



FAP News

SPRING 2025

President's Message

Esteemed colleagues and friends,

It is an honor and privilege to serve as the president of the Florida Association of Periodontists. This organization holds special significance for me, as a second-generation member following in the footsteps of my uncle, Dr. Robert Thousand Jr.



The FAP has a rich history of fostering excellence in periodontics, and we are committed to continuing this legacy in the year ahead. Our primary goal during the next year is to ensure the delivery of high-quality education while maintaining the financial health and sustainability of our organization. A strong and stable association allows us to focus on what truly matters—supporting our members who then support our patients.

In the coming year, we will work diligently to provide continuing education opportunities that will benefit us in three key ways:

- 1. Promoting Patient Health:** Our foremost priority is delivering superior health outcomes for our patients. We will focus on education that keeps us at the forefront of periodontal care and innovation.
- 2. Supporting Independent Practice Growth:** Private practice is the backbone of our profession. We are dedicated to helping Florida's periodontists strengthen their practices by addressing challenges and leveraging opportunities unique to our field.
- 3. Enhancing Clinical Skills:** To remain competitive, we must continually refine our skills and push ourselves and our teams to new levels of excellence. Our educational initiatives will challenge and inspire us to elevate our practices.

Together, we will continue to strengthen periodontics across Florida and uphold our reputation as leaders in dental health. I am grateful for your trust and look forward to working alongside you to achieve these goals.

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2025 Summer Meeting

RESERVE YOUR ROOM – BLOCK EXPIRES JULY 15, 2025

August 8-9, 2025

WYNDHAM GRAND ORLANDO RESORT
BONNET CREEK

Friday: Airway Management &
Dr. Richard Miron Lecture

Saturday: Dr. Richard Miron Lecture
& Hands-On Workshop for Dental Team
Members

See Meeting Details & Registration Info. Inside



2025-2026 Important Dates

May 9	Florida Board of Dentistry - Jacksonville, FL
June 19-22	Southern Academy of Periodontology Marco Island, FL
June 19-21	Florida Dental Convention Gaylord Palms - Orlando
June 20-23	Southern Academy of Periodontology The Breakers - Palm Beach, FL
August 5	Florida Board of Dentistry - Miami, FL
August 8-9	2025 FAP SUMMER MEETING Wyndham Grand Orlando Resort, Bonnet Creek, FL
October 15-18	AAP Annual Meeting - Toronto
November 14	Florida Board of Dentistry Gainesville, FL
Feb. 6-7, 2026	2026 FAP WINTER MEETING Wyndham Grand Orlando Resort Bonnet Creek, FL

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President's Message (cont'd)

In line with this vision, we are excited to introduce our speaker for the summer meeting, Dr. Richard Miron. Dr. Miron needs no introduction, as he is a globally recognized leader in biomaterials. With over 350 peer-reviewed articles, 11 textbooks, and recognition as the youngest dentist to be named among the top 100 CE providers in the country by Dentistry Today, his expertise is unparalleled.

Dr. Miron's presence will bring significant value to our group, particularly through his PRF Edu company. To enhance our offerings, we will provide an opportunity for your team members to receive hands-on training in phlebotomy, the creation of sticky bone, and the handling of autologous blood products in both surgical and esthetic applications. If time permits, you may even bring your significant others for a little facial augmentation—perhaps a small reward for their patience with our demanding schedules!

In closing, I want to express my deepest gratitude to all the members of the FAP, many of which have been personal mentors. Your clinical expertise and guidance have shaped my journey as a practicing periodontist in the wonderful state of Florida. It is a privilege to serve this association, and I look forward to a year of growth, collaboration, and success.

Thank you.

Dr. John W. Thousand, IV
President

FREE MEETING REGISTRATION/ NIGHT AT WYNDHAM

Value \$280.00 – Recruit a New FAP Member!

Enter for an opportunity to have your Summer meeting registration waived and a free night at the Wyndham! Recruit a new FAP member and earn an entry for each new applicant. Contact the FAP office with your recruit/ membership leads to forward an application to the prospective member by calling 352-232-6800 or email: fap@tampabay.rr.com. You can also visit the website at www.floridaperio.org - membership – to access the application.

2025 Summer Meeting Information

Friday, August 8, 2025

8:00am-12:00pm Medical Emergency Consultants –
Mr. Shaun Fix
4 CEUs For Dentists/Dental Team Members
“Management of Medical and Airway
Emergencies in the Dental Office”

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

12:00pm-1:00pm Break – Lunch on your own.

