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By Brian J. Jackson, DDS, FAAID, DABOI/ID AAID President 2022

PRESIDENT'SMESSAGE

Dr. Brian Jackson Thrilled to Cap Off Year of Presidency With Largest AAID Annual Conference Ever

Q: What are you most excited for at the upcoming 2022 AAID Annual Conference, September 21-24 in Dallas, Texas?

Dr. Brian Jackson, DDS, FAAID, DABOI/

ID: I have to say that I'm very excited because this is our largest annual meeting ever in the history of our Academy. We're offering 70 courses with more than 40 CE credit hours available. There's going to be more than 25 hands-on workshops, so attendees have a chance to "do" what they learn. Our Main Podium is packed with leaders in our field from around the world. We also have the brand-new All Star Lectures – presentations by some of the best and brightest AAID members.

And don't forget to bring your Team. It's an amazing lineup of presenters that include dental hygienists and assistants, as well as business leadership programs to implement at our front desks.

Dallas is one of the greatest cities in the United States. The Hilton Anatole is a beautiful hotel with amazing meeting space. It's structured for families as well as significant others. It's a spacious, beautiful facility that has a great feel for everyone that's going to be at the conference. We're going to have the Implant World Expo, featuring the most exciting dental exhibitors in the industry, and we're also going to have our Denim and Diamonds theme at the President's Celebration. I can't wait to see everyone in their jeans and jewels!

So come on, come have a little bit of fun and get a little bit smarter!

Q: For those that might not be able to come in-person, I know there's a virtual option. What can people expect from that?

Dr. Jackson: Unfortunately, some of our members and colleagues are just not going to be able to attend for a whole host of reasons. And we don't want to exclude anyone from having the opportunity to be part of the Annual Conference.

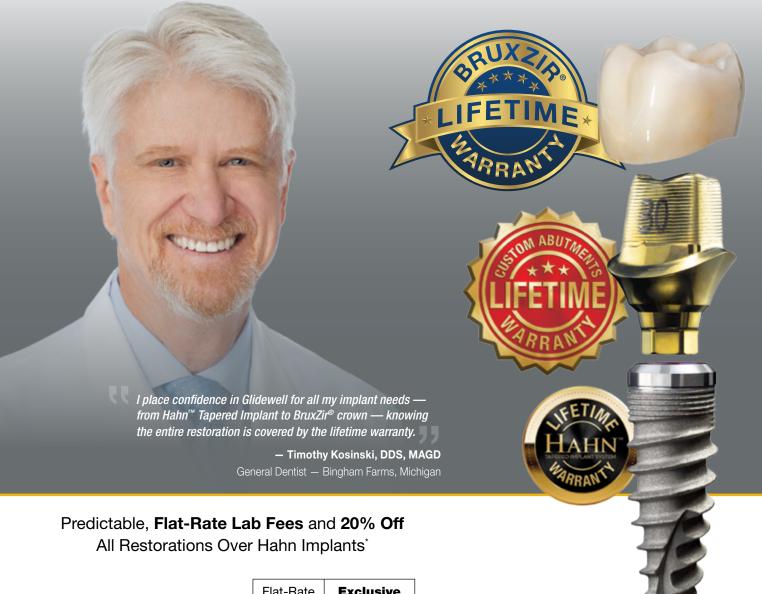
So what does that mean? Well, first, we're going to miss you. But if you can't make it, I want to let you know there is a virtual option. Our Main Podium is going to be streamed live, and our All-Star presentations are going to be available on-demand after the conference. That's more than 19 credit hours. So please consider the virtual offerings at this year's annual meeting.

Q: What can we look forward to at the 2023 AAID Annual Conference in Las Vegas, November 1-4?

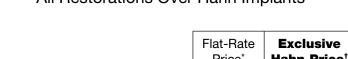
Dr. Jackson: 2023 is going to be another very exciting annual meeting. It's going to be in Las Vegas, Nevada at the beautiful Caesars Palace. I know Dr. Shane Samy, who will be our acting president, has already built a great team to develop a thought-provoking conference. The theme is *Trends in Transformation*.

Again, I hope to see you in Dallas, and in Las Vegas next year, so mark your calendars!

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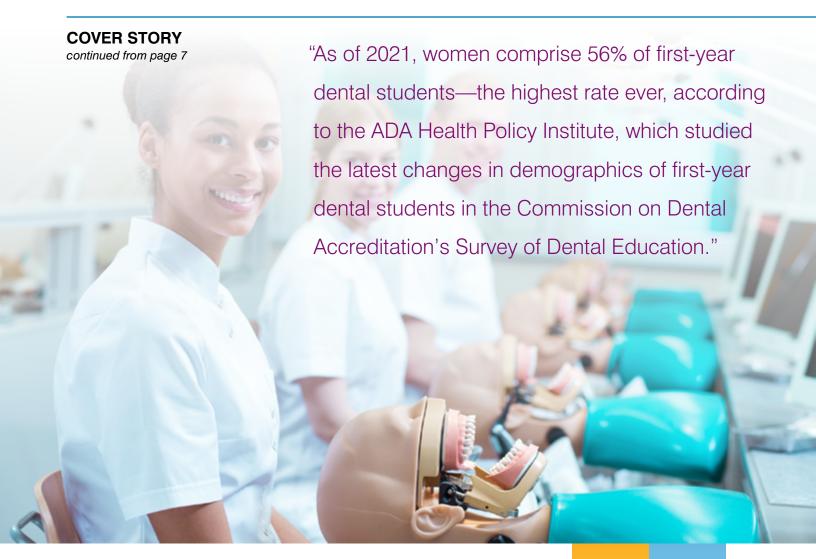
New data on dental school applicants and enrollees suggest the dental profession is halfway through a seismic demographic shift that will see significantly more women and minorities comprising the dental profession by the year 2040.

