



# FAP News

SUMMER 2023

## President's Message

Dear Colleagues,

I recently received a text from my 47-year old niece, who lives several hours away from me. It read, "I just had CO2 on my gums the other day." Upon further inquiry, she said she was in her fourth week of localized antibiotic therapy by her general dentist for treatment of a localized reactive gingival lesion. There was no definitive diagnosis, as no biopsy had been performed and he had not referred her to a Periodontal specialist. Her periodontal health has been under the control of her general dentist for greater than ten years and she expressed great confidence in his care.



Today, a growing number of General Dentists are treating periodontal disease, both acute and chronic, in their offices and referring their patients to the Periodontist only when all else fails. All too often, Periodontists are invited to join the patient's Dental Team when years of non-surgical maintenance therapy can no longer hide the fact that natural teeth are in danger of being lost and the patient is not okay with it. In these instances, the General Dentist, and even their dental hygienist, act as Gate Keepers, deciding who would benefit from a thorough Periodontal Evaluation by an expert, and when. There is another less-traveled path for patient referrals that can offer the public an alternate route for accessing and achieving the highest levels of periodontal health. That path involves developing a deep and meaningful relationship with the Medical Specialists in our communities.

I am suggesting that Periodontists forge a new Team, paired with Medical Specialists including Cardiologists, Endocrinologists, Rheumatologists, OB-GYN, Orthopedic

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# 2023 Summer Meeting

RESERVE YOUR ROOM SOON – ROOM BLOCK EXPIRES JULY 20TH!

**August 11-12, 2023**  
**ROSEN SHINGLE CREEK™**

**Friday: Airway Management**

**Saturday: Dr. Craig Misch**

**Welcome Reception/Vendors/  
Corp. Forums/Business Meeting/Luncheon**

*See Meeting Details &  
Registration Form Inside.*



## 2023-24 Important Dates

<b>August 11-12, 2023</b>	<b>FAP Summer Meeting Rosen Shingle Creek - Orlando</b>
August 11, 2023	Florida Board of Dentistry Gallery One Double Tree Suites by Hilton Hotel - 7:30am Fort Lauderdale
October 5-7, 2023	ADA Meeting – SMILECON Orlando, FL
November 9-12	AAP Annual Meeting Austin, TX
November 17, 2023	Florida Board of Dentistry Hilton UF Conference Center – 7:30am Gainesville, FL
<b>February 9-10, 2024</b>	<b>FAP WINTER MEETING Orlando Hilton</b>

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## President's Message (cont'd)

Surgeons and others. Our literature is replete with examples of the association between chronic medical conditions and chronic periodontal disease. Using a Medical-Dental Team approach, a thorough periodontal examination would be performed as part of the Medical Patient Examination, with the results entered in the patient's medical record. The Periodontist can then be made aware of the extent and severity of the patient's medical condition including, but not limited to, active therapies for Osteoporosis, Diabetes, Cardiovascular disease, Metabolic Syndrome, Alzheimer's disease and Autoimmune diseases, on a routine basis. The Medical Specialist would be updated periodically of the patient's ongoing periodontal diagnosis and status. Developing this professional team approach may at first be viewed as difficult, but lunch, dinner, golf, attending professional meetings, sharing ideas and making new acquaintances are not activities mutually exclusive to either group.

The following is an example of how the Medical Specialist and the Periodontist can work together for the good of the patient. The Periodontist would provide multiple copies of the Periodontal Clearance Letter (PCL, included as an insert in this newsletter), tailored to the Medical Specialty office, and delivered during a prescheduled business meeting. They should also include a short, current literature review specifically targeting that Specialty and its relationship to Periodontal disease. (Note: The PCL should be personalized using your own letterhead and the physician's name and contact information should be provided at the bottom of the letter. ) The object of this letter is for the Medical Specialist to be advised of the patient's suitability for surgery, based on the state of their current periodontal and dental health. This examination would also provide the patient with their periodontal diagnosis, including treatment recommendations. For those of you who already have established relationships with Medical Specialists in your area, our membership would be interested to learn how this is impacting your practice. I would welcome your comments [@sdlamardmd@gmail.com](mailto:sdlamardmd@gmail.com).