1:00pm-5:00pm Dr. Richard Miron
4 CEUs “Next Generation Biomaterials, PRF,
and Exosomes for Bone and Periodontal
Regeneration” – Part 1

Attendees: Doctors Only

The first part of this course will include a review of the biologic background and applications of bone grafting materials in periodontology. We will review the principles of guided tissue regeneration in detail including many recent advancements in barrier membrane technology, PRF, and various other growth factors such as rhPDGF, rhBMP2, Enamel Matrix Derivative and Exosomes. The second part of this course will include the introduction of next-generation materials such as Tetranite and non-resorbable bone allografts that will optimize future bone and periodontal regeneration along with a discussion regarding the newest groundbreaking research in exosomes.

5:00pm-6:30pm Happy Hour – All Invited!

**Dental Team Members Encouraged to
Attend and Learn LPRF!**

Saturday, August 9, 2025

7:30am-9:00am Light Breakfast

9:00am-12:30pm Dr. Richard Miron
3.5 CEUS “Next Generation Biomaterials, PRF,
and Exosomes for Bone and Periodontal
Regeneration” Part 2

Attendees: Doctors and Dental Team Members

The first section of this course is designed to help clinicians select appropriate biomaterials for each specific regenerative protocol. Much like one implant size and shape cannot be utilized for every indication in implant dentistry, one bone grafting material, barrier membrane, or growth factor cannot maximize regenerative outcomes in all clinical situations. This course teaches clinicians how to utilize biomaterials in an appropriate, predictable, and evidence-based manner. The second section of this course is designed to showcase how PRF is integrated into clinical practice with ideal protocols utilizing adjunctive team members.

12:30pm-1:30pm Lunch
FAP Members/Dentists – Business Meeting/Luncheon
Dental Team Members – Lunch on your own

1:30pm-5:00pm Hands-On Workshop
3.5 CEUs “Utilization of PRF in your private
practice: Hands-On Training for Doctors
and Assistants”

Attendees: Doctors, Assistants, and Doctor's Significant Others (if they trust you!)

This hands-on course is designed to provide the doctor and dental team members instructions on how to use the PRF products in the clinical setting. The course will provide the doctor and team a step-by-step process for collection and utilization of autologous blood products for use in surgical regenerative treatments as well as facial esthetic treatments. Subjects will have the opportunity to use these techniques in the course.

Dr. Richard Miron is sponsored by:



Continuing education vouchers will be distributed
at the conclusion of each lecture.

FAP reserves the right to change the meeting
schedule as deemed necessary.

UF/NSU Presentations

Thank you to the following residents who presented at the 2025 FAP Winter Meeting:



Nova Southeastern University

Dr. Andee Goldstein

Dr. Yash Desai

Dr. Arsalan Danesh

Dr. Xiaozhe Han

Dr. Blake Hauer



University of Florida

Dr. Alexandra Tomasino-Perez

Dr. Janelle Aguirre

Dr. Chris Dunlevy

Dr. Catherine King

Thank you to Dr. Mark Forrest for emceeding the program.

In appreciation to the American Academy of Periodontology for underwriting the Resident/Faculty Luncheon.



Dr. Mark Forrest presents to Dr. Catherine King her speaker certificate/honorarium.



Dr. Blake Hauer is all smiles after his presentation

FAP Student Award Winners

Nanditha Rajini, University of Florida College of Dentistry, is this year's FAP Dental Student Award for outstanding work and study in periodontics. She is pictured here with Dr. Karin Schey and Dr. Wagner Duarte.

A hearty congratulations to Ms. Rajini!



The FAP also congratulates **Marie-Helen Julien**, Nova Southeastern University's student award winner for her work and outstanding study in periodontology. Marie-Helen is pictured with Dr. Bibiana Garcia and Dr. Saynur Vardar. NSU perio residents took time to also congratulate Marie-Helen!



Florida Board of Dentistry Report

By Florida Dental Association Lobbyist Brandon Edmonston

The Florida Board of Dentistry (BOD) met in West Palm Beach on Friday, February 14, 2025.

The Florida Dental Association (FDA) was represented by BOD Liaison, Dr. Steve Hochfelder, and FDA Lobbyist Brandon Edmonston. Dr. Alex Delgado, Director of Continuing Dental Education and Associate Professor at the University of Florida School of Dentistry, was also present.

BOD members present included Dr. Nick White, chair, Dr. Claudio Miro, vice chair, Dr. Jose Mellado, Dr. Brad Cherry, Dr. Tom McCawley; hygiene member Ms. Karyn Hill; and consumer member Mr. Ben Mirza. Ms. Angela Johnson was excused. Mr. Ed Tellechea is back as general counsel to the BOD, replacing Ms. Allison Dudley. This was also Dr. White's first full meeting as chair.