Shifts in workforce demographics occur gradually throughout the course of a generation, and recent reports from the American Dental Education Association and the American Dental Association (ADA) Health Policy Institute (HPI) show that trends that started at the turn of this century have accelerated and demonstrate strong staying power. As of 2021, women comprise 56% of first-year dental students—the highest rate ever, according to the ADA Health Policy Institute, which studied the latest changes in demographics of first-year dental students in the Commission on Dental Accreditation's Survey of Dental Education.

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Women and Minorities Represent a Demographic Shift

By Chris Martin



In 2000, there were 7,770 total dental school applicants and 4,234 first-year enrollees. Among first-year enrollees in 2000, 199 were Black or African American, 926 were Asian, and 227 were Hispanic. Among first-year dental school applicants in 2021, 435 were Black, 1,434 were Asian, and 695 were Hispanic.

Applicant demographics reflect similar shifts throughout this two-decade period, with 391 Black students applying in 2000 and 899 in 2021; while 506 Hispanic students applied in 2000 and 1,370 in 2021. Asian students represented 1,821 dental school applicants in 2000 and 2,676 in 2021. In 2000, there were 4,700 White student applicants, and 5,424 in 2021.

"The trends we see in enrollment are going to accelerate dental practice trends like the growth of large group practice and the decline in ownership," said Marko Vujicic, PhD, HPI chief economist and vice president in an article from the ADA. "We know from our research that, all else equal, women and non-White dentists are more likely to practice in larger groups, for example. They are also more likely to treat Medicaid patients."

Dentistry's shift mirrors what medicine and other professions are experiencing. According to a report from the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), the percentage of women physicians rose from 28.3% in 2007 to 36.3% in 2021, according to the AAMC's Physician Specialty Data Reports from 2008 to 2020!

Year	Percentage Increase
2007	28.3%
2010	30.4%
2013	32.6%
2015	34.0%
2017	35.2%
2019	36.3%

¹ https://www.aamc.org/data-reports/workforce/report/physician-specialty-data-report

The impact of STEM

Some experts suggest the nation's emphasis on exposing young girls and women to more science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) curricula may be having an impact on the number of women who seek careers in dentistry and medicine. It is not a coincidence that 2022 is the 50th anniversary of Title IX, the federal statute that has helped girls and women advance in a variety of educational spheres, including athletics, scholarships, and STEM.

Educators note that students who take STEM classes in high school are more likely to pursue STEM degrees in college, according to a 2018 report by the National Science Foundation (NSF)?

"Educators—regardless of what level—should encourage girls to use their interests in technology to serve others because that's what is attractive to girls," said Michelle Kavanaugh, acting executive director of the Western New York (WNY) STEM Hub. The WNY STEM Hub is a 501c3 organization that works with schools to "develop, nurture and maximize interest in STEM learning."

Other groups have noticed that the number of women in STEM college and university programs is growing. According to the Society of Women Engineers, in 2018, 49.6 percent of degrees in science and technology were earned by women and women comprised 29.4 percent of science and technology jobs in 2019.

Dental schools and female students

As more female students attend medical and dental school, there are certain considerations that schools must now factor into their programs and curricula. The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), a group that oversees medical training, implemented an important policy update in 2022 when it began requiring all ACGME-accredited programs to offer six weeks of paid leave to all residents/fellows for medical, parental, and caregiver leave, with the right to take such leave effective on the individual's very first day in the program.

Policy changes like ACGME's will help, but Dr. Jasmine Sung, from Houston, Texas, said that dental schools also need to consider changes to the physical spaces where female students who may be pregnant can have access to accommodations they need, such as rooms or areas for nursing mothers.

"I think it would be reasonable to provide at minimum a private space or room for pumping breastmilk," she said. "I also think that these days people are more aware and thus more compassionate and understanding in that women sometimes need to step away to take care of their children's needs."

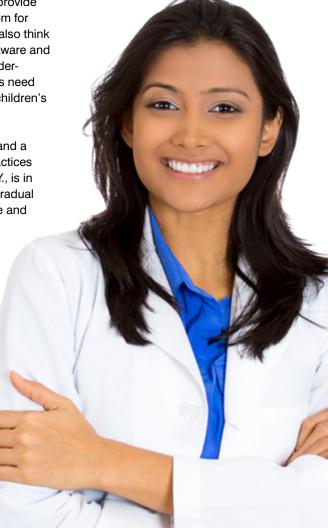
Dr. Chad Gehani, an endodontist and a past president of the ADA who practices in Jackson Heights in Queens, N.Y., is in a unique position to observe the gradual change in demographics. "My wife and daughter are dentists, and they work hard and are very competent," he said. Dr. Gehani urges that dentistry as a profession should do more to recruit and retain women while they are in dental school, beginning with basic accommodations from better and more bathrooms to eliminating the requirement that forces women to repeat

an entire year of dental school as a result of taking time off to have a baby.

"What happens when a female dental student gets pregnant? She may not be able to go to school for three months and the schools often make that student repeat that entire year," he said.

Long-held gender stereotypes are slow to change, even with the increase in the number of female dentists. Dr. Sung also says that as much as the general public purports to support gender equality, the current culture has ingrained in most people that women will bear the burden of childcare, and in dentistry that has certain implications.