Sincerely, Dr. Susan D. LaMar

# 2023 Summer Meeting Information

**Friday, August 11, 2023 12:00pm-5:00pm**

**Mr. Shaun Fix – 5 CEUs**

Emergency Medical Consultants, Inc.



## **Management of Medical and Airway Emergencies In The Dental Office**

This half day course will provide didactic, video, and case-based hands-on skills labs dealing with medical and airway emergencies possible in the dental and sedation settings. Participants will review, practice, and demonstrate proficiency in managing emergencies including but not limited to respiratory distress and failure, using bag mask, oral and nasal airways, perilaryngeal devices, as well as intubation and cricothyrotomy. Recognizing and treating emergencies such as cardiac events, stroke, syncope, seizures, allergic reactions and laryngospasm will be reviewed and practiced.

This course meets the Florida standard by discussing monitoring and recognition of airway and respiratory emergencies in the dental setting then utilizing standard airway equipment. Through the use of video, slides, case reviews, and hands-on skills labs, participants will review the anatomy of the airway and the physiology of adequate ventilations followed by skills labs in basic and advanced procedures including:

- Bag Valve Device
- Oral and Nasal Airways
- Perilaryngeal Devices
- Intubation Techniques
- Emergency Pharmacology
- Emergency Cricothyrotomy

*This program meets the Florida Board of Dentistry requirements for sedation permit holders.*

**Mr. Fix's biography can be found on page 6.**

**Saturday, August 12, 2023 9:00am – 4:00pm**

**Dr. Craig Misch – 5 CEUs**

**Sponsored by BioHorizons and Geistlich Biomaterials**



## **Current Trends in Bone Augmentation**

Bone augmentation is often required to place an adequate number of dental implants in ideal positions for prosthetic support. In addition to improving biomechanics, bone enhancement can improve esthetic outcomes. There are several techniques and materials available for implant site development. The choice may depend on a number of factors including size of the defect, osseous morphology, costs and surgeon or patient preferences. The use of autogenous bone is still a mainstay in our surgical techniques but growth factors can be used as an alternative. Inherent disadvantages of bone grafting techniques include increased morbidity, surgical time, costs and treatment length. As such a trend has developed towards alternative augmentation procedures with less morbidity and more minimally invasive approaches that avoid the need bone grafting including shorter and narrower implants, angled implants and/or fewer implants for prosthetic support. Rather than surgically reconstructing esthetic zone defects many clinicians opt to replace the missing hard and soft tissue with the prostheses. This presentation will guide clinicians on implant rehabilitation with grafting and non-grafting approaches.

At the conclusion of this lecture, attendees will be able to:

- 1) Discuss alternative methods and materials to manage sites with reduced bone volume using an evidence-based approach
- 2) Review methods that may reduce morbidity for bone augmentation
- 3) Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of grafting and non-grafting solutions

**Dr. Misch's biography can be found on page 6.**



## Get Ahead on Your To-Do List...

Remit your 2024 FAP Membership Dues and avoid receiving a paper dues statement! Go online at **[www.floridaperio.org](http://www.floridaperio.org)** (look at left side of homepage). \$250.00 and your yearly dues cover two meetings – Winter 2024 and Summer 2024, up to 10 hours CE (usually more!).

## 2023 Summer Meeting Schedule:

### Friday, August 11

- 12:00pm-5:00pm Shaun Fix, President  
*Airway Management*
- 5:00pm-6:30pm FAP Welcome Reception

### Saturday, August 12

- 7:00am-8:30am Registration/Coffee/Breakfast/Visit Exhibitors
- 8:00am-9:00am Corporate Forum: Dr. John Russo  
*How to Get Started Using a Microscope in a Periodontal Practice*  
**Sponsored by Salvin Dental Specialties**  
1 CEU
- 8:00am-9:00am Corporate Forum: Dr. Irina Dragan  
*Decoding the Value of Biologics in Private Practice*  
**Sponsored by Geistlich Biomaterials**  
1 CEU
- 9:00am-12:30pm Dr. Craig Misch  
*Current Trends in Bone Augmentation*
- 10:30am-11:00am Break/Visit Exhibitors
- 12:30pm-1:30pm FAP Lunch/FAP Business Meeting
- 1:30pm-4:00pm Dr. Craig Misch  
Continued
- 2:30pm-3:00pm Break/Visit Exhibitors
- 4:00pm-4:30pm Visit Exhibitors

