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NEW ENGLAND SECTION NEWSLETTER

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Thomas F. Winkler Leadership Award

The Thomas F. Winkler Award was first awarded to Dr. Winkler at the 2007 American College of Dentists New England Section annual meeting at the Yankee Dental Congress in Boston, Massachusetts. It recognized him for all that he had done over the years to promote the mission of the American College of Dentists through leadership, education, and ethics. Dr. Winkler, a mentor and role-model, served in leadership for the New England Section of the American College of Dentists and as the 2011 President of the American College of Dentists.

Each year the New England Section of the American College of Dentist considers potential nominations and selects the individual that best represents the high standards set by Dr. Thomas F. Winkler, both in professional and private life.



Honoring our 2025 Recipient Dr. William MacDonnell

The prestigious Thomas F. Winkler Award was presented to Dr. William MacDonnell from Connecticut, a truly deserving member for his contributions to our profession, particularly in dental anesthesia, based on the high standards of the ACD.

Dr. MacDonnell is a notable dental anesthesiologist with a career that has spanned more than 45 years and has included patient

treatment, education, leadership and advocating for dental anesthesiology. Well known in Connecticut and all of New England, Dr. MacDonnell was a staff anesthesiologist at John Dempsey Hospital for five years before entering private practice. He has taught countless dental students, residents, dentists and physicians various sedation /anesthesia techniques and treatment of medical emergencies. He has also provided sedation for patients in dental offices in a majority of the towns and cities in the state of Connecticut. He has provided pro bono sedation/anesthesia at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine since 1978, and has served on the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine's faculty. Dr. MacDonnell's services have benefitted all types of patients including those who are medically compromised and dental phobic. Dr. MacDonnell has been dedicated to organized dentistry, he is a past President of the Connecticut State Dental Association, Connecticut State Dental Foundation, Connecticut Dental Political Action Committee (CODPAC) and the American Society of Dentist Anesthesiologists. He has also served as Chair of the West Harford Substance Abuse Commission. Although retired, he is still active on the Connecticut Board on matters related to anesthesia regulations. Dr. MacDonnell is dedicated to the welfare of not only patients, but also his fellow dentists.

"I believe his many years of involvement and dedication to our profession and the patients he has served, and the countless students he has taught make Dr. William MacDonnell an outstanding candidate for the Thomas F. Winkler Leadership award," wrote Dr. Janis Moriarty in her nomination letter.

Heartiest congratulations from the entire New England Section to Dr. MacDonnell for a well-deserved honor, leaders like him continue to inspire future generations.

Submit a nomination for a qualifying candidate with their credentials and summary of their accomplishments:

[Click here to nominate a fellow for the award](#)



Regent Report

The ACD Annual Meeting was held in New Orleans in October 2024. This was a busy meeting which started with a Board of Regents meeting and then the General meeting activities followed. Some highlights included the American Society for Dental Ethicist's Ethics Course which reviewed the newly updated Ethics Handbook which introduced several new Core Values of the ACD. As well as our own Regency 1 Breakout Session where Regent & Section Chairs provided updates on their activities. We also went through an exercise with attendees to discuss current, short-term and long-term ways Sections can engage in the first four elements of the new ACD Strategic Plan. These four elements include:

- a. The ACD will uphold its position as an expert on ethics and professionalism
- b. Recognize & engage the most talented and diverse emerging leaders in Dentistry
- c. Invest in the continuous creation of ACD-branded professional development courses and materials on ethics and, separately, leadership best practices
- d. Expand and enhance communications to advance the ACD pillars (excellences, ethics, professionalism and leadership)

While in New Orleans there was also a Fellows Forum panel led by Dr Sree Koka (a new At-Large Regent) on the "Dark Side of Leadership", a Networking Breakfast & the President's Address led by Dr Bob Faiella, and a Luncheon where Dr Elizabeth Carr spoke on Courage & Leadership. After this was the Convocation. It was an honor to serve as the Mace Bearer in the processional and to also read the names of all of the new Fellows being inducted from the entirety of Regency 1. The Convocation address was given by Dr Natalia Chalmers, the Chief Dental Officer for the Center of Medicaid and Medicare Services. Immediately following the Convocation there was a special Toast to Fellowship which include a traditional "Second Line" band playing in celebration.

