

FEBRUARY 2020

Tom Viola

With over 30 years' experience as a pharmacist, dental educator and author, Tom Viola, has presented to our Study Clubs for the past 8 years.

As an clinical educator, Tom is a member of the faculty of ten dental professional degree programs. He has instructed students in chemistry, anatomy and physiology, pathophysiology, pharmacology, and local anesthesia. In addition, Tom has instructed hundreds of practicing dental hygienists in local anesthesia certification courses.

As a published writer, Tom is well known nationally and internationally for his contributions to several dental professional journals in the areas of pharmacology, pain management and local anesthesia. In addition, Tom has served as a contributor, chapter author and peer reviewer for several dental pharmacology textbooks and national board exam review books.

As a professional speaker, Tom has presented continuing education courses to dental professionals, nationally and internationally, since 2001.

MARCH 2020

Faizan Alawi DDS

Faizan Alawi D.D.S. is a graduate of the McGill University School of Dentistry. He completed a two year General Practice Residency before pursuing his oral and maxillofacial pathology training at New York Hospital Medical Center of Queens.

Dr. Alawi is currently the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor of Pathology at Penn Dental Medicine, with a secondary appointment in the Department of Dermatology at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and serves as Director of Penn Oral Pathology Services, a full-service oral and maxillofacial pathology laboratory. Dr. Alawi is the sole oral pathology consultant for the entire University of Pennsylvania Health System and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Dr. Alawi is a recipient of Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching; the highest teaching honor awarded by the University of Pennsylvania. He is also a three-time recipient of the Penn Dental Medicine Basic Science Award for Excellence in Teaching. His major research interest is in the molecular mechanisms of oral carcinogenesis, and his research has been funded by NIH, the American Cancer Society, and intramural funds. He is the author of over 140 peer-reviewed manuscripts,

book chapters, and unique abstracts. Dr. Alawi previously served as Chair of the Council on Research and Scientific Affairs, and he is a current member of the Executive Council of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. He is the Pathology Section Editor for the journal *Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine, Oral Pathology, Oral Radiology*, and Senior Consulting Editor for the *Journal of the American Dental Association Oral Pathology Specialty Scan*.

APRIL 2020

Cameron Gallaway MedPro

Cam Gallaway is a Dental Sales Associate for MedPro Group - the nation's leading insurer of dentists and dental specialists. Cam brings a wealth of malpractice industry experience to the table, working with MedPro's distribution and association partners to deliver smart healthcare liability solutions to the dental community.

During his time at MedPro, he has built a career servicing clients and providing education on dental malpractice solutions. As such, Cam frequently lectures at dental schools, residency training programs, and association meetings throughout the country. Cam earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Bethel College and currently resides in Fort Wayne, IN.

MAY 2020

Rabie Shanti DMD MD

Dr. Rabie Shanti holds a dual appointment in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Penn Dental Medicine, and the Department of Otorhinolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery at Penn Medicine.

Dr. Shanti sees patients at Pennsylvania Hospital and the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania where he focuses on the evaluation and surgical treatment of benign and malignant tumors of the head and neck, such as, benign tumors of the jaws (e.g., ameloblastoma, myxoma), malignant tumors of the jaws (e.g., osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma), oral (mouth) cancer, and oropharyngeal (throat) cancer. Dr. Shanti frequently evaluates and manages advanced inflammatory conditions of the jaws, such as, osteoradionecrosis, and medication related osteonecrosis of the jaw. Dr. Shanti's clinical practice is also devoted to microvascular reconstructive surgery of the head and neck following oncologic surgery, radiation injury, or trauma. As an active head and neck surgeon in the Center for Head and Neck Cancer at the Abramson Cancer Center, Dr. Shanti works side by side with his colleagues from otorhinolaryngology/head and neck surgery, radiation oncology, medical oncology, oral medicine, maxillofacial prosthodontics, pathology, speech-language pathology, nutrition, nursing, social work,

and appropriate surgical subspecialties to provide his patients with patient-centered care aimed at optimizing disease control while providing the highest level of aesthetic/functional outcomes.