THANK YOU TO DR. CRAIG MISCH'S SPONSORS:



## 2023 Corporate Forum Speaker Bios

**Dr. John Russo** is a graduate of The Ohio State University College of Dentistry. He completed his periodontal training and earned a Master in Health Sciences degree from the Medical University of South Carolina. He has been in private practice in Sarasota, Florida for over thirty years and is a clinical assistant professor at the Medical University of South Carolina in the Division of Periodontics. He is the director of Russo Seminars offering continuing dental education in Sarasota, Florida. Dr. Russo is also a Past President of the Southern Academy of Periodontology and completed two terms, serving six years, on the Board of Trustees for the American Academy of Periodontology.

**Dr. Irina Dragan** is a Diplomate and Examiner of the American Board of Periodontology. She received her first dental degree (DDS) from Carol Davila University in Romania. She then received her certificate in Periodontology, Master of Science (MS) and Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) degrees from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine (TUSDM). She also completed an advanced education program at New York University College of Dentistry in Comprehensive Dentistry with a concentration in esthetic dentistry.

She has published more than 30 papers, authored chapters in textbooks and, is one of the editors of the "Newman and Carranza's Essentials of Clinical Periodontology: An Integrated Study Companion". Her academic and professional achievements have been recognized with the University Provost's Award for Outstanding Teaching and Service, American Dental Education Association Chair of the Board of Directors (Presidential) Citation, American Academy of Periodontology Foundation Tarrson Fellowship Award, Academy of Osseointegration Applied Clinical Research Award, and most recently Massachusetts Dental Society "10 under 10" Award. She serves as an Adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of Periodontology at TUSDM.

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Summer Meeting Room Block Ends July 20!  
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# AAP Voting is Open!

*Deadline to vote: June 30, 2023*

The American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) election is in full swing and voting is now open. By now, you should have received an email or pamphlet from the Academy with directions on how to cast your vote. It is vitally important that you exercise your right to vote. Let your voices be heard! We (Florida) always rank amongst the most engaged districts in the AAP with regard to percentage of members voting. Let's keep that trend going!

Please take the time to vote before the end of June. If you have questions about the election and/or a candidate's qualifications, feel free to reach out to one of your AAP representatives (listed below).

Information on candidates can be found at:  
[www.perio.org/for-members/aap-elections/aap-election-slate/](http://www.perio.org/for-members/aap-elections/aap-election-slate/)

You may go to the AAP voting website  
<https://www.directvote.net/AAPERIO/>  
and submit your ballot for the AAP 2023 Election.

All candidates' Statements of Qualifications can be accessed online at <https://www.directvote.net/AAPERIO/>, or via the paper ballot package mailed to you.

For technical support (available Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Central Time, USA, excluding holidays), please call 952-974-2339 or email [support@directvote.net](mailto:support@directvote.net).

For other questions, please email [megan@perio.org](mailto:megan@perio.org).

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# Outstanding Dental Student Awards

## University of Florida College of Dentistry



Congratulations to **Hajera Bano**! She is pictured here with Drs. Wagner Duarte (Interim Chair), Tsuyoshi Tanaka (DMD Program Director), Karin Schey (Assistant Grad Program Director), Poliana Duarte, and 10 of 11 perio residents.

## Nova Southeastern University College of Dental Medicine



A big congrats to **Regan Snell**! She is pictured here with Dr. John Virag, Director for Pre-doctoral Periodontics and Dr. Saynur Vardar-Sengul, DDS, Chair, Department of Periodontology

*In addition to their recognition plaque, each recipient received a cash award of \$500.00 from the Florida Association of Periodontists.*

## 2023 Summer Meeting Speaker Bios

**Shaun Fix** has been practicing and teaching in the hospital and pre-hospital field since 1983. He is the president of Emergency Medical Consultants, Inc. and served 35 years as a company officer in charge of Emergency Medicine for Boca Raton Fire Rescue Services in the Palm Beach area of South Florida.

His team has been presenting Management of Office Emergencies for Dental Professionals since the 90's and along with Dental Specialty ACLS courses, helped present the original curriculum for the Dental Airway Course with members of the FSOMS board. He has presented at FSOMS, FAP, and Florida Dental board conferences.

