and meaningfully. To date, 15 veteran cases have been successfully completed, each representing far more than dentistry alone. Every restored smile reflects renewed confidence, improved health, restored function, and the power of a profession coming together in service of others.

As the program expands, so does the opportunity to make an even greater impact. We invite additional industry partners to support *Smile, Veteran!*™ through sponsorships, donations, and collaboration, and we encourage AAID-credentialed doctors to become participating providers. Together, we continue honoring our veterans' service by ensuring they receive the implant care they deserve.

With the support of partners like Tatum Surgical and the unwavering dedication of AAID members, *Smile, Veteran!*™ enters an exciting new chapter — one defined by growth, collaboration, and an even greater ability to change lives through implant dentistry.



Patient John Meschi, was treated  
by Dr. Don Provenzale

Through this partnership, Tatum Surgical contributes dental implants and essential implant components for approved veteran cases based on individual patient needs and treatment plans. While every

clinical case is unique, the impact remains the same: without access to implants and restorative components, this care simply does not happen. Tatum Surgical's generosity directly supports our providers in restoring oral function, confidence, dignity, and quality of life for the veterans we serve. We are honored to welcome them into the *Smile, Veteran!*™ family and deeply grateful for their commitment to expanding the reach and impact of this mission.

The *Smile, Veteran!*™ program exists because of a very real need. Many veterans face complex dental conditions yet lack access to implant treatment due to financial

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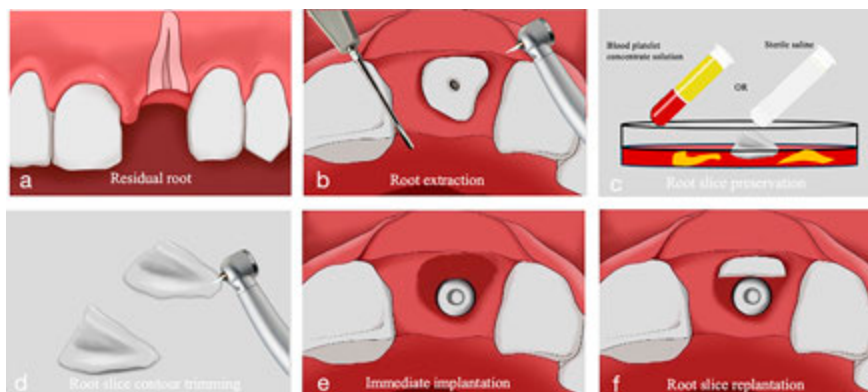
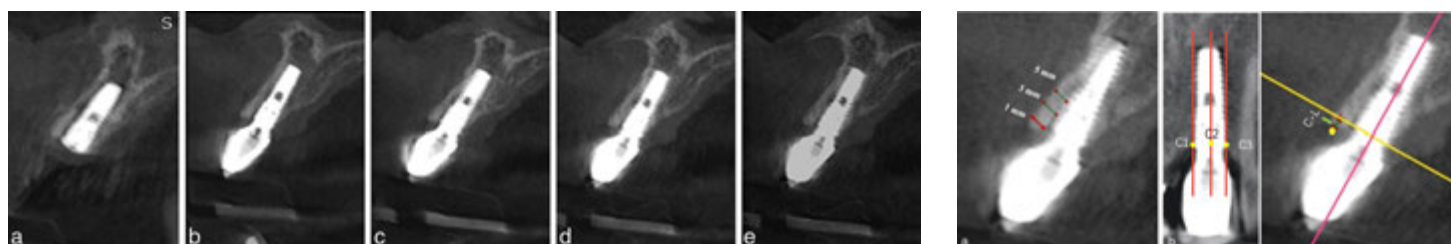
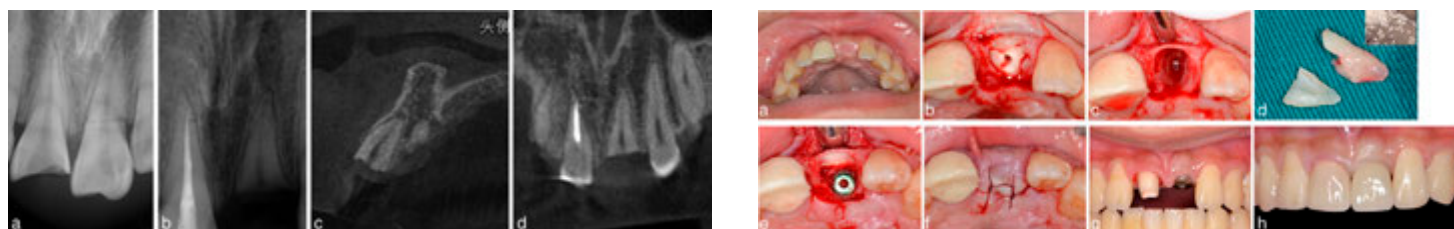


