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AMA MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—AND DR. KRIDEL COMES UP JUST SHORT IN AMA PRESIDENT-ELECT RACE

Nearly 700 physicians, residents, and medical students gathered in Chicago on June 10 - 15 for the 2022 AMA Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates (HOD) to consider a wide array of proposals to help protect and promote medicine, while improving public health. The occasion marked the first time that the AMA HOD met in person since the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic—and the physicians did so by following a strict in-person health-and-safety protocol that had been adopted for the meeting (additionally, others also participated via virtual options).

Among those assembling and representing the interests of our Academy were:

- Paul J. Carniol, MD, AAFPRS delegate to the AMA HOD (attending in person and casting our AAFPRS votes in the HOD)
- Scott R. Chaiet, MD, AAFPRS alternate delegate to the AMA HOD (attending in person and casting our AAFPRS votes in the HOD when Dr. Carniol was not available)
- Steven J. Jurich, AAFPRS executive vice president and CEO (attending virtually)

In addition to the many key issues that were addressed at the AMA Annual Meeting (which will be explored in the below 2022



SEEN HERE, DR. KRIDEL (RIGHT) ENGAGES IN AMA PRESIDENT-ELECT DEBATE BEFORE AMA HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

AMA HOD Overview Summary later in this article), also present was AAFPRS past president and (at the time of the AMA Annual Meeting) AMA Board of Trustees (BOT) immediate past chair, Russell W.H. Kridel, MD. As previously reported in *Facial Plastic Times* and via other AAFPRS communications vehicles, Dr. Kridel has been actively engaging in a campaign for the AMA president-elect position that would be filled through the 2022 AMA Annual Meeting elections in Chicago, earlier this month.

AMA 2022 election

Dr. Kridel has an exceptional history of service and leadership at the AMA and the AAFPRS—and his contributions to the entire medical profession overall have been invaluable (for more on Dr. Kridel's service and accomplishments, visit his [blog](#)). His savvy

strategic focus regarding the most pressing challenges in health care today and his relentless passion as an advocate for organized medicine, for our AAFPRS and AMA members, and for the patients they care for, unquestionably made him an ideal candidate for the AMA president-elect leadership position. With authentic care and knowledgeable concern, Dr. Kridel spent

countless hours before and during the 2022 AMA Annual Meeting—gathering for detailed discussions with numerous AMA delegates, caucuses, and section councils, as well as providing a candidate speech to the full AMA HOD and engaging in a vigorous debate with the other two president-elect candidates before the entire AMA HOD. His amazing energy and deep commitment to serving all in medicine (inclusive of our AAFPRS members) never wavered, as he campaigned with conviction for the opportunity to once again make a positive difference via another important leadership role. In the end, however, the race for the AMA president-elect position was exceptionally tight across all three candidates—and Dr. Kridel came up just short, with Jesse M. Ehrenfeld, MD, an anesthesiologist in Wisconsin, winning the office of AMA president-elect.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: EXCITING TIMES



It is a challenging and yet exciting time for the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery! We have many challenges professionally, individually, and as a society. As we emerge from the pandemic and face a new world of hyperinflation and a world in a state of disruption, we can and will make strong advances in improving the quality of care of our patients, improving the teaching mission of the AAFPRS, and ensuring that the coming months and years are successful for all of us.

I made a commitment to you, the members, in both my campaign pledges and my acceptance speech and I continue to work diligently towards three major pledges.

The first is the inclusion of all members and encouraging their participation in a sincere and meaningful way. This means all members from residents and newly graduated fellows to the senior emeritus members who represent the historic heart and soul of our Academy. Looking to the future, I can assure you, that all members will be included, particularly senior members who may feel disaffected and the newer members and fellows who may feel underappreciated or not as engaged to advance the mission of the Academy. We have reestablished a culture of inclusion, diversity and belonging.

The second pledge and initiative is on branding... I will continue to do my best to refocus and enhance the public and commercial awareness of the facial plastic surgery brand. The brand has already been built and it has acknowledgment from industry that we are the experts in the face, head, and neck as well as many areas of aesthetic and reconstructive surgery. My conversations with industry leadership have led me to believe that we have just not shown enough initiative in partnering with them to achieve our common goals. Modern medicine requires partnerships with industry to make advances in research, in the advancement of science, and with education and training. The educational meetings we have are not even possible without strong support from the industry. We are doing a much better job in establishing compliant areas of common goals and interests with the AAFPRS that can serve our mission, our members, and the public, alongside the companies that make the products we need to accomplish these business and professional goals.