Shaun has presented programs at State, National, and International Conferences and has appeared on FETN, Pulse, 24-7 EMS, Medic Monthly, and Emergency Medical Update videos. A frequent lecturer, author and consultant, Shaun and his group are best known for keeping their programs upbeat and relevant while bringing "the reality of emergency medicine" to the classroom setting and providing onsite relevant training based on the provider's specific needs.

**Dr. Craig Misch** received certificates in postgraduate prosthodontics, oral implantology as well as a Master of Dental Science from University of Pittsburgh. Thereafter, he became faculty and acted as Co-Director of the University of Pittsburgh Oral Implantology Center. Dr. Misch also completed specialty training in oral and maxillofacial surgery in Pittsburgh and is board certified by the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Dr. Misch practices as a dual specialist in Sarasota, Florida. He is a Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Florida, Penn and Michigan in the departments of periodontics and prosthodontics. Dr. Misch serves as Editor in Chief of the International Journal of Oral Implantology and is on the editorial boards of the Journal of Oral Implantology, International Journal of Periodontics and Restorative Dentistry and Dentistry Today. He has been a featured speaker for numerous organizations and has published extensively with over 50 publications and 22 textbook chapters.

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This November, join the AAP in Austin at the largest conference in North America dedicated exclusively to the field of periodontology.

The AAP's 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting will encompass a variety of educational programming and events, including:

- A full day packed with hands-on workshops
- Perennial favorites such as the Dental Hygiene Symposium and sedation courses
- The Academy's third Robert J. Genco Perio-Systemic Symposium

**109<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**  
November 9-12, 2023 | Austin  
**American Academy of Periodontology**



Learn more and register at [am2023.perio.org](https://am2023.perio.org)



# Florida Board of Dentistry Report

*Submitted by Dr. Roger Robinson, FAP Immediate Past President*

The Board of Dentistry met on Friday, May 19, 2023 in Jacksonville, Florida. All Board members were present with the exception of Drs. Jose Mellado and Bradley Cherry.

There were eight disciplinary proceedings, one dismissed until the next Board meeting. There was one voluntary relinquishment of a dental license, two petition for variance or waiver of rule, and one petition for declaratory statement.

Ms. Sapp, BOD Executive Director, reported on the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) training requirement and provided a legislative update.

The BOD approved rule revisions to Rule 64B5-7.006 Non-Profit Corporation Permits and also Rule 64B5-17.002 Written Dental Records: Minimum Content; Retention:

- (1) Dental Record: The dental record shall contain sufficient information to **record each patient/dentist in person encounter**, identify the patient, support the diagnosis, **identify and** justify the treatment, and document the course and results of treatment accurately, by including, at a minimum, patient histories; X-rays (if taken); examination results; test results; records of

drugs prescribed, dispensed, or administered; reports of consultation or referrals; **identification of all treatments and procedures performed and when they were performed**; and copies of records or reports or other documentation obtained from health care practitioners at the request of the dentist and relied upon by the dentist in determining the appropriate treatment of the patient.

In addition, the BOD approved modifications to Rule 64B5-16.0061, Delegation of Remediable Restorative Functions to Dental Hygienists; Supervision Level; and Training and Experience Requirements.

Mr. Ron Dilworth provided the Board with an overview of the dental sedation program. He reported there were 681 inspections completed last fiscal year and 222 inspections have been completed so far this year.

To view the complete minutes, go to: <https://floridasdentistry.gov/meeting-information/past-meetings/> or <https://floridasdentistry.gov/>

The next BOD meeting is August 11, 2023, in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

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## 2023 Summer Meeting Hotel Information

### Rosen Shingle Creek™ Orlando, FL

Visit [www.floridaperio.org](http://www.floridaperio.org) for online reservation.