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### CLINICAL CASE REPORT

#### A Novel Autologous Root Slice Replantation Technique Applied for Immediate Implantation of Maxillary Central Incisors: A Case Report With 6-Year Review

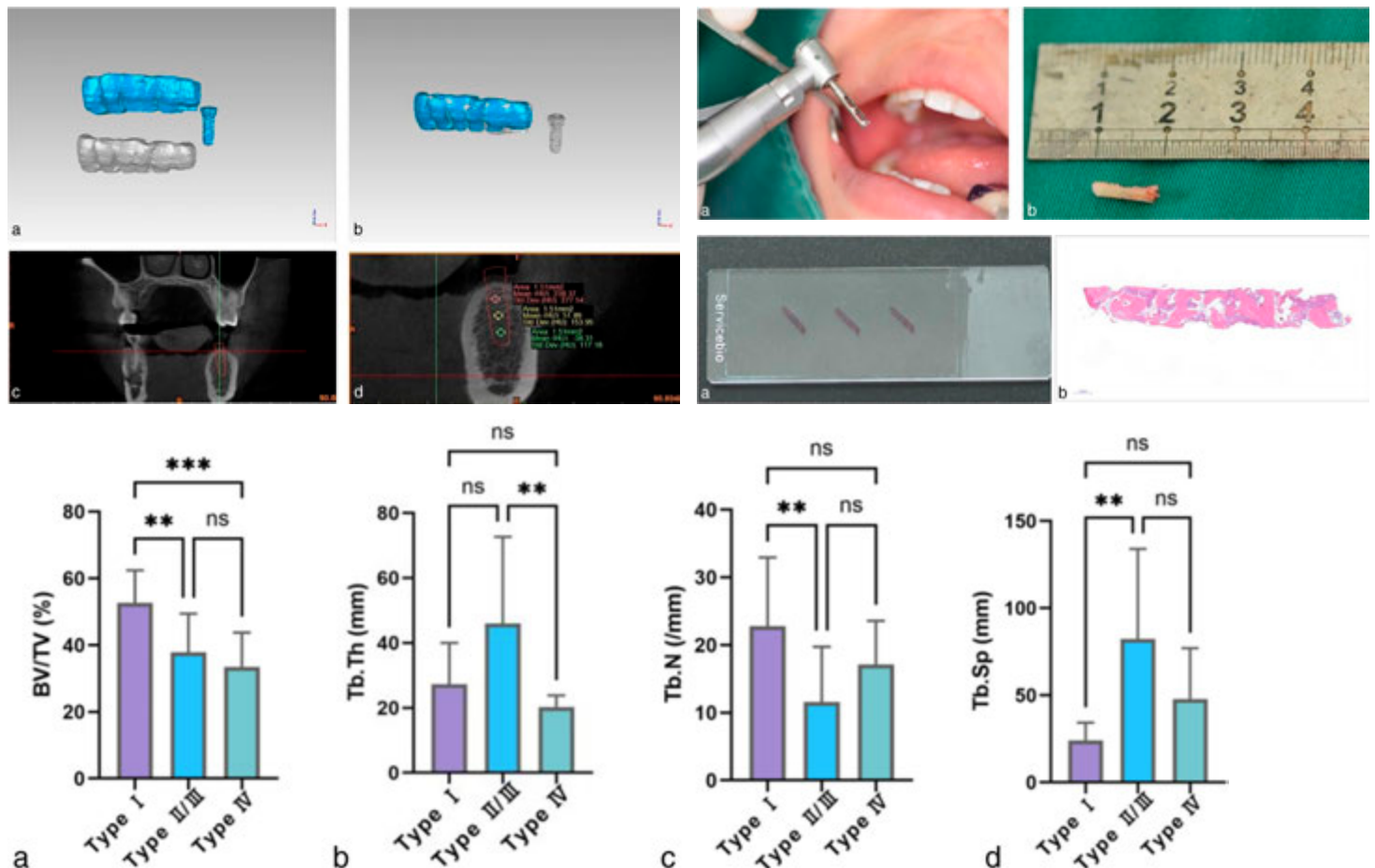
This case study describes a novel approach to autologous tooth transplantation combined with immediate implantation. This article presents a 6-year follow-up observation of a 22-year-old male patient who requested oral implant restoration after a fracture of the maxillary anterior tooth caused by trauma. Treatment involved immediate implantation of the maxillary central incisors using a novel autologous tooth transplantation technique called autologous root slice replantation (ARSR). It avoided the absorption of soft and hard tissues on the labial side after immediate implantation of the maxillary anterior teeth. Moreover, the implant area and its surrounding soft tissues were healthy without obvious inflammation. The ARSR develops the application of autologous tooth transplantation combined with immediate implantation, providing a new solution for esthetic implantation in the anterior teeth area.