The third and final area, which the entire Board feels is critical and is directly correlated to the first two, is the development of a strong and competitive consumer-facing website, the best in the digital world (in our space). A top of the top website(s) that represent the Academy, the Foundation, and our new AAFPRS International Society of Rhinoplasty Surgeons (ISRS) and its members. Therefore, we should have two important consumer-facing websites that we will be putting forward inter-linked and integral to the AAFPRS's mission. One for our newly formed ISRS and one for the main AAFPRS consumer facing website with strong member profile pages that generate visits to our own websites and social media channels. The current website will continue as our chief intra- and inter- member interface. It is already built on a platform designed primarily for member-focused communications and services, working within as an educational and databasing resource. Our consumer-facing websites are who we are as an organization and as professionals and consumer awareness of who we are and what we do—this public-facing face of our organization, and the specialty, is paramount.

FOR THE ACADEMY...AND IMPACTFUL INITIATIVES!

With that in mind, I reached out to independent third-party website and search engine optimization developers and asked for quotes for the Academy to build independent consumer-facing website for the AAFPRS International Society of Rhinoplasty Surgery and the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. These companies were suggested via three referrals by our PR firm and are supported by others who know the companies' capabilities. After an efficient vetting over a couple of weeks, one will be voted upon by our Board of Directors. I will assure you that we are 100 percent committed to seeing this with a target for a prototype on or before the Business Meeting in October of this year. There may be obstacles to this and nuances that we encounter as it relates to trying to tie this into the current platform—however, I am certain we will find ways to ultimately overcome any such challenges, as we all know how important this is to members and website developers have excellent reporting and analytics that come through the Google and other search company analytics that allow us to measure the performance of the websites for both the Academy and its individual members. **With a little bit of support, a little bit of luck, and a lot of hard work and persistence on our part as a Board and an organization, I am confident that we will start seeing referrals to our members from the website that we develop within a year's time.**

As an organization, your Board and staff have been making dramatic improvements to our "RISE" platform-based website (which has limits, as it is designed as a member resource for internal education, communications and functionality). The NEW website will be a digital representation of "us," the critical function that we now know websites have in modern business! I am so grateful that our Board is hugely supportive of the concept of this critical member benefit. We understand member benefit is crucial and your leadership will deliver all that you all expect. I stand behind our leadership pledge to get this done with your support. Improving the brand and improving consumer awareness of who we are and what we do with a top-ranking consumer-facing website(s) is one of the best things the Academy can do for you, our members!

I want to give you 100 percent assurance that I will do everything I can to make it happen. We will need your help, as well, as we formulate a "this year only" ISRS Founding Members development and resource drive that we will roll out in the coming weeks. All eligible members will be able to join the ISRS for a nominal fee. My hope is that we get strong participation in our "Founding Member Drive" that will give all of our rhinoplasty surgeons special recognition in this first year of the ISRS. This Founding Member Drive will support the very clear directive we gave to the website companies that are placing

bids: 1) the consumer-facing website has to be competitive with the best of our competitors; and 2) it has to be designed to not only brand facial plastic surgery and our expertise in rhinoplasty, but to serve our membership, which includes excellent surgeon profile pages (LinkedIn-like) driving patients to our offices. The website was a major campaign pledge. It is a promise I made to the membership, we have the support of the Board and I am committed to getting it done!

There are two other items that I think are really important to talk about. One is the AAFPRS has long history of being inclusive, diverse and, in particular, having a wonderful sense of belonging amongst all members and we will continue to create even more and better opportunities with a new position on the Executive Committee of an officer for diversity—and this year, group vice president for diversity and inclusion is Jason Hamilton, MD. I spent a lot of time talking to Dr. Hamilton and he is a great surgeon member with a lot of ideas that we will engage in. I have asked Jason and Ben Marcus, MD, our current secretary, to help me re-initiate the phenomenal efforts at the Founders Club (an organization that was focused fundraising for the AAFPRS Foundation) to be updated and renewed into a "Leadership Development Society," the name of which we will soon determine. Most importantly for our Annual Meeting, we will invite all members to come join our senior members (including those who are emeritus and founded the Founders Club) in a common goal of advancing the AAFPRS Foundation, and advancing young leaders within the Academy, generating resources that will support travel for fellows and residents to educational conferences as well as other critical initiatives that are necessary to advance the overall AAFPRS Foundation mission and especially allow the success of our new leaders, as they emerge.