As we move into the summer months, please consider nominating a colleague. Nominations are critical to the health of not only our Section but also the ACD as a whole. Please reach out if you have any questions about the Nomination process. Nomination applications are typically due in January.

I hope everyone has a restful and wonderful summer,
All the best,
Julie

Chair Report

A few words from our Immediate Past Chair Dr. Maria Smith & Newly Elected Chair Dr. Janis Moriarty



It has been an honor to serve the ACD and particularly, our prestigious New England Model Section as Chair. During our 2024 convocation we welcomed 25 new fellows for New England in New Orleans. At our Annual Meeting in January 2025 we approved section bylaws, our new slate of officers for the 2025-2026 year as well as heard updates on the activities of our section and national ACD. We gave special recognition to our 50 YEAR fellows—Drs. Max Perlitsh and Robert Wilson.

Thank you for your dedication and tireless support of ACD. You truly personify the 4 pillars of the College! I would like to request all our Fellows to please continue to nominate individuals who also exhibit those values, ethics, professionalism, and leadership that have been recognized with your fellowship award in the American College of Dentists.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve as Chair,
Sincerely,
Maria A. Smith, DMD, MAGD

It is an honor to take over as Chair of ACDNE and I thank our Immediate Past Chair Dr. Maria Smith for setting the bar high and helping us to achieve Model Section status last year. I am a general practitioner in Winchester, MA and have been a Fellow since 2009, having been inducted in Honolulu and sponsored by my very dear friends and mentors, the late Drs. Barbara Kay and Tom Winkler—both who served the College incredibly well throughout their long careers. During my two years as Chair it is my hope that we continue to grow the New England Section, not only in numbers but in engagement of Fellows. I am privileged to serve with a very talented Board and while we have many ideas, we hope to hear from you on what would make you feel more a part of ACDNE, and ways in which you may wish to serve. Please contact me at janis.moriarty@verizon.net.



ACD Fellow Spotlight

Dr. Mary McCabe



[Click to learn about the RI free clinic](#)

After working as a psychiatric social worker for several years, Dr. Mary decided to pursue dentistry. She had always been interested in dentistry, but was also drawn towards a career in social work. Having taken out substantial loans to attend Georgetown University Dental School, she returned to New England through the HRSA Loan Repayment and accepted a position as a Dental Director in a community health center in Pawtucket which was still under construction at that time. One of her first tasks was to inform management that lead shielding had not been addressed and that additional construction delays would be necessary. She used that time to visit other community health centers and learn from dental directors with extensive experience. "I soon learned that I was able to combine the fields of social work and dentistry as a community health center Dental Director, a position I held for more than 25 years in 3 sites," she reminisces.

When offered the opportunity to volunteer in a new free dental clinic in Providence in 2018, she eagerly accepted the offer. When asked about how she got involved with the American College of Dentists, she says, "Working alongside another volunteer, Dr. Bob

Barthro, not only enhanced the experience, but he also introduced me to organized dentistry. While I had been active in health center dental director advocacy groups, such as NNOHA, I soon become active in organized dentistry at the State level and now encourage young dentists to do so. The values and mission of ACD align with my own values and I feel very welcomed by the organization."

Since becoming volunteer dental director at the Rhode Island Free Clinic, she admits that she has enjoyed the challenge of expansion of services from exams to Periodontics, Restorative treatment, Endodontics and oral surgery.

Further highlighting her work she says, "The key to success in a dental program is teamwork and we have had the same core staff for more than three years. Since the Clinic does not receive any government funding, I am constantly writing grants and seeking donations. I enjoy learning from each volunteer who comes to the clinic, both general dentists and specialists. I enjoy learning new languages and dialects and working alongside medical providers in a true 'medical-dental home.' We can schedule hour appointments to provide quadrant dentistry. It is ironic that I finally found my "dream job" in retirement."