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COVER STORY

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Benefits and challenges female dentists may face

For AAID members and other dentists, this shift in gender demographics may have positive impacts on the profession, including addressing some patient preferences. "There are a number of patients who request female dentists due to cultural or religious considerations. In addition, some female patients find women dentists to be better listeners during consultations and have a somewhat more delicate touch with their work," said Sal Mati, DMD, an AAID member in Bingham Farms, Mich.

As a female dentist, Dr. Sung has also experienced the effects of gender bias from new patients. "Some patients tend to listen more and be less likely to dictate their treatment preferences to male [dentists]," she observed. "I have also seen they assume upon meeting me I am better at cosmetic dentistry over surgical cases."

The upshot is she has had to work harder to gain patients' trust and respect than the male associates who do surgical cases.

"Many female dentists opt to be associates versus practice owners because they need the flexibility to work shorter hours to pick up their children, make dinner, help with homework, take them to their extracurriculars, etc. It's not surprising that since the pandemic, the majority that left the workforce are women because they had to stay home to take care of their children and help with online learning," she said.

Despite advances, racial disparities still exist

While gains among women, Asian students, and Hispanic students should be lauded, the dental profession still lags behind other professions in recruiting While gains among women, Asian students, and Hispanic students should be lauded, the dental profession still lags other professions in recruiting and retaining African American students and dentists.

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According to the ADA HPI report: "The percentage of enrollees who were African Americans was 4.7 % in 2000 but in 2019, it was 5.78% while blacks comprise 13.4 % of the entire population. A different ADA HPI on Racial and Ethnic Mix of Dental Workforce released in 2022 tells an even bleaker story. In 2005, African Americans made up 3.7% of the dentist workforce in the U.S. In 2020, that percentage was only 3.8%."

Writing in the April issue of the Journal of the American Dental Education Association, Romesh P. Nalliah states: "Very little progress has been accomplished in growing the enrollment of BAA [Black and African American] applicants to dental school in 20 years. As a profession, we also fail to grow interest among our graduates in careers that may support historically underrepresented and marginalized racial groups—public health, rural practice, population research, academic and health policy. This may be a contributing factor to the oral health disparities faced by Black Americans and have implications for dental education."

Dr. Gehani, who served as ADA President in 2020, said much more action needs to take place so the dental profession mirrors the demographics of the larger American population. "We need to ask questions of ourselves and our profession—how many African American students were recruited by each organization and dental school?" he said.

It is also important to consider how many Hispanic students are pursuing careers in dentistry. The number of Hispanic students enrolled in dental school increased over the last 20 years, but according to Manuel A. Cordero, DDS, CPH, MAGD, executive director & chief executive officer of the Hispanic Dental Association, it is extremely important to have both cultural competency as well as mirroring of the population.

"There is no way to provide enough native Spanish-speaking licensed professionals to serve the close to 60 million Hispanic community members already within our borders," he said.

Dr. Cordero believes the shifting demographics will create profound changes in the way dentistry is practiced.

"The commercialization of dental practice will definitely change due to the increase of well managed DSOs [dental support organizations]," he said. "They provide the structure which is ideal to the part-time or selected time oral health professional. The purchase power as well as the negotiating power of a larger DSO will enhance the financial intake of those associated with large practices and then continue to grow in the future," he said.

The changing demographics of those who are pursuing careers in dentistry is an incredible thing to witness. The fact that the number of students of color and women choosing to attend dental school is increasing ensures that the face of dentistry is much more varied now than it has ever been. But there is still work to do, from program and curricula shifts to perceptions among patients and throughout the profession.



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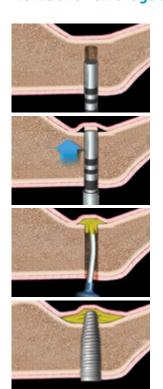
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By Colin Callahan and Justin Withrow, Partners at Flannery | Georgalis

AAID Secures Landmark Specialty Advertising Settlements in Michigan and Oregon

For the past two years, we have had the privilege of representing the American Academy of Implant Dentistry (AAID) in litigation challenging unconstitutional state restrictions on members' ability to tout their expertise in implantology. The mission that our colleague, Frank Recker, JD, DDS, began years ago has resulted in a growing list of states repealing, revising, or suspending enforcement of their specialty advertising regulations. Now, two more states—Michigan and Oregon—have joined Texas, Iowa, California, and others in acknowledging AAID members' right to accurately advertise their experience and credentials in implant dentistry.

So, what do the settlements in Michigan and Oregon mean for providers in those states? This article briefly summarizes the course of litigation and the state of play post-settlement in both jurisdictions.

Pierre J. Tedders, DDS et al. v. Orlene Hawks, 1:20-cv-00251, United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan

Unlike prior constitutional challenges in other states, AAID initiated the Michigan litigation in March of 2020 to protect the rights of one of its individual members, ABOI/ID Diplomate, Pierre Tedders, DDS, against whom the State had already brought disciplinary charges earlier in the year. Dr. Tedders' violation, according to the State, was accurately describing himself as a board-certified implantologist on billboards, his practice's website, and other social media platforms. Specifically, Michigan contended that Dr. Tedders' assertion that he was a "Board-certified implantologist" was misleading to the public because implantology is not a recognized specialty in Michigan.

"After successfully defending Dr. Tedders in the administrative matter...Michigan ultimately agreed that Dr. Tedders and other similarly situated Michigan-licensed dentists were entitled to advertise themselves as a 'specialist' or 'Board Certified' or 'having a specialty' in implantology/dental implants, provided that such designation was accurate based on credentials awarded by the AAID, the ABOI/ID, or another organization recognized by the American Board of Dental Specialties."

