

Current Concepts in Dentistry

NOVEMBER 2025 – ADVANCE NOTICE

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Anesthesia Excellence: Relieving Pain and Fear Safely

Saturday, Nov. 8, 2025 | Presented by David Carsten, DDS, MAGD

Dr. David Carsten is a dentist anesthesiologist. He is an Assistant Professor in Hospital Dentistry at Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU). Dr. Carsten is the course director for Anesthesia and Sedation in Dentistry for DS2 students at OHSU. Dave is the past two-time Chair of the Washington Dental Commission and former Chair of the Infection Control Committee. He has been the reviewing commissioner on multiple death cases. He is on a national committee with the Center for Disease Control regarding dental waterlines. Dave has nine publications in the scientific literature. He received the Award of Distinction in Continuing Education from the Academy of Dentistry International.

Practical Oral Surgery for the General Dentist

Sunday, Nov. 9, 2025 | Presented by Antonella C. Trache, CD, BSc, DDS, CertOMS

Dr. Antonella Trache is an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon who is currently the Discipline Lead for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Alberta School of Dentistry. She retired from the Canadian Armed Forces after a 21-year career where she accumulated a vast array of memorable and valuable experiences from both professional and personal perspectives. Dr. Trache was the first female Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon in the Royal Canadian Dental Corps. The highlight of her military career consisted of the 2 tours of duty in Afghanistan, as the Maxillofacial Trauma Surgeon at the Role 3 Multinational Hospital at Kandahar Air Base. Since leaving the military, she has been involved with the University of Alberta School of Dentistry as an Associate Clinical Professor on a part-time basis before joining the faculty full-time. She is actively involved with the General Practice Residency program, where she mentors the 4 GPR residents in clinic-based dentoalveolar surgery. Dr. Trache is also a clinical instructor with Continuing Dental Education in the Intravenous Sedation Program and the Alberta Implant Residency Program. She presented lectures and workshops on maxillofacial trauma topics to various military and civilian organizations, and study clubs throughout the country. Additionally, Dr. Trache is a member of several School of Dentistry and Alberta Dental Association committees. She maintains a private practice in Edmonton at Contours Oral Surgery.

Implant Surgery

Monday, Nov. 10, 2025 | Presented by Arun K. Garg, DMD

Dr. Arun K. Garg is a nationally recognized dental educator and dental surgeon who for nearly 20 years served as a full-time clinical professor in the division of oral and maxillofacial surgery at the University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine. He is currently in private practice in South Florida, along with running Implant Seminars continuing education for dentists. Dr. Garg is considered one of the world's preeminent authorities on bone biology, bone harvesting and bone grafting for dental implant surgery. He has written and published nine books that have also been translated into multiple languages and distributed worldwide. He has been a featured speaker at dozens of state, national and international dental association conventions and meetings including the American Academy of Periodontology, the American College of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, and the International Dental Implant Association.

Updates in Geriatric Dentistry for the General Dentist: Managing Complex Older Adults

Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2025 | Presented by Nicholas Tong, BHSc, DDS, MSc, FSCD, FADC

Dr. Nicholas Tong is an Assistant Professor of Teaching at the University of British Columbia (UBC) Faculty of Dentistry in the Division of Prosthodontics and Dental Geriatrics. He is the Program Director for the UBC General Practice Residency. Dr. Tong graduated with BHSc degree from McMaster University, a DDS degree from the University of Toronto, a GPR certificate from the University of Alberta Hospital, and a MSc (Craniofacial Science) degree from UBC. He is a staff dentist with the UBC Geriatric Dentistry Program, treating frail and functionally dependent patients in long-term care. Dr. Tong is Chair of the Geriatric Dentistry Committee with the British Columbia Dental Association, a Fellow with the Special Care Dentistry Association and American College of Dentists, and a Director at Large with the American Society for Geriatric Dentistry.

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