## CLINICAL DENTAL IMPLANT RESEARCH

### Cross-Sectional Study on the Relationship Between Jawbone Types and Trabecular Bone Structures

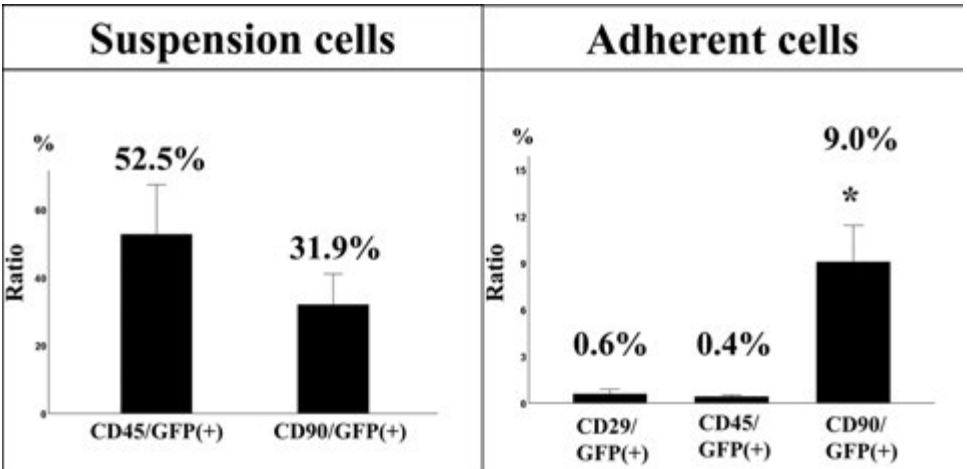
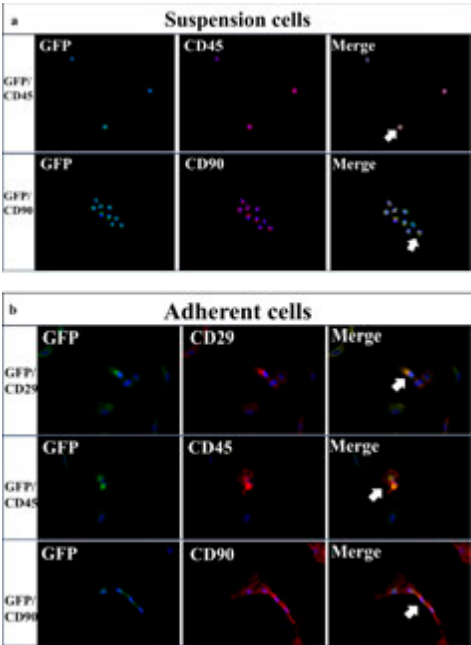
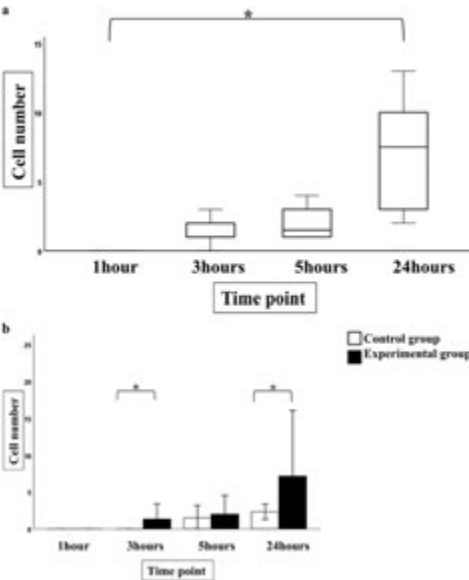
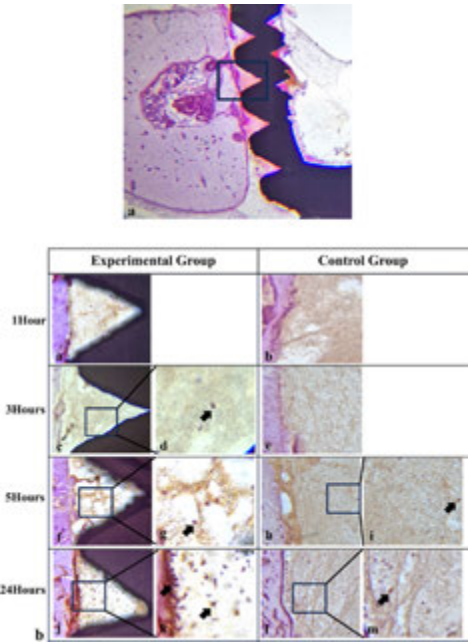
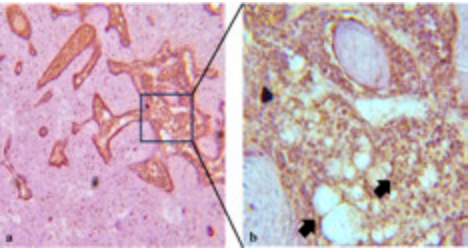
This study investigated the relationship between jawbone types and trabecular bone structures. A total of 38 osseointegrated implants were placed in 33 partially edentulous patients (17 males and 16 females). The bone quality of the recipient sites was measured in Hounsfield units and classified according to the Norton and Gamble classification. Histomorphometric methods were employed to analyze the structure of trabecular bone, including bone volume fraction (BV/TV), trabecular thickness (Tb. Th), trabecular number, and trabecular separation. The mean values of the four variables in Type I were  $52.66 \pm 9.75\%$ ,  $27.31 \pm 12.73 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $22.77 \pm 10.17/\text{mm}$ , and  $24.01 \pm 10.34 \mu\text{m}$ , respectively. The mean values for Types II/III were  $37.92 \pm 11.54\%$ ,  $45.99 \pm 26.71 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $11.58 \pm 8.16/\text{mm}$ , and  $82.39 \pm 51.67 \mu\text{m}$ , respectively. The mean values for Type IV were  $33.43 \pm 10.32\%$ ,  $20.27 \pm 3.58 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $17.16 \pm 6.42/\text{mm}$ , and  $47.92 \pm 29.11 \mu\text{m}$ , respectively. When comparing Type I with Type IV, BV/TV was the only variable that demonstrated a statistically significant difference ( $p < .001$ ). In the comparison between Type I and Type II/III, all variables were statistically significant except for Tb. Th ( $p < .01$ ). When comparing Type II/III with Type IV, Tb. Th was the only variable that showed a statistically significant difference ( $p < .01$ ). It is crucial to select ideal implant sites before placement, considering the various bone types. Direct quantification of trabecular bone structure in a clinical setting is challenging; therefore, understanding bone types can aid in predicting implantation outcomes by assessing the relationship between bone type and trabecular bone structures.