Description of Research Expertise

An extension of Dr. Shanti's clinical interest in functional rehabilitation surgery through the utilization of reconstructive microsurgical techniques has been regenerative medicine. Dr. Shanti is currently investigating the potential of mesenchymal stem cells in tongue tissue engineering, as well as, the engineering of other orofacial tissues. This work is in collaboration with investigators from Penn Dental Medicine and Penn Medicine. Dr. Shanti also has a special interest in rare pathology of the head and neck, in investigating the pathogenesis of benign tumors and cysts of the jaw (i.e., ameloblastoma, odontogenic keratocyst, ossifying fibroma), and rare malignant tumors of the oral cavity (i.e., carcinosarcoma, osteosarcoma). Dr. Shanti has also been involved in investigative studies looking at complex infections of the head and neck (e.g., deep neck infections, osteomyelitis of the jaws) and for this work he was the co-recipient of the Daniel M. Laskin Award for the "most outstanding article published in the Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in 2006."

JUNE 2020

Naren Rajan, DMD, FAGD

Dr. Naren Rajan brings over 15 years of experience to a full time general practice in Mendham, NJ focused on restorative, implant and esthetic dentistry. A native of NJ, he graduated from Rutgers School of Dental Medicine with honors, followed by a general practice residency at Jersey Shore University Medical Center. Dr. Rajan was inducted into OKU, the National Dental Honor Society and received his Fellowship in the AGD. Outside of clinical practice, Dr. Rajan is involved with multiple study clubs and has trained at both Spear Education and The Pankey Institute.

Dr. Rajan has been involved with digital techniques in dentistry since 2007 and has had experience with several available digital systems and currently utilizes 3Shape technology. His current focus is incorporating digital impressions and workflow into restorative and implant practice. He has lectured nationally as a key opinion leader for Henry Schein, 3Shape, Straumann as well as for private dental study clubs.

He is actively involved in dental education as well serving as Assistant Director of Digital Dentistry at the Touro College of Dental Medicine in New York.

SEPTEMBER 2020

Katherine France DMD

Dr. Katherine France is an oral medicine specialist and an Assistant Professor of Oral Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine.

She teaches in the oral diagnosis and emergency clinic and the medically complex care clinic, supervising dental students in their medical assessment of new patients and dental treatment of medically compromised patients. In her practice, Dr. France specializes in the assessment and treatment of all variety of oral lesions and facial pain conditions. She also treats patients in all phases of general dentistry, concentrating on providing safe, comfortable, and medically appropriate care.

After receiving both her Doctor of Dental Medicine and Masters of Bioethics degrees from the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. France received her Certificate in Oral Medicine from Penn Medicine and the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, serving as chief resident.

Dr. France was raised in Roanoke, Virginia, and currently lives in Center City Philadelphia where she enjoys running along the Schuylkill River Trail, cooking, and exploring the excellent restaurants in the city. She is also an active volunteer for both her college and high school.

OCTOBER 2020

NOVEMBER 2020

Alan M Stark DDS PhD

DECEMBER 2020

Kathryn Gilliam, BA, RDH

Kathryn Gilliam's interest in the medical side of dentistry led her to years of advanced study into the oral-systemic link, including twice graduating from the prestigious Bale Doneen Preceptorship. Her company, PerioLinks, LLC, was born out of her desire to train dental teams to transform their practices to care for the total health of their patients through comprehensive periodontal treatment.

A pioneer and advocate for incorporating the latest scientific research on the oral – systemic link into clinical practice, Kathryn teaches that dental disease IS systemic disease.

Kathryn creates a learning environment infused with energy and passion to ignite excitement in her attendees and create real change in their clinical practice. Kathryn's attendees leave with a renewed sense of purpose and an elevated identity as health care providers.

A seasoned trainer and educator, Kathryn utilizes adult learning methods, audience interaction, and hands on experiences to connect attendees to the material and to facilitate retention of key concepts.

Kathryn's presentations highlight proven strategies and systems for creating effective patient communication resulting in increased treatment acceptance.

As a clinician, clinical coach, and business owner, Kathryn is familiar with the challenges of creating and maintaining a successful dental practice. Her attendees and clients benefit from her long career in dentistry.

Kathryn easily relates to her audiences as an experienced clinician who understands their day-to-day challenges.

Kathryn has been on the front lines of early detection of oral cancer throughout her career. Kathryn teaches an elegant and thorough head and neck cancer exam that both relaxes patients and raises their awareness of the importance of regular cancer screening. She serves as the Director of Education for Oral Cancer Cause and is an active volunteer for The Oral Cancer Foundation.

A highly respected speaker and recognized author of multiple articles and continuing education courses published in leading scientific and professional journals.