



AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OROFACIAL PAIN

Newsletter

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The American Academy of Orofacial Pain wishes you and your family a happy and healthy holiday season. We would like to thank all our members for their continued support.

If you haven't already, please renew your membership by logging in to your account.

Don't forget to check out our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/aaoporg/>

Dr. Steven Graff-Radford



Dr. Steven Graff-Radford passed away on October 15, 2016. He is survived by his wife Natalie and his daughters Alexa and Kate.

Dr. Graff-Radford started his journey at UCLA Department of Anesthesiology where he gained his pain management fellowship. Later, he served as the director of the Director of the Headache, Orofacial Pain and Sleep Apnea Program at the Cedars-Sinai Pain Center. He was a Clinical Professor at the USC School of Dentistry and published approximately 150 papers and book chapters.

About three decades ago he decided to take the path less traveled. With his efforts and vision, he carved a niche for Dental professionals in the field of Headache and pain management. His love and passion for the profession inspired many, and he will be forever remembered as a pioneer in the field of Orofacial Pain and Headache. A big advocate of cross collaboration among various fields of medicine and dentistry, he will be deeply missed by his patients and colleagues.

The American Academy of Orofacial Pain will always be grateful for his extensive contributions and devotion to the field.

Meeting Updates

Dr. Ghabi Kaspo

On September 8-10, 2016 I attended the Academy of Latin American Craniomandibular Dysfunction and Facial Pain (AILDC) in Mexico City. The meeting was a great success and our member Dr. Wilma Alexandre Simoes, was a dynamic speaker.

A few weeks later, On September 25-25, 2016 I attended the Asian Academy of Craniomandibular Disorders in conjunction with the Orofacial Pain Special Interest Group of the International Association for The Study of Pain in Yokohama, Japan. The meeting was put together by efforts of our colleagues in the Asian Academy and Japanese Society, Dr. Yoshiki Imamura, Kouichi Wajima and Kouichi Iwata. Their hospitality was beyond imaginations.

Our AAOP members Drs. Rafael Benoliel, Eli Eliav and Gary Heir and many other speakers from around the world presented on a wide array of topics.

I want to thank both academies, and I look forward to meeting their members and our colleagues in Arizona, May 5-7, 2017. I encourage our members to attend future sister academies meetings, as well the upcoming ICOT meeting in 2018



Meeting Updates

Dr. Elmer A. Villalon

Third AAOP Mid-Year Sleep Medicine Meeting was held at the O'Hare Hilton Hotel in Chicago on Saturday, November 5th, 2016. The program was a success, as was the November 5th Friday eve roundtable meeting on Sleep Medicine in Dental Education. Both programs were well attended, and there was an excellent dialogue and exchange of ideas.

Special thanks to all the presenters for their efforts and time spent in preparing and presenting noteworthy articles. The presenters were Dennis Bailey, Catalina Morarasu, Matt Lark, Dan Tylka, David Austin, Eddie Sall and Andrew Smith

In addition, special thanks to Dennis Bailey, who helped moderate both the programs. Also, we can't forget our AAOP President Gary Klasser and the AAOP Council who in recent years have had the foresight to be accommodating and welcoming in allowing this mid-year meeting to occur.

Future steps entail Sleep Medicine committee to create a "Guidelines Document" that would discuss the recognition and management of sleep disorders and present this to the existing Orofacial Pain programs, CODA and possibly to the deans of all of the dental schools in the US.



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Study Update

Management of Painful Temporomandibular Disorders: A National Dental Practice-Based Research Network (PBRN) Study

This is an update to the overview of the NIH/NIDCR funded prospective observational study: *Management of Painful Temporomandibular Disorders* that I presented at the annual AAOP meeting in April 2016. We are grateful for the positive responses we received from this meeting. Regardless of whether you were at this talk, we are requesting that practitioners get ready to participate in this study. In order for this study to be successful, we need 200 dentists that treat patients with painful TMD to enroll.

We are doing the “start-up” of the study in Minnesota in August to get ready for a successful study. **We anticipate that recruitment of subjects into the study by practitioners at-large will start in September.** Although there is no minimum number of patients that each practitioner should recruit - we are asking for a target of 11 consecutive patients with a maximum of 20 patients recruited per practitioner over a 1-year period.

Getting involved:

- If you have not done this already, join the network today! To enroll, go online at: www.nationaldentalpbrn.org/enrollment and click on “complete a questionnaire”.
- Human subjects’ protection training is required for all NIH funded research. Contact Ms. Kimberly Johnson, the study manager for more information (kimberly.s.johnson@healthpartners.com or call 952 967 5276). She will connect you with your regional coordinator who will help you get this done!

If you have already joined the network and completed the required training, a regional coordinator will contact you to schedule your TMD study training. Trained personnel will orient practitioners and their staff to the study protocol. We will be training practitioners in “waves” this Fall so that there is adequate time for the regional coordinators to get you and your office staff ready. After you and your staff are trained, you can start recruiting patients into the study.

Overview of study:

Practitioners will provide what they believe is the best treatment for their patients. All baseline data collection will occur using a tablet provided to your practice. Patient follow-up is completed by a central coordinating center at 1, 3, and 6 months after enrollment – practitioners are not responsible for doing any patient follow-up. Practitioners complete a baseline and 6 month follow-up questionnaire. There is no need to see the patient back at 6-months to complete this follow-up questionnaire – only a review of their chart is needed.

This study will answer these questions:

1. What do our patient's think about the treatments we recommend?
2. Do our patients do what we recommend?
3. What treatments are doctors recommending and why?
4. How well do our treatments reduce our patients' pain and improve their jaw function?

This is a chance to have **outcome data** when interacting with health care providers and insurance companies. It will also let your patient know **you are doing NIH funded research.**

Questions? **Contact Ms. Kimberly Johnson**

Email: kimberly.s.johnson@healthpartners.com or call 952 967 5276.

If this study is successful, it will open the door for potential funding of future studies to assess the management of TMD and other orofacial pain complaints as well as sleep apnea.

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