CLINICAL DENTAL IMPLANT SCIENCE RESEARCH

Recruitment of Rat Bone Marrow–Derived Cells to Dental Implants Immediately After Installation

This study investigated the recruitment of bone marrow–derived cells (BMDCs) to the implant surface during the osseointegration process. Green fluorescent protein (GFP)-expressing BMDCs were transplanted into irradiated Sprague-Dawley rats to trace BMDCs following tooth extraction healing. After bone marrow transplantation, the control group exhibited maxillary bone cavities only, whereas the experimental group received implants in these cavities bilaterally. At 1, 3, 5, and 24 hours postoperation, samples were prepared for immunohistochemical staining. At 24 hours postimplantation, the cells were collected from the implant sites and analyzed using double fluorescence staining. In the experimental group, the number of GFP-positive cells gradually increased over time and was significantly greater than that in the control group at the 3- and 24-hour time points. At 24 hours after implantation, the cells around the implant surface were analyzed. Hematopoietic stem cell markers and mesenchymal stem cell markers were detected in the GFP-positive cells. These data showed that bone marrow–derived cells are recruited to the implant surface in the rats' maxillae. These findings also suggest that hematopoietic stem cells and mesenchymal stem cells derived from bone marrow are important for the establishment of osseointegration in the rats' maxillae in the very early stages. The limitations of this study include its small sample size and relatively short observation period. Future research should involve an increased number of samples and a longer observation timeline. Furthermore, investigating how these cells undergo differentiation over time is necessary.





# 2027 SLATE OF OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

*The AAID nominating committee, chaired by Matt Young, DDS, FAAID, DABOI/ID, presents the following slate of officers for consideration at the AAID 2026 Annual Business Meeting, scheduled on October 3, 2026 at 2pm in Nashville, TN.*

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In accordance with Article IX, Section 7 of AAID's Bylaws, members not nominated by the Nominating Committee may be nominated by petition as follows: (3) Nothing herein contained shall prevent voting members from nominating a candidate provided that the nomination petition is submitted to the chair of the

Nominating Committee or that person's designee at least 30 days in advance of the election [i.e. September 3, 2026] at the Annual Meeting for distribution to the voting membership at least 21 days in advance of the election. (4) A nominee not announced by the Nominating Committee must include the signatures of at least 5 percent of the

voting membership on the petition [i.e. 62 signatures]. (5) The Committee shall obtain a disclosure statement from each candidate nominated by the Committee or by petition and make this information available to the voting members.

## INTRODUCING THE 2027 SECRETARY CANDIDATE



Dr. Michael Fioritto earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Georgetown University and his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from Case Western Reserve University School of Dentistry. His postgraduate training includes advanced education in IV sedation and implant dentistry, highlighted by completion of the Dental College of Georgia MaxiCourse and the Midwest Implant Institute Externship. Dr. Fioritto is an Honored Fellow of the AAID and a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral Implantology (ABOI).

A dedicated leader within the AAID, Dr. Fioritto has served in numerous district and national roles, including Central District Past President and Trustee. He has also contributed to the Academy through service on the A&C Board, Education Oversight Committee, Legal Oversight Committee, Test

Construction Committee, ACE Committee, and other committees and task forces.

Dr. Fioritto is actively involved in implant education as Director of the Cleveland Implant Institute, Implant Rockstars, and the Advanced Implant Academy. He serves as a guest lecturer for the Washington DC Mid-Atlantic MaxiCourse and Case Western Reserve University and has been a featured podium speaker at AAID district meetings. In addition to his professional and educational contributions, he volunteers with Remote Area Medical, providing care through mobile medical clinics that help underserved communities. He maintains a strong commitment to advancing implant dentistry through leadership, education, and service.

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# newmembers

The AAID is pleased to welcome the following new members who joined between June 2, 2026 through July 22, 2026. The list is organized by state, with the new member's city included. International members are listed by country and province (if applicable). If you joined the AAID recently and your name does not appear below, it will be listed in the next issue of AAID News.

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#### Arizona

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Saseelan Sivagnanam, Lake in the Hills

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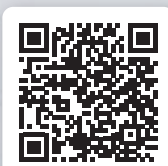
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