2025 New England Section Board of Directors

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Upcoming Event

Tuesday, May 20
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

The Truth About Veracity

This one-hour virtual course delves into the ethical principle of veracity in the context of dental practice and leadership.

Presented by:

**Catherine Sarkis, JD, MBA &
Dr. Kathryn Regalis**

[Click Here to launch meeting details and Zoom link](#)

Nominate A Deserving Colleague For Fellowship: [Click here to nominate today!](#)

CONGRATULATIONS!

2024 ACD Fellows -New England Section, welcome to the College!

- Dr. Frederick A. Hartman
- Dr. Pamela M. Maragliano-Muniz
- Dr. Jobren M. Dingle
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- Dr. Patrick Mangan
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- Dr. Peixi Liao
- Dr. Roger Achong
- Dr. Sara Sheikh



2025 ACD Senior Dental Student Awardees

Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of
Dental Medicine
Sarah Sveen

Harvard University School of Dental Medicine
Betty Ben Dor

Tufts University School of Dental Medicine
Mariah Matinian

University of Connecticut School of Dental
Medicine
Dedrian R. Barrett

University of New England School of Dental
Medicine
Abigail Campbell.



2nd ACD & ICD Combined luncheon at Yankee Dental Congress 2025



Celebrating our 50 year Fellows

Congratulations to Dr. Perlitch & Dr. Wilson for upholding the pillars of the American College of Dentists for 50 years since their convocation on October 25, 1975 in Chicago!

Dr. Max J Perlitch

Dr. Max Perlitch is a periodontist from Massachusetts who is a very active alumni of Brandeis University (class of 1952) and Tufts University School of Dental Medicine (class of 1956). He earned his certificate in periodontology from Tufts in 1965 and was a longtime faculty member in the Tufts Perio department, including serving as Acting Chair from 1972-75. He holds the rank of Associate Professor of Periodontology and retired from teaching in 1980.

Dr. Perlitch served in the US Navy beginning in 1955 when he was Commissioned an Ensign with a Dental Senior Scholarship. He served as a Dental Officer in the US Navy for four years, and was in a US Navy Reserve Dental Company until 1977. He retired with the rank of Captain in the US Navy Reserve Dental Corp in 1977.

Serving his alma maters with pride and support, Dr. Perlitch, who was in the trailblazing first class at Brandeis University, has been organizing and volunteering for the school since his student days, and worked to keep his class connected to one another and to Brandeis during the COVID pandemic, including arranging a special Zoom meetup to celebrate their 70th Reunion! He was honored with the Service to the Alumni Association Award for his tireless efforts, and he continues to serve of the Board of Fellows.

At Tufts University School of Dental Medicine he has been equally as active, serving as President of the Tufts Dental Alumni Association in 1976-77.

He received a TUDAA Award for Dedication and Service to the school and the profession in 1993.



Dr. Robert O. Wilson

Dr. Bob Wilson hails from Syracuse NY and went to Syracuse University and the University of Buffalo School of Dentistry where he was a NIH Fellow in Biochemistry. He completed his internship and residency in oral surgery at the Millard Fillmore Hospital in Buffalo.

Dr. Wilson practiced oral surgery in Concord, NH from 1965 until 2005, and he served as the President of the New Hampshire Dental Society and the NH Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons.

He served as Adjunct Professor of Oral Pathology at the NH Technical Institute and as Adjunct Clinical Instructor or Oral Surgery at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine. He has served as a Director of the American Heart Association, NH Foundation of Medical Care, NH Advisory Commission on Health and Welfare, and the Tri-State Regional Medical Program.

Dr. Wilson and his late wife were ardent advocates for the arts in all their forms, and he has chaired various state and local charitable organizations, including the NH Historical Society, Canterbury Shaker Village, the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce, United Way of Merrimack County, and the Concord Rotary Club. He was a Trustee of the Tilton School for 32 years and served as Chair of the NH Judicial Conduct Committee for 16 years.

His three children and six grandchildren all live in New England! Dr. Wilson and his beloved chocolate Labrador retriever Emma, reside in Hopkinton, NH.



