



**American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics**  
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**Program Speaker – Betsy Davis, DMD, MS**

**Title**

Lessons Learned from Past Experience to Make a Lasting Impact Today and in the Future

**Abstract**

This presentation explores the current status of maxillofacial prosthodontics. Maxillofacial Prosthodontics is unique. By its very nature, it is controversial, since its mission is medical, but its specialty is dental. In the past, its role within a medical center is varied. Issues such as poor recognition for the subspecialty, inadequate remuneration, and lack of funding for 3D technology has hindered maxillofacial prosthodontics's advancement. Lessons learned from past experience and its effect on the future will be presented.

The following topics will be discussed:

1. The incidence of H&N Cancer, currently, and in the future, and its effect on maxillofacial prosthodontics.
2. How job responsibilities vary within medical and dental institutions and the private practice sector and its effect on salary.
3. The role of 3D technology, telemedicine, and tele-dentistry.
4. The role of philanthropy with maxillofacial prosthodontics.
5. Reimbursement of maxillofacial prostheses with both dental and medical insurances.

**Biography**

Dr. Davis is the National Director for Maxillofacial Prosthodontics and Dental Oncology of the Sarah Cannon Cancer Institute of HCA Healthcare and Trident's Head and Neck Specialists. Dr.. Davis completed her dental degree at the Medical University of South Carolina College of Dental Medicine and completed her prosthodontic residency at the University of Iowa and a residency in implant prosthodontics and maxillofacial prosthodontics at UCLA College of Dentistry. She completed her fellowship at the MD Anderson Cancer Center. Following fellowship, she joined the faculty at the Medical University of South Carolina and developed the MUSC Maxillofacial Prosthodontic Clinic. She served as the Wendy and Keith Wellin Endowed Chair in Maxillofacial Prosthodontics and Dental Oncology.

She is past President of the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics (AAMP) and past-Treasurer of the International Society of Maxillofacial Rehabilitation. She serves as the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) representative to the Code Maintenance Committee for the American Dental Association and the American Association of Dental Consultants. She serves as the ACP and AAMP representative to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid. She is the recipient of the Presidential Citation Award from the American Head and Neck Society, an inductee in the American College of Dentists, and the recipient of the 2021 ACP's Distinguished Clinician Award.