"Oregon attempted to limit AAID members' ability to advertise in a somewhat different manner than past states. Specifically, instead of expressly limiting specialty status—and thus the ability to advertise—to fields recognized by the ADA, Oregon enacted regulations that also extended such rights to dentists that had "completed an advanced education program that is at least two years in length and is recognized by the United States Department of Education."

After successfully defending Dr. Tedders in the administrative matter—which the State dropped shortly after we filed our broader constitutional challenge to Michigan's advertising regulations and withstanding two motions to dismiss filed by the State—Michigan ultimately agreed that Dr. Tedders and other similarly situated Michigan-licensed dentists were entitled to advertise themselves as a "specialist" or "Board Certified" or "having a specialty" in implantology/dental implants, provided that such designation was accurate based on credentials awarded by the AAID, the ABOI/ ID, or another organization recognized by the American Board of Dental Specialties.

As a result of the Michigan settlement, all current and future Michigan dentists who attain the same credentials are lawfully permitted to advertise themselves as a specialist or Board-certified in dental implants.

American Academy of Implant Dentistry, et al. v. Stephen Prisby, 3:21-cv-01182, United States District Court for the District of Oregon

The Oregon Litigation too was different from past constitutional challenges in other states. In seeming recognition of the landmark decision in AAID v. Parker¹, in which the Fifth Circuit unambiguously held that the Texas regulation restricting dentists from advertising as a specialist in practices areas not recognized by the American Dental Association (ADA) as a specialty was an unconstitutional restriction on Plaintiff's First Amendment right to free commercial speech, Oregon attempted to limit AAID members' ability to advertise in a somewhat different manner than past

states. Specifically, instead of expressly limiting specialty status—and thus the ability to advertise—to fields recognized by the ADA, Oregon enacted regulations that also extended such rights to dentists that had "completed an advanced education program that is at least two years in length and is recognized by the United States Department of Education."² As a practical matter, however, the impact of Oregon's regulations was the same because the Department of Education relies on the ADA to decide which programs to recognize. Such that under Oregon's regulatory regime, the ADA, yet again, remained the sole arbiter of which dental specialties should be recognized in Oregon. And, relatedly, which dentists could lawfully advertise as specialists.

Oregon too filed a partial motion to dismiss. Unlike Michigan, however, Oregon did not even seek to dismiss AAID's core constitutional free speech claims. While awaiting a ruling by the judge on Oregon's limited motion to dismiss, an agreement was reached with Oregon, pursuant to which the State agreed:

- Not to enforce its specialty advertising regulations against AAID members³;
- Repeal specialty advertising regulations prohibiting advertising as a "specialist" in specialty areas of dentistry not recognized by the Board; and
- Recommend to the Governor the repeal of statutory specialty advertising restrictions in the Governors 2023 legislative agenda⁴

As a result of this settlement, Oregon providers who have attained Diplomate status are thus lawfully permitted to advertise themselves as a "Specialist." Additionally, AAID members who have not attained Diplomate status may advertise that they practice implant dentistry and are exempt from any requirement that they identify themselves as a general dentist or a specialist in another specialty.

Dentists should carefully review the advertising regulations in their state before publishing any advertising materials to the general public. As the AAID continues to work to protect its members' free speech rights across all 50 states, it will be interesting to see how, if at all, Dental Boards seek to regulate AAID members' accurate advertising of their experience and credentials. For now, let's enjoy the victories. Congratulations to those in Michigan, Oregon, and the organization as a whole.

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By Roger P. Levin, DDS

The New Paradigm in Case Presentation

Case presentation has been through multiple levels of transformation based on a changing set of ethics, morals, and laws over the years. Until the middle 1980s, case presentation was never thought of as selling. The word "selling" was unacceptable and was considered unethical and unacceptable by the dental profession. It was the changing legal status that allowed dentistry to advertise for the first time and began the transformation of case presentation becoming a sales process.

The truth is that case presentation is always about selling. Regardless of what you want to call it, the fact is when you offer to give someone something for some type of remuneration, you are selling. However,

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we must also consider that there are many types of selling, which include a range from high-quality sales to the proverbial used car salesperson and everything in between. Dentists did not want to be considered in the used car salesperson category, so case presentation was always thought of something different than selling even though it still constituted sales.

Sales is one of the largest professions in the world. All major businesses have local, national, and/or international salesforces. There are telephone sales call centers, sales managers, sales vice presidents, and sales training departments. Sales is not just a job; it is a profession with incredible science behind it. Corporations spend millions of dollars every year researching how to improve salesforce performance and training of salespeople. This is not some small, isolated area on a used car lot. It is one of the biggest, most powerful, and most important factors in business today.

By the middle 1990s, dentists were getting on board. While many dentists were still uncomfortable with the idea of selling, they began looking for opportunities to increase practice production. Case presentation enhancement was one of the best opportunities, and education in this area began to increase as speakers and authors were teaching case presentation at seminars and workshops.

As I look back over time, I can break case presentation into three historical eras. The first was the pre-selling era when dentists never referred to case presentation as selling. The second era was the emergence of case presentation as a practice management factor. This is when dentists began to accept that they were selling services and began to learn more about how they could sell better. At first, they may not have thought of it this way, but as practices became more competitive and sought to improve productivity, dentists began to study and measure case presentation and case acceptance. We are still in the second era, and it is going well. Dentists are learning how to better communicate with patients, build the right scripting and verbal skills and, subsequently, improve case acceptance.