Member News

Dr. Samuel Zwetchkenbaum was honored with the 2025 Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD) Outstanding Achievement Award at the National Oral Health Conference in Orlando, held in April 2025.

Dr. Zwetchkenbaum currently serves as the Vice Chair of the New England section of the ACD, he is pictured here with the ASTDD President and ACD Fellow Dr. Russ Dunkel.

[Click here to learn more about the award](#)



Dr. Adam Saltz presented at the ACD New England section Continuing Education Event at the Straumann USA Headquarters in Andover, MA in March 2021. Titled 'From Setback to Success: The Transformative Role of Digital Implant Workflows,' the talk focused on the role of ethics in implant dentistry. The event was complimentary for all ACD members.

Dr. Adam Saltz pictured above with Board Members of the New England chapter of ACD currently serves as an ACD Ambassador for the state of Maine

[Click here to learn more about the event if you missed it](#)



Dr. Kadambari Rawal was awarded the American Dental Education Association's (ADEA) Dr. Jeanne C. Sinkford Faculty Leadership Award in March 2025. Named after an icon, trailblazer and visionary in dental education, the award recognizes faculty members at U.S. and Canadian dental education institutions who are passionately dedicated to academia, diversity and social justice; demonstrate compassion, integrity and humanism in their interactions with one another; and encourage the larger oral health education community to embrace and model these characteristics. The award is intended to inspire and empower the next generation of leaders in oral health education.

Dr. Rawal currently serves as the Editor of the New England Section of the ACD, she is pictured here with ACD Fellows Dr. Joseph Calabrese and Dean Cataldo Leone.

[Click here to learn more about the award](#)

2024 ACD New England Section Event highlights

September 2024

An insightful conversation with ACD Executive Director Mike Graham, the audience learned “All About the ACD”, including the College's rich history, the newly updated Ethics Handbook, and insights about current initiatives.

October 2024

At the ACD annual meeting in New Orleans, members celebrated all New England fellows and met new inductees. It was a great opportunity to network with the new ACD President from Massachusetts, Dr. Robert Faiella.

November 2024

ACD New England was pleased to provide partial funding for the Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine Ethics Symposium presented by the Boston University Student Professionalism and Ethics Association in Dentistry (SPEA) Chapter. Student and faculty attendees enjoyed a stellar presentation by Dr. Guenter Jonke and Dr. Kevin Henner titled, “Code of Ethics: Your Roadmap to Professional Success”, sharing how to solve commonly encountered ethical dilemmas by understanding and following our American Dental Association Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct. Attendees also received a copy of the updated ACD Ethics Handbook. ACD New England Board members immediate past Chair: Dr. Maria Smith, Secretary: Dr. Marian Royer and At-Large Member Dr. Meredith Bailey attended the event alongside several ACD New England fellows.

[Click here to learn more about the ACD & SPEA Collaboration](#)



2024/25 EVENTS & CURRICULUM



New England Chapter

<p>SEPTEMBER 17, 7-8 PM All About the ACD* with ACD Executive Director, Michael Graham</p>	<p>OCTOBER 16 / NEW ORLEANS Chapter Networking</p>
<p>JANUARY 30, 2-5 PM / YANKEE DENTAL CONGRESS Innovating with Integrity: Navigating the Ethical Landscape of AI in Dentistry with Drs. Robert Faiella, Meredith Bailey, and Christopher Balaban</p>	
<p>JANUARY 31, 11:30 AM ACD /ICD Luncheon Boston Seaport Hotel</p>	<p>MARCH 21 / STRAUMANN ANDOVER, MA From Setback to Success: The Transformative Role of Digital Implant Workflows with Dr. Adam Saltz</p>
<p>MAY 20, 7-8 PM The Truth About Veracity* with Catherine Sarkis, JD, MBA and Dr. Kathryn Regolis</p>	<p>*denotes a virtual course offering</p>

We want to hear from you!

Did you know that your section: The New England Section of ACD was awarded the Model section? We wouldn't be here without you, our valued Fellows!

Please reach out to us with information about your achievements, contributions and events. Please also share your photos so we can highlight you in our next Newsletter.

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