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Organization Overview:

The American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) is a 7,200-member professional organization for periodontists – specialists in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of diseases affecting the gums and supporting structures of the teeth, and in the placement of dental implants. Periodontists are also dentistry’s experts in the treatment of oral inflammation and receive three additional years of specialized training following dental school. Periodontics is one of the 12 dental specialties recognized by the American Dental Association. The Academy’s purpose is to advance the periodontal and general health of the public and promote excellence in the practice of periodontics.

Thought Leaders:



Name:

Mia L. Geisinger, DDS, MS

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Title:

AAP President-Elect

Acting Chair, Department of Periodontology
Director, Advanced Education in Periodontology
School of Dentistry, The University of Alabama at Birmingham

Bio:

Mia L. Geisinger, DDS, MS is a Professor and Director of Advanced Education and the Acting Chair in the Department of Periodontology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) School of Dentistry. Dr. Geisinger received her BS in Biology from Duke University, her DDS from Columbia University School of Dental Medicine, and her MS and Certificate in Periodontology and Implantology from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. Dr. Geisinger is a Diplomate in the American Board of Periodontology, a Fellow in the International Team for Implantology, and a Fellow of the International and American College of Dentists. She has served as President of the American Academy of Periodontology Foundation, as Chair of the American Dental Association’s Council on Scientific Affairs, and on the Board of Directors of the American Dental Association Science and Research Institute. She currently serves as President-Elect of the American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) and on numerous AAP, AADOCR and ADA committees and task forces. She has authored over 75 peer-reviewed publications and serves on the editorial board of several journals. Her research interests include periodontal and systemic disease interaction, implant dentistry in the periodontally compromised dentition, and novel treatment strategies for oral soft and hard tissue regeneration. She lectures nationally and internationally on topics in periodontology and oral healthcare.





Quote:

"Dental hygienists are highly trained preventive specialists and are on the front lines for the prevention and early identification of periodontal diseases and conditions. As periodontists, our partnerships with dental hygiene partners allow us to better address our patient's needs and promote their oral and overall wellness."



Name:

James G. Wilson, DMD

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Title:

AAP Past President

Founder and Owner, Tampa Bay Periodontics and Implant Dentistry

Bio:

Dr. James G. Wilson is the founder of Tampa Bay Periodontics and Implant Dentistry. Along with his busy private practice, he is a Past President of the American Academy of Periodontology and a former member of the Task Force on Dental Hygienist Engagement, which ideated and developed the Dental Hygiene Engagement Initiative. Dr. Wilson is a High Honors graduate of the University of Florida College of Dentistry and also completed his periodontal training at that institution in 1998. Dr. Wilson's practice focuses on all aspects of contemporary periodontal therapy including nonsurgical, surgical, and laser periodontal treatment, surgical implant therapy including guided bone regeneration procedures and cosmetic periodontal therapies. He is board-certified in Periodontics and Dental Implant Surgery by the American Board of Periodontology. Based on his leadership and ethics, he has been inducted into the American and the International Colleges of Dentistry as well as the Pierre Fauchard Academy. Dr. Wilson currently resides in Tampa, Florida.

Quote:

"The AAP Dental Hygienist Recognition Program provides the opportunity for dental hygienists to be recognized for and showcase their commitment to lifelong learning and improving their interactions with the patients who entrust their health to them."

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