I would like to propose that we are now entering a third era that I refer to simply as "having a conversation." Patients are becoming more knowledgeable, savvy, cynical, and research-oriented. This has most definitely been brought about by the enormous amount of information found accessible on the internet. While much of that information is accurate, the fact is that people can research everything from the details of procedures to reviews of the practice or dentist. They come armed with questions and information, or they go home and research their questions and seek more information.

The paradigm shift in case presentation is to start having conversations with patients. In some ways I have even thought about changing my vocabulary and replace the term case presentation with case conversation; however, for purposes of this article, case presentation will remain the term. Still, I strongly urge you to consider that your "presentation" is now really a conversation, and dentists and staff members who do this best with their patients come out winners.

Remember, a conversation is not a one-way street; rather, it's a two-way street. You must start to include the patient in the case presentation. It is critical to ask questions about the patient's thought process and interest and identify the patient's questions so that you can answer them and create a high level of comfort. Even the discussion of money is a conversation. It is no longer about how much a case costs, it is about how the patient can pay for it using different financial options and this must be part of the conversation.

Just imagine if you could sit down with any patient in a calm, relaxed setting without interruptions and simply have a conversation with them about their dental status, dental needs, and dental wants. Imagine that you are still the expert at making clear recommendations for patients' needs—but by having a powerful, relationship-building conversation that usually results in case acceptance. Imagine having conversations with patients who appreciate the opportunity to be fully informed and begin

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to trust you and your entire practice more. In the end, trust is the main factor in case presentation and conversations are the best way to build that trust.

Many dentists may think that they already have conversations with their patients, but they are probably fooling themselves a bit. Certainly, the patient gets to talk and ask questions. And, of course, the dentist will answer questions. But is it really a conversation? Is it back-and-forth? Does the patient participate all along the way? Is it really a two-way street?

There was a time when dentists and physicians were viewed as sitting in an ivory tower. Patients did what they were told if they could afford it. Today's patients are empowered. They respect their doctors, but they do not idolize them. They are more than willing to change practices, doctors, or insurance plans because they no longer believe that their doctor is the only doctor. Consider utilizing case conversations, especially with your larger treatment plans to increase your case acceptance and persuade more patients to accept the treatment you recommend for their ultimate oral health.

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Hand-held Ultrasonographic Assessment in Dentistry

Ultrasonography (USG) is a non-invasive diagnostic imaging tool for quantitative assessment of anatomic structures. Intraoral ultrasonography uses high-frequency mechanical waves generally in the range of 7.5-15 MHz and can be used to identify anatomical landmarks. Intraoral sonography is portable and cost-effective and has no ionizing radiation.

There are many anatomical landmarks and diseases that can be examined and evaluated with USG. For example, the mental foramen contains the terminus of the inferior alveolar artery, nerve and vein. The mental foramen and mental nerve are clinically important landmarks for preoperative assessment to prevent intraoperative and postoperative complications. Avoiding this neurovascular bundle is important to preclude complications, altered sensation of the lower lip and inordinate bleeding. USG can help identify the location of this structure.

Ultrasound can identify the mental foramen from the facial aspect but not from the lingual due to bone thickness.

A USG device operates by generating ultrasound waves projected into a tissue via a probe and then receiving the reflected waves by a scanner for measurement. A transducer generates the ultrasound waves and directs them, through a probe, into a chosen tissue site. The waves encounter the tissue and bounce back to be received by a scanner and projected on a monitor screen. The screen continually changes as the probe is moved about the skin, directing the waves into the underlying tissue. Tissues of different composition and density will reflect the waves accordingly and be measured differently by the scanner.

These ultrasonic waves can also be used to assess blood flow though arteries and veins. The type of wave frequency used would vary according to the type of tissue being examined. A low frequency would be used for assessment of liver, but a higher frequency would be used to examine cervical arteries. A water-based gel is used as an intermedium on the skin to conduct the sound waves into the skin and into the underlying tissue. The probe is moved about the skin surface to provide different point wave sources for the scanner to receive and produce varying images on the monitor screen.

Ultrasound is useful in imaging soft tissue and osseous surfaces. It has no side effects and not uncomfortable for most patients and is cost-effective.

The sound wave is generally produced by a piezoelectric transducer. Frequencies are usually 1-18 megahertz (MGH) for clinical usage. The sound wave is focused to a desired depth of penetration. The sound wave is reflected back from blood cells and soft tissues—which are acoustic impedance structures—to the transducer for image creation. The transducer converts the received sound wave into electric impulses which are in turn converted to a digital image on the screen. The image reflects how long the wave took to be returned to the transducer and how strong the reflected wave was.

There are a variety of modes of USG that are used for various tissues and for diagnostics and therapeutics. A-mode is a therapeutic modality for treatment of neoplasms. B-mode or 2-d mode is used for scanning tissue planes and blood flow. C-mode is used in conjunction with A and B modes to scan a large area at a specific depth. M (motion)-mode is for video production by use of A and B modes. Doppler mode is used for evaluating blood flow by measuring the blood velocity towards or away from the probe. Pulse inversion mode is used to assess tissue gasses. Harmonic mode is for deep tissue penetration imaging. Biplanar USG can combine reflected waves to produce a three-dimensional image.

USG is useful for imaging soft tissue and osseous surfaces. It has no side effects, is non-invasive, not uncomfortable for most patients, and is cost-effective. USG does not generally penetrate bone. A hand-held USG unit that may have clinical use in dentistry is available (Lumify, Phillps Ultrasonics, Inc. Bothell, Wa. 98021).

