

PROActive News

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The Division of Prosthodontics Newsletter



Director's message: It is my pleasure to introduce the first volume of the prosthodontics division monthly newsletter where we will communicate with our colleagues, students, and friends about who we are, what we do and our plans and accomplishments. In this first issue of "**Pros Active News**" we will provide a brief description of our members and one of their contributions to the advancement of our division, department and the specialty of Prosthodontics at the University of Florida College of Dentistry. We will expand on each of our members in future volumes.

The division of prosthodontics contributes significantly to the DMD curriculum by providing 8 preclinical didactic courses, 5 clinical courses and 5 elective courses. We support the operation of the TEAMS clinics providing supervision of all prosthodontics procedures and competencies within a comprehensive care program.

On the other hand, our successful graduate prosthodontics program is part of and contributes to the School of Advanced Dental Sciences. Thanks so much to all for being a part of our success thus far and we are looking forward to continue this progress. Enjoy this issue! Sincerely,

Luisa F. Echeto D.D.S., M.S. Clinical Associate Professor & Director



Maria L. Aguilar D.D.S., M.S.D., M.S.-Cl., Clinical Associate Professor joined the department in 2008 and was promoted to Clinical Associate Professor last year.



A. E. Buddy Clark DMD, Ph.D. Tenured Professor and former Chair of the Department of Prosthodontics joined the University of Florida College of Dentistry 24 yrs. ago.



E. Mauricio Castellanos, D.D.S., M.S., Clinical Assistant Professor, a new member of our division and Alumnus of our Graduate Prosthodontics Program.



Tarek El-Kerdani D.D.S., M.S.D., FACP. Clinical Associate Professor joined the division in 2010 and was recently certified in Digital Dentistry from Planmeca E4D Technologies.



Josephine Esquivel-Upshaw, D.D.S., M.S., Tenured Associate Professor in the Department since 2006. Dr. Esquivel is actively engaged in clinical research testing the occlusal wear of all-ceramics restorations.



Monica A. Fernandez, D.D.S., M.S., Clinical Assistant Professor joined the division in 2010. One of her areas of expertise includes the treatment of Complete Dentures using digital technology.

The division of prosthodontics has 12 full-time faculty, 2 part-time faculty and several courtesy faculty.

Arthur Nimmo D.D.S., FACP, Tenured Professor and former Chair of the Department joined the College in 1999 and was recently installed as Vice President of the American Board of Prosthodontics.



Margarete Ribeiro-Dasilva, D.D.S., M.S., Ph.D. A Clinical Assistant Professor in the division since 2012 who was recently awarded two externally funded grants on TMJ Disorders.



Luis J. Rueda, D.D.S., M.S.D. Clinical Associate Professor who joined the Department in 2001. One of his area of expertise is the the treatment of Sleep Apnea disorders.



Chiayi Shen, Ph.D., Tenured Associate Professor since 1985. Dr. Shen is in charge of teaching all of the Dental Materials courses in our Department.



Fong Wong, D.D.S., C.A.G.S., M.S., FACP. Tenured Associate Professor who joined the Department in 2004. One of her areas of expertise includes the treatment of Maxillofacial Patients.



Sally Roushdy D.D.S., M.S., An adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor in the division since 2011. Her friendly approach to our students is greatly appreciated.



Graduate Prosthodontics Program

Dr. Edgar O'Neill , D.D.S., M.S., FACP. Associate Professor & Director since 2005.

Third Year Residents:

Dr. Abdullah Al-Naser, Dr. Caryn Kleiman and Dr. Lydia Legg

Second Year Residents:

Dr. Ehesar Caffroni and Dr. Fadi Al Farawati

First Year Residents:

Dr. Mohanad Atwa, Dr. Nicole Martino and Dr. Sidharth Mohan

Implant Fellow:

Dr.Chun-yeh Chien

Interns: Dr. Andrea Marable and Dr. Arpit Nirkhivale



Our Graduate Prosthodontics Program includes 8 residents, 3 interns, 1 implant fellow and several courtesy faculty.

Case of the month

Patient is a 69 year old female that presents to our practice with CC " I can't eat and I have tried for years trying to resolve my problem." COE findings reveal maxillary Noblebiocare external hex implants placed in Jacksonville more than 12 years ago. Patient was wearing a bar overdenture that has a lot of problems. Patient had seen many general dentists, periodontists and prosthodontists for the last 8 years trying to get options in order to get a new prostheses or a new treatment plan. CBCT scan was taken to evaluate the condition of existing implants. Implants were stable but unfavorably angled and tilted. Different options were given. Patient did not want to get implants removed along with the necessary maxillary reconstruction . Fixed prosthesis was planned with custom abutments bars and a superstructure that was milled with lingual screws. Pink composite used to simulate gingiva and teeth were layered with composite zirconia. Patient is in a very strict recall program. Patient was very pleased and very excited to be able to eat with his family during the holidays and take family pictures with a big smile.



This case is courtesy of Dr. Mauricio Castellanos. He started this case in the Graduate Prosthodontics Clinic and completed it in Faculty Practice this past month.



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New Accreditation Standards for Advanced Specialty Education in Prosthodontics

At the most recent meeting of the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA), the proposed revisions to the *Accreditation Standards for Advanced Specialty Education Programs in Prosthodontics* were approved and adopted as the Standards for Prosthodontic Education, **effective July 1, 2016**.

In short, all dental practitioners who pursue specialty training in prosthodontics will be competent in the surgical placement of dental implants, as defined in the Standards.

You can view the newly adopted Standards on the [ACP website](#), along with more information about this enormous milestone for the specialty of prosthodontics.

Graduate Prosthodontics – Alumni...

CONGRATULATIONS! Dr. Ismail Ibrahim and Dr. Joshua Perry became Diplomates of the American Board of Prosthodontics and Fellows of the American College of Prosthodontists this Fall. Dr. Ibrahim is also the chair of the Prosthodontics Department in Sudan.