By phone: 866-996-6338

Ask for Group Rate for the  
Florida Association of Periodontists

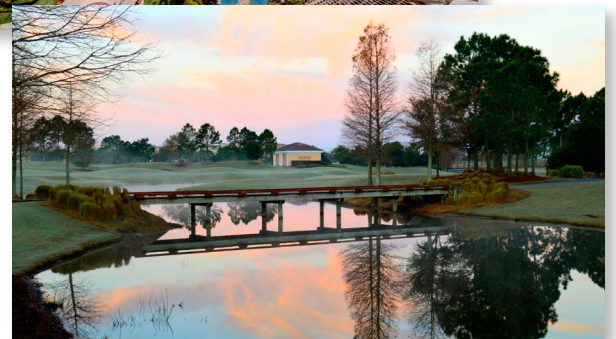
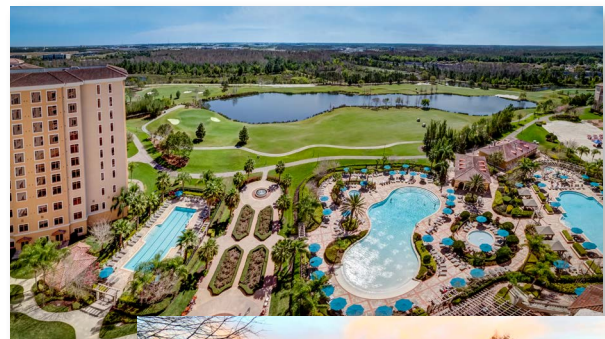
\$189/per night – available only for meeting attendees.

**Room Block expires July 20, 2023.**

\$15 self-parking fee for overnight guests.

No Resort Fee.

**Make Your Reservation Now  
for the 2023 Summer Meeting!**





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*Registration form for the  
2023 FAP Summer Meeting Inside.*

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*All above, as of June 13, 2023.*



# FAP 2023 SUMMER MEETING - REGISTRATION FORM

August 11-12, 2023 • Rosen Shingle Creek™

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

## – EARLY REGISTER FEES –

- \_\_\_\_\_ I am a member of the FAP. No fee for Dr. Craig Misch Saturday lecture/Corporate Forum/FAP Business Meeting & Luncheon.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am a retired FAP member: \$50.00 registration fee includes Dr. Craig Misch Saturday lecture/Corporate Forum/FAP Business Meeting & Luncheon.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Non-member periodontists: \$350.00 includes Dr. Craig Misch/Corporate Forum/FAP Business Meeting & Luncheon.  
**Contact the FAP office to join and attend the above for free!**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Referring Dentists (non-periodontists) \$200.00 (must attend with an FAP Member) includes Dr. Craig Misch/Corp. Forum/FAP Bus. Meeting Luncheon  
Name of Referring Dentists: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ All Dental Team Members (non-dentists, non-periodontists) \$35.00 – includes Dr. Craig Misch Sat. Lecture/Corp. Forums – *Lunch on their own.*  
Name of Team Members: \_\_\_\_\_

## Late Registration Fees and onsite registration (August 8- August 12, 2023) Add \$50.00 to above fee schedule

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I will be attending the FAP Welcome Reception on Friday, August 11th – 5pm

_____ YES, Register me for the Airway Management Course on Friday, August 11th. Cost per dentist/periodontist: \$525.00 The following dental team members* will be attending at \$250.00 ea. List staff below and designation (i.e. dental assistant): Name of Team Members: _____	<b>Airway Management Course</b>
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\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I will be attending the Business Meeting Luncheon Saturday, August 12, 12:30pm- 1:30pm  
***Only those indicating by checking above will be given a lunch ticket. Please, if you commit to attending lunch, we ask that you stay for the luncheon and business meeting.***

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I want a vegetarian lunch. Please, no last-minute requests the day of the business meeting lunch.

## Return Registration Form to:

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## Summer Meeting Checklist

- ✓ Register early for the meeting.
- ✓ Reserve your hotel room now - the room block will sell out.
- ✓ If attending the business meeting luncheon, make sure to check the box on the registration form.
- ✓ Start your order list for the vendors.

**NON-MEMBER PERIODONTIST: Join the FAP! Membership dues include two meetings per year. Contact the FAP office for details.**

# AAP District III Trustee Report

*Submitted by: Drs. Cecil White, Jr. and Walter Colón, II, AAP District III Trustees*

The Board of Trustees met May 12-13, 2023, in Jackson, Wyoming.

**Viability** - The Board approved the 2024 Strategic Plan. Highlights include enhanced efforts to increase membership engagement, opportunities to engage with at-risk member segments, the addition of activities to more closely monitor sedation guidelines, ongoing implementation of the multi-year science strategy, and continued nurturing of the leadership pipeline.