As a reminder, the Mobile Opportunity by Interstate Licensure Endorsement (MOBILE) method to licensure became effective on December 25, 2024. Several dentists have received licenses via this path away. However, multiple applications were forwarded to the Board by BOD staff because the applicants had answered in the affirmative to past disciplinary history. After discussion, it was evident that the board was not going to approve the applications and all applicants withdrew prior to a vote.

There was also consideration of an application to provide a local anesthesia certification course for hygienists that proved unsuccessful as the board was unable to take action. The course was not CODA approved as required by BOD rule. The applicant was instructed to seek CODA approval or explore other avenues if she wants her course approved in Florida.

Lastly, BOD Executive Director, Mrs. Tracey Zeh, gave a brief update on legislation involving dentistry. There was no position taken on dental therapy nor was the bill referenced on the agenda. The board was advised it will be provided other bill language as necessary once session starts and legislation starts moving.

There were six discipline cases considered. One resulted in punitive action and the board voted for revocation due to the individual practicing outside the scope of her qualifications and achievements while also falsely identifying as a doctor of dental surgery. The individual was a foreign-trained dentist who was licensed as a hygienist.

For more information, please visit the BOD website at floridasdentistry.gov/ or contact FDA Chief Legal Officer Casey Stoutamire at cstoutamire@floridadental.org.

FDA Lobbyist Brandon Edmonston can be reached at bedmonston@floridadental.org.

**Nominations for the
Dr. Robert T. Ferris award
now being accepted.**

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for information.**

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2025 FAP Winter Meeting Recap

The meeting was held February 7-8, 2025 at the Wyndham Grand Orlando Resort Bonnet Creek. The FAP celebrated the 20th anniversary of the UF/NSU Senior Residents Presentations on Friday (see page 4), followed with the traditional Happy Hour later in the afternoon.

Dr. Michael Norton, sponsored by **Dentsply Sirona**, was the featured speaker on Saturday. His lecture, "Understanding the Impact of Biology, Biomechanics, and Biochemistry on Hard and Soft Tissues" was well-received.

At FAP Business Meeting:

Dr. Saynur Vardar, NSU Chair, Department of Periodontology, and Dr. Wagner Rodrigues Duarte, Graduate Program Director at UF, provided updates on their respective programs.

Dr. Susan LaMar Emerson, Immediate Past President, presented the Dr. Robert T. Ferris Award to **Dr. Beatriz Terry**. Dr. Terry shared this was such an honor and thanked everyone who helped her achieve all her goals.

Dr. Walter Colón, District III Trustee, introduced Dr. Brad Crump, who is running unopposed for AAP secretary-treasurer. Dr. Crump shared his goals for periodontists and the AAP.

The FAP welcomed new members: Drs. Niti Patel, Alejandro Baez-Gutierrez, and Robert Kelley and also student member, Dr. Jessica Koster, UTHS, San Antonio. Dr. Gary Cook, Orlando, gained retired member status.

Congratulations to the 2025-2026 FAP Officers:

President: Dr. John Thousand, IV

President Elect: Dr. Todd Britten

Secretary: Dr. Jacob Zellner

2nd Year Member at Large: Dr. Bianca Newman

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2025 Winter Meeting by the Numbers

78 Periodontists

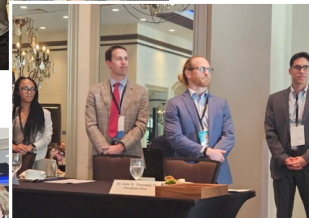
4 Referring Dentists

30 Residents

5 Dental Students

6 Dental Team Members

17 Vendors



FAP 2025 SUMMER MEETING - REGISTRATION FORM

February 8-9, 2025 • Wyndham Grand Orlando Resort Bonnet Creek

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– EARLY REGISTER FEES –

THE FOLLOWING FEES COVER ALL EVENTS AT THE FAP MEETING (FRI/SAT)

- _____ I am an FAP Member (active/retired/life) - \$100.00
- _____ I am a perio resident/dental student - \$50.00
- _____ I am periodontist, not a member of the FAP - \$350.00
- _____ Referring dentists (general dentist/non-specialist) - \$200.00
- Names/Emails of Referring Dentists: _____
- _____ Dental Team Members Registration Fee - \$100.00 per team member
- This fee includes: Friday Afternoon: Reception, Saturday: Light Breakfast, Dr. Miron Lecture, (Lunch on your Own), Hands-On Workshop
- Names of Team Members/Designations (Ex.: Jane Johnson, RDH): _____

Late Registration Fees from August 5-9, 2025 – Add \$50.00 to above fee schedule.

