



**American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics**  
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**Program Speaker – Richard C. Cardoso**

**Title**

When MIO goes MIA-The Joint Search Party

**Abstract**

Multidisciplinary team models have existed in oncologic care for decades, but how do we elevate our care and shift to interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary care models? At MD Anderson Cancer Center, the sections of Oral Oncology and Speech Pathology formally combined forces in 2020 to form a dedicated, multidisciplinary Trismus Clinic (TC). This dedicated service model has created new evaluation/treatment algorithms and referral patterns to better accommodate heterogeneous etiologies of trismus. Speakers will highlight (1) the administrative and expertise evolution over the last 5 years, highlighting the pearls and pitfalls of growing into an inter- and transdisciplinary service line, (2) research outcomes, and (3) further expansion of this service line as it embraces advanced prosthetic rehabilitation for speech and swallowing outcomes for patients with head and neck cancer.

**Biography**

Dr. Cardoso is an Associate Professor in the Department of Head and Neck Surgery, Section of Oral Oncology and Maxillofacial Prosthodontics at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. He is the Director of Oral Oncology Didactic Training Program. Dr. Cardoso specializes in the oral morbidities and oral rehabilitation of the cancer patient. He co-created the Interdisciplinary Trismus Clinic, a collaborative effort between Oral Oncology and Speech Pathology, in which holistically treating all etiologies of trismus, including lymphedema and muscle pain.

Dr. Cardoso serves on the Board of American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics and a Fellow of the American College of Prosthodontics. His clinical interests include implant oral and facial prosthetic rehabilitation and reduction of the oral morbidities of cancer therapy.