USG: Oral Applicability With a Hand-held Probe

Bones of the Jaws

Bone is ultrasonically very different than soft tissues. The facial cortices of the maxilla and mandible can be very thin in the edentulous jaw. A cortex less than 2mm may allow deeper penetration of sonographic waves.

Enamel and Dentin

Some studies have employed a single transducer or an array of transducer elements to study enamel and dentin. The ultrasonograms clearly showed the cross-sectional morphological images of the hard and soft tissues. The enamel-dentin interface, dentin-pulp interface, and the cemento-enamel junction were clearly imaged.

Periodontal Tissue

USG of periodontal tissues can provide structural information of the gingival attachment. Periodontal USG is reliable for evaluating the attachment level of the dental junctional epithelium. An in vitro study was performed on porcine mandibles. The USG measurements were compared with direct dissection microscopy measurements. It was found that the computer processing of the ultrasound images slightly modified the contour of the gingival sulcus. Statistical analysis showed that with respect to the gingival sulcus height there was good correlation between the USG and direct microscopic measurement.

Mental Foramen

One study of 100 subjects that was reported in duplicate journals used ultrasonography to find mental foramina. A high frequency (8MHz) transducer (PLF.805ST) of a diagnostic ultrasound system (model SSA-510A) was used superior to the inferior border of the mandible and lateral to the mentum in the suspected area of the mental foramen. The marker of the transducer was directed cranially to locate the foramen that was then related to the closest mandibular premolar tooth. Most often the foramen was directly apically in line with the long axis of the second premolar on the right (44%) and between the first and second premolars on the left (44%).

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Ultrasound is a sensitive modality to locate the mental foramen. With experience, the elapsed time for identification took about 10 seconds. Ultrasound imaging can identify the location of the mental foramen from the facial aspect but not from thick lingual cortex.

Bisphosphonate-Related Osteonecrosis of the Jaws

Seventeen patients with bisphosphonate (BP)-related osteonecrosis of the jaws (BRONJ) were studied with ultrasonography. The diagnosis of BRONJ was made based on clinical and radiographic findings. The bone architecture was imaged ultrasonically. The ultrasound bone profile index (UBPI), amplitude-dependent speed of sound (AD-SoS), bone biophysics profile (BBP), and bone transmission time (BTT) were measured. There were 17 BRONJ patients (62 \pm 4.24; range: 45-82); 10 (58.8%) were male and seven (41.1%) were female, of whom 11 (64.7%) suffered from multiple myeloma, three (17.6%) from osteoporosis, one (5.8%) from prostate cancer, one (5.8%) from kidney cancer, and one (5.8%) from leukemia. Fourteen (82.3%) of them received intravenous BP whereas three (17.6%) received oral BP. Nine (9/17; 52.9%) patients developed a bone exposure: the maxilla in two patients and in the mandible seven patients. The UBPI score was significantly reduced in BRONJ patients with exposed bone when compared to controls (0.47 \pm 0.12 vs. 0.70 \pm 0.15; p = 0.004). Quantitative ultrasound can show bone microarchitecture alterations in BRONJ patients and may be able to detect of bone degeneration associated with BRONJ.

Jaw Lesions

USG can be useful in the diagnosis and monitoring of jaw lesions. Fifteen patients with intra-osseous jaw lesions of the maxilla or mandible were studied. Panoramic, computed tomography (CT), cone beam computed tomography (CBCT) and USG were performed and compared. In 12 cases, the size of the USG lesion measurements agreed with CT or CBCT. The size of 3 lesions could not be measured due to the thickness of buccal cortical plate. USG may be useful in monitoring osseous jaw lesions.

Temporomandibular Joint

The measurement of the maximal mouth opening has been regarded as a reflection of the mobility of the temporomandibular joint (TMJ), but this is not a reliable assessment. Sonography can be reliably used to assess TMJ disc displacement, mobility, to help manage temporomandibular disorders and assess treatment outcomes.

A resolution frequency of 7 to 15 MHz may be needed to appropriately assess the TMJ. USG can be used to detect joint effusions and assess the functionality of the joint.

USG was performed during routine TMJ examinations on 84 asymptomatic students with an Arcus Digma ultrasound device.

Mandibular functional movement and the dynamic relationship of the incisors and condylar motion was studied. Unilateral mastication and limited jaw openings were found in 19 of the students. Thus, TMJ functional abnormalities can be found with USG in patients with or without symptoms.

Analysis of TMJ function can be done using condylar path tracings, but practically this may be difficult to perform, and the pattern may be ambiguous. Skin surface points marked over the TMJ region are arbitrary indications for the location of the condylar head. Arbitrary marks may not depict the actual anatomical locations of the condylar heads thus making subsequent pathway evaluation conjecture. SICAT Function is a software application that links CBCT scans with ultrasound-based, three-dimensional (3D) functional jaw movement recordings of the mandible made using the JMT+ Jaw Motion Tracker (SICAT, Bonn, Germany). Digital images of the dental arches acquired on an intraoral scanner (Cerec System, Sirona) can also be linked. This linkage generates a 3D virtual model of the bony mandible and TMJ. These combinations of technology depict the 3D dynamic movement of the condyles and the condylar paths. TMJ function can be visualized and assessed; thus, temporomandibular disorder complaints can be investigated with accurate readings of function correlated to the condylar positions and boney structures.

Ultrasound should not be used as a sole diagnostic tool but in conjunction with other diagnostic modalities.

USG also may be used to guide TMJ injections with greater accuracy. A cadaveric study showed that injection guided by USG had a high rate of accurate needle placement in a mouth closed position.