AIRWAY MANAGEMENT REGISTRATION– FRIDAY, AUGUST 8TH, 8AM-12PM

- _____ Dentists (General/All Dental Specialties): \$525.00
- _____ Dental Team Members*: \$250.00/each
- Names of Team Members/Designations (Ex.: Jane Johnson, RDH): _____

**Dental Team Members are defined as: Dental Assistant, R.D.H., Office Manager, and other support personnel. Does not include dentists/all dental specialties.*

- _____ YES, I will be attending the Business Meeting Lunch Saturday, August 9th – 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 you to stay for the luncheon and business meeting.**

If you need a vegetarian option check here: ☐

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Board of Trustees Report – March 2025

Submitted by Drs. Walt Colon & Cecil White

LEAD Submissions Now Open

- AAP's 2025 Leadership, Engagement, Action, and Development (LEAD) Program
- The LEAD Program is an exclusive two-day program designed to identify future leaders in periodontics, cultivate the necessary skills to ensure success, and inspire a commitment to advance the profession.
- The AAP is seeking nominations for participants for the 2025 LEAD Program.

Balint Orban and Research Forum Submissions Now Open

- Submissions are now open for the 2025 Balint Orban Memorial Competition and the Research Forum Poster Session and Finalist Competition.

LifeNet Health Education Modules

- Elevate your expertise! The AAP is expanding its partnership with LifeNet Health to bring you two new complimentary educational modules.
- These expertly designed resources are available to AAP members and the periodontal community—helping you stay at the forefront of your field.
- Visit the **Partner Content page** on the **AAP website** to explore these valuable learning opportunities!

Deadline Extended: Call for Volunteer Applications

- Although the in-service examination committee deadline has passed, the volunteer application deadline for all other committees has been extended to April 30. **Apply now!**

Spring Online Education

- AAP's new **2025 Insurance Coding Workshops**, led by AAP's Third-Party Specialist, Michelle Flesch!
- A new AAP webinar is coming soon! Prepare to learn about Opioids: Use, Abuse, and Managing the In-between with speaker Susan Somerset, DMD, PharmD, MS on Wednesday, April 23.

AAP's Podcast: Probing Perio

- Listen to Drs. Diego Velasquez and Douglas Deporter discuss the findings of a pattern of failed middle implants in three-implant splinted prostheses. Listen on **Spotify** or **Apple Podcasts**.

Register today for the **111th AAP Annual Meeting**. You may book online at:
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2025 Summer Meeting Speaker Bios



Dr. Richard Miron is currently lead educator and researcher at Advanced PRF Education and an Adjunct Visiting Faculty in the department of Periodontology in Bern, Switzerland, where he completed his PhD studies since 2009. He has currently published over 350 peer-reviewed articles and lectures internationally on many topics relating to growth factors, bone biomaterials and guided bone regeneration. For the past eight years, Dr. Miron has been recognized by Dentistry Today as being one of the top 100 CE providers in the country and the youngest to ever make the list. He is also the top ranked researcher on Platelet-Rich Fibrin therapy as per Expertscape independent review. He has recently been awarded many recent international prizes in dentistry and is widely considered as one of the top contributors to implant dentistry having won the ITI Andre Schroeder Prize, the IADR Young Investigator of the Year in the field of Implant Dentistry as well as the IADR Socransky Research award in the field of Periodontology (2020). He has written eleven textbooks widely distributed in regenerative dentistry including his

best-seller in 2019 titled: "Next Generation Biomaterials for Bone and Periodontal Regeneration", in 2021 titled: "Understanding Platelet Rich Fibrin" and in 2023 titled: "Modern Implant Dentistry".



Shaun Fix has been practicing and teaching in the hospital and pre-hospital fields since 1983. As the president of Emergency Medical Consultants, Inc., his team provides CE programs to over 15,000 professionals annually. Shaun spent 36 years practicing in pre-hospital emergency medicine, the last 30 of which he served as a company officer in charge of EMS at Boca Raton Fire Rescue Services in South Florida.

Since the 1990s, Shaun and his team have been delivering *Management of Office Emergencies for Dental Professionals* and *Dental Specialty ACLS and PALS* courses. They also were involved in developing the original *Dental Airway Course* curriculum alongside members of the FSOMS board.

Shaun has presented at state, national, and international conferences and has been featured on FETN, Pulse, 24-7 EMS, Medic Monthly, and *Emergency Medical Update* videos. A frequent lecturer, author, and consultant, he and his team are known for keeping their programs engaging, practical, and tailored to the specific needs of healthcare providers, bringing "the reality of emergency medicine" into the classroom.

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