**Leadership** - The Board approved the selection of awardees for the 2023 Gold Medal, Master Clinician, Distinguished Service, Honorary Membership, and H. Dalton Conner Humanitarian awards. In addition, the Board approved a nominee for the ADA Norton M. Ross Award for Excellence in Clinical Research and ranked finalists of the ADEA William J. Gies Award. Proposed appointments to the 2023-2024 In-Service Examination Committee were also approved.

**Education** - The Board approved additional speakers, moderators, and courses for the 2023 Annual Meeting Program as well as the proposed 2024 Annual Meeting CE Program. In addition, the Board approved the creation of two CEOC subcommittees: the Online Learning Subcommittee and the Dental Hygiene Subcommittee.

**Membership** - The Board approved the Membership Recruitment and Rewards Program pilot program and the sunseting of the PerioHub community on the AAP Connect Member Community.

**Science** - The Board approved collaborating with AO on the "Prevention and Management of Peri-Implant Diseases" to be held in August 2024. The Task Force on Future Science is in the process of finalizing the specifics of the collaboration, including AAP participants.

The Board agreed to support the American Society of Dentist Anesthesiologists and American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Model State Sedation/General

Anesthesia Rules. Additionally, the Board empowered Dr. Okano and/or Ms. Erin O'Donnell Dotzler to reach out to the American Society of Dentist Anesthesiologists regarding the possibility of including the American Academy of Periodontology in the name of the model rules.

The 2023 Annual Meeting will take place November 9-12 in Austin. Members can review the program, register, and secure housing at [am2023.perio.org](https://am2023.perio.org). Preliminary program coming soon!

Through generous support from some of the AAP's partners, scholarships are available for AAP Student Members and periodontists new to practice to help them attend the 109th Annual Meeting. Each scholarship includes admission to the Student and New Periodontist session on Friday, November 10th. To learn more and apply: <https://www.perio.org/periodontal-education/scholarships-grants/#foundation>

**AAP Dental Hygiene Engagement Initiative** - Work on the Dental Hygiene Engagement Initiative continues. The multi-faceted initiative includes a variety of tactics designed to educate and engage with the hygienist audience. The AAP will host a session at the upcoming ADHA meeting in June and promotion of the Dental Hygiene Symposium at the 2023 Annual Meeting will commence soon. A major component of the Dental Hygiene Engagement Initiative is the AAP Dental Hygiene Study Club Program. The program will offer professionally produced content to help AAP members facilitate a dental hygiene study club in their local areas. Members who sign up will gain access to pre-recorded video modules, template materials, tips and tricks, and more! To incentivize dental hygienists to participate in an AAP member-led dental hygiene study club, hygienists who participate can sign up to be part of the AAP Dental Hygienist Recognition Program to earn CE and receive credit towards different tiers of AAP recognition. The program is in development and is expected to launch later this year. More info: <https://www.perio.org/ce-meetings/aap-dental-hygiene-study-club/>

Please contact your District III Trustees with any questions.

enc: Periodontal Clearance Letter

## (PERIODONTIST'S LETTERHEAD)

### PERIODONTAL CLEARANCE LETTER

RE: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

(patient's name)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Dr. (periodontist's name),

The patient noted above is scheduled to undergo \_\_\_\_\_

Surgery on \_\_\_\_\_.

Prior to surgery, it is important to verify that the patient has had a Periodontal/Dental examination within the past six months, has no current dental infections and no anticipated dental care within the next six months, excluding restorations.

\_\_\_\_ They are scheduled in your office on \_\_\_\_\_ to perform this evaluation. (or)

\_\_\_\_ Please call them to schedule an appointment.

This letter is an important part of our preoperative patient evaluation.

Please FAX this letter back to us as soon as possible.

Thank you for your assistance.

Dr. (periodontist's name)

Physician's signature

I certify that the patient has had a periodontal/dental exam within the past six months and does/does not have a dental infection requiring treatment.

Date of Periodontal/Dental exam \_\_\_\_\_

(periodontist's name printed ) \_\_\_\_\_

Periodontist's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please FAX this letter to (physician name, contact information & FAX number)