A recent device was made available that may have application for TMJ diagnosis. A hand-held device used with an appropriate cell phone may be used for sonographic imaging of the TMJ (Butterfly iQ, Phillips, Amsterdam Neth.). This device may have applications for sonographic imaging of other anatomical structures and aid in diagnosis.

Vascular Blood Flow

Color doppler ultrasound can be used to measure arterial flow. Systolic-peak maximum velocity (SPV), final diastolic velocity (FDV), resistive index (RI), pulsatility index (PI), acceleration, and flow direction of an artery can be measured. Local arterial obstructions can be identified as well.

Blood flow can be demonstrated with USG (Jahnke). Video images that show the direction of blood flow in colors for visual differentiation can be recorded. Vasculature as small as 0.5mm diameter can be identified. The vascular supply of lesions can be quantitively determined non-invasively. As such, lymphomas can be differentially identified from vascular tumors, malformations, and salivary gland disorders.

The mental artery is the terminus of the inferior alveolar artery. Its flow can decrease with age and may have an etiological role in alveolar bone volume and atrophy. Alterations of mental artery flow can be assessed with USG. A study was conducted on patients aged over 60 years. An intraoral B-mode Doppler USG was used to assess mental artery flow. The USG signal was deemed either as strong or weak/absent. Low bone-mineral density on dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry and mandibular cortical index on panoramic radiographs were analyzed for risk factors for weak/absent USG signal. Thirty ultrasound examinations—12 cases and 18 controls—were assessed. A weak/absent mental artery flow and alveolar bone height was significantly associated with edentulism. Edentulism is associated with diminished mental artery flow that affects alveolar bone height. An attenuated vascular flow may cause atrophy of a bone resulting in attenuated bone volume.

Surgery

Ultrasonic frequency is an audible frequency which can be used to cut tissue. Ultrasonic vibration can facilitate scalpels, needles, and trocars cut and cauterize; however, there is a small zone of associated tissue damage. An audible frequency applied to a needle reduces the needed puncture force and it does not cause significant tissue damage. Needle insertion force needed is lower and the needle diameter can be decreased.

Bone drilling is routinely done in oral surgery. Ultrasonics used with an osseous drill can dramatically reduce the force needed in bone drilling for minimal effort and decrease tissue damage.

An ultrasonic surgical system may be used instead of a surgical drill for decompression of the facial nerve. In patients with Bell's palsy and facial nerve tumors, a middle cranial fossa through-the-cranium approach has been used for nerve decompression. Nonetheless, this approach is difficult and there is a risk of injury of the facial nerve and to the cochleovestibular organs. Appropriate training is needed before using this modality. The ultrasonic system may also be used for inferior alveolar nerve decompression.

Surgical Healing Assessment

USG can be used to evaluate postoperative orthognathic healing progression. One study postoperatively evaluated orthognathic surgical healing progression in 10 patients. They assessed new bone formation after sagittal split osteotomies. The bone gap was measured and followed as healing progressed up to 4 months. The ultrasonography found the new bone to equal in situ bone at the 4-week mark which was confirmed with tomography. Ultrasonography may accurately assess postoperative osseous healing.

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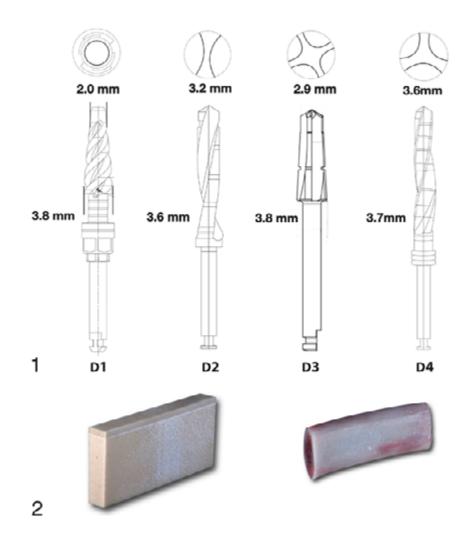
Editor's Note: Because of busy schedules, you may not have time to read the dozen or so articles in each issue of the *Journal of Oral Implantology*. In this section of *AAID News*, we selected a few articles that have broad applicability to the daily practice and provide a brief summary of key points so you can decide if you wish to read the complete article. The following articles are from Volume 48, Issue 3 (2022).

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Heat and Sound Generation During Implant Osteotomy When Using Different Types of Drills in Artificial and Bovine Bone Blocks

In this study, the researchers' purpose was to compare heat and sound generated during implant osteotomy when different types of drill were used in artifical bone and bovine bone blocks.

Sunee Limmeechokchai, DDS, MSD, Joseph Y. Kan, DDS, MS Kitichai Rungcharassaeng, DDS, MS Charles J. Goodacre, DDS, MS Jaime Lozada, DMD Udochukwu Oyoyo, MPH, *Journal of Oral Implantology*. 2022;8(3):187-193.



CASE REPORT

Implant-Supported Prosthetic Rehabilitation of a Patient With Squamous Cell Carcinoma: A Case Report

In this report, authors describe implantsupported prosthetic rehabilitation of a patient who underwent maxillary resection because of squamous cell carninoma.

Mustafa Gundogdu, DDS, PhD1, Sumeyye Cansever, DDS, Muhammed Salih Karaavcı, DDS, PhD, Umit Ertas, DDS, PhD, *Journal of Oral Implantology*. 2022;8(3):215-219.





CASE REPORT

A Modified Transalveolar Sinus Floor Elevation Approach With a Bilaterally Enlarged Osteotomy

Researchers in this clinical report describe a modified transalveolar approach to elevate the Schneiderian membrane when placing implants on a severely resorbed maxillary posterior ridge with a buccal-palatal width of more than 8.0 mm.

Yuting Zhang, MDS, Xin Zhang, DDS, Jian Wang, DDS, PhD, Qianbing Wan, DDS, PhD, Lei Li, DDS, PhD, *Journal of Oral Implantology*. 2022;8(3):237-242.







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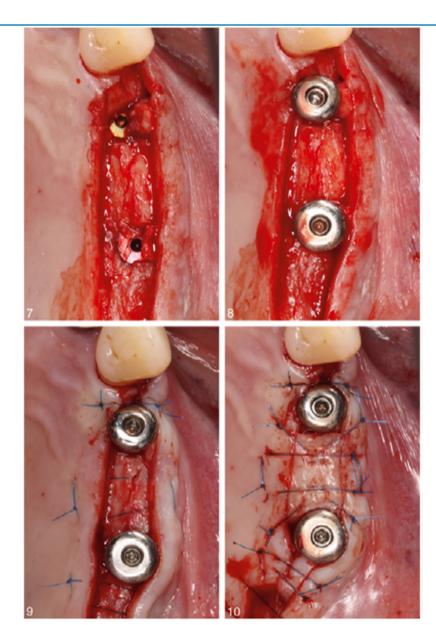
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CASE REPORT

A New Technique for Second-Stage Surgery in the Posterior Maxilla to Enhance and Thicken the Keratinized Gingiva - A Case Report

Researchers in this case report present a protocol that intends to offer a reliable strategy to relocate the mucogingival junction and to reestablish a sufficient amount of peri-implant soft tissue by second-stage surgical intervention at the time of the uncovering of implants.

Michael Stimmelmayr, Prof. Dr. med dent, Daniel Edelhoff, Prof. Dr. med dent, Jan-Frederik Güth, Prof. Dr. med dent, Gerald Krennmair, Prof. Dr. med dent, Insa Herklotz, Dr. med dent, *Journal of Oral Implantology*. 2022;8(3):243-250.

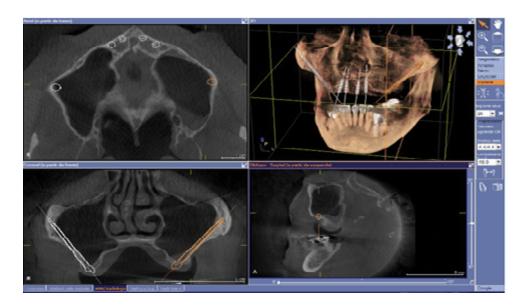


RESEARCH ARTICLE

A Zygomatic Bone Study Using Virtual Dental Implant Planning Software

In this study, authors evaluated the anatomical factors that influence the virtual planning of zygomatic implants by using cone-beam computerized tomography (CBCT) scans.

Sidnei Antonio Moro, DDS, MSc, Geninho Thomé, DDS, MSc, PhD, Luis Eduardo Marques Padovan, DDS, MSc, PhD, Ricarda Duarte da Silva, DDS, MSc, PhD, Rodrigo Tiossi, DDS, MSc, PhD, Flávia Noemy Gasparini Kiatake Fontaō, DDS, MSc, PhD, *Journal of Oral Implantology*. 2022;8(3):171-176.



Special Announcement

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Ultrasound can be used to locate and monitor jaw lesions.

Caries Detection

High-frequency USG may enable conservative treatment of dental caries. Recent in vitro research has elucidated US imaging for cries detection. At 40 MHz USG may provide accurate morphologic resolution of caries imaging. USG imaging may be able to delineate depth of early onset dental caries.

Salivary Glands

Ultrasonic examination can contribute to the diagnosis of salivary gland tumors by differentiating intra-glandular lesions from extra-glandular lesions. Adding ultrasonic examination to diagnostic modalities can increase the accuracy of a diagnosis by 35%. USG can identify sialadenitis, salivary gland duct calculi, duct dilation, vascularity distribution, and submandibular lymph nodes. Internal anechoic cystic components can be seen in Warthin's tumor that can distinguish them from pleomorphic adenomas.

Neoplasms

USG penetrates tissue deeper with a lower frequency: less than 10 Hz. The tissue type influences the imaging that is produced. Thus, the operator may need to alter the frequency of the device produce the optimal image. Intraoral USG is useful in determining location and condition of tumors. The internal echo pattern of a tumor

reflects the pathologic tissue structure that is imaged by the USG and preoperative evaluation can aid in improved treatment outcomes.

Conclusion

Hand-held USG has the potential to be useful in pre-operative, intra-operative, and post-operative patient assessment and treatment in dentistry. Interpreting the imaging requires training and experience that may consume an extended period; nonetheless, it should not be used as the sole diagnostic tool, but it can contribute to diagnosis and treatment.

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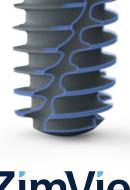
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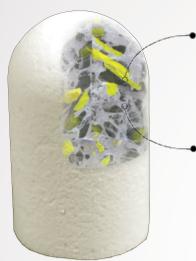
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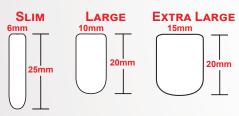


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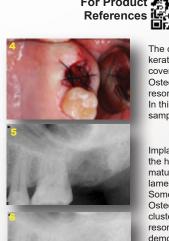
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