Finally, I would be remiss if I failed to mention that there are a group of our members working diligently through our FACE TO FACE humanitarian program on bringing a relief mission to Ukraine—the planning for this special international mission trip is already well underway! My deep gratitude and thanks to FACE TO FACE Committee chair Manoj Abraham, MD, and John Frodel, MD, active participants in our FACE TO FACE programs, for their efforts in putting a medical mission together, at least in the works, of the eastern part of Ukraine and offer much-needed assistance in clinical areas where we serve. Should this mission be successful and run as planned, we would be helping the excellent physicians of Ukraine to care for the many wounded victims, including civilians, that have been injured in their country. Many thanks again to those leaders I've mentioned and the other members of the group who have volunteered to participate.

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AMA HOD OVERVIEW SUMMARY

By Steve Jurich,
AAFPRS EVP and CEO
(with AMA staff
assistance)



With the conclusion of the 2022 AMA Annual Meeting, Dr. Kridel has now rotated off the AMA BOT, where he served as secretary, chair and immediate past chair of the BOT, during the height of the pandemic. He had served as our AAFPRS delegate/alternate to the AMA HOD for over 20 years, and he has held extensive leadership positions in the AMA House of Delegates, including chair of the AMA Council on Science and Public Health. Dr. Kridel also served as a board member of the AMA Foundation and on the AMA Specialty and Service Society Governing Council; helped accelerate the formalization of the AMA Private Practice Physician Section; co-authored a section in the Health Systems Science AMA textbook on private practice to highlight private practice as a career option; had been a multi-year member and two-year chair of the BOT Awards and Nominations Committee (where he worked to advance diversity and the selection of young physicians to numerous leadership positions); and has actively pushed for and campaigned for minority candidates for leadership positions. In other words, Dr. Kridel has demonstrated a leadership record that is both extraordinarily impressive and highly impactful!

Dr. Kridel has literally spent decades representing the AAFPRS and helping to facilitate the critical work our Academy does, in conjunction with the AMA and others to safeguard the practice of medicine—and specifically to assure that AAFPRS members have the right and ability to promote themselves and practice as facial plastic and reconstructive surgeons. And he has also spent decades at

the AMA working on addressing the countless challenges that organized medicine has and continues to face—thus, while Dr. Kridel may have come up just short in this current AMA election, he has already contributed more than anyone could ever expect or wish for, to protect and advance all of medicine, and most especially our AAFPRS members and our specialty. **Thank you so much Russ—as an Academy, we are forever grateful!**

2022 AMA HOD Overview Summary

Many of the most key issues that were addressed and advocated for in detail throughout the 2022 AMA HOD meeting earlier this month in Chicago, were often interconnected with different aspects of a new, multi-faceted initiative that the AMA president Gerald E. Harmon, MD, shared with delegates in his HOD opening session speech. With both a sense of urgency and conviction, Dr. Harmon unveiled the AMA Recovery Plan for America's Physicians—an ambitious roadmap to renewing our country's commitment to physicians, and ensuring their needs are met, so patients can receive the high-quality care they deserve. Envisioned and built against the backdrop of COVID-19 challenges that stretched our health care system to the brink, including increased physician burnout, unabated and onerous prior authorization requirements, and no permanent fix to ensure telehealth coverage for patients, he reported that the Recovery Plan for America's Physicians focuses on five key goals to rebuild health care so that it works better for physicians and all those they serve:

- 1) Supporting telehealth to maintain coverage and payment;
- 2) Reforming Medicare payment to promote thriving physician



DR. KRIDEL DELIVERS HIS AMA CANDIDATE SPEECH TO THE AMA HOD.

- 3) Stopping scope creep that threatens patient safety;
- 4) Fixing prior authorization to reduce the burden on practices and minimize care delays for patients; and
- 5) Reducing physician burnout and addressing the stigma around mental health.

Dr. Harmon said, "Our Recovery Plan is ambitious. But it is doable. And the AMA is here to be our unified voice to lawmakers and those in positions of power. The Recovery Plan is how we move forward. By prioritizing and meeting the needs of physicians, we also improve patient care. We're all better off when doctors can focus on medicine."

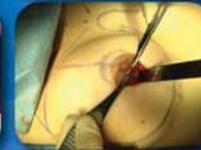
The above five elements are already areas that the AAFPRS is regularly collaborating on with the AMA, as well as with the American College of Surgeons-led Surgical Coalition and others. We consistently work within various organized medicine partnerships to advocate for: eliminating or greatly reducing scheduled physician fee cuts (while advancing sustainable Medicare payment reforms that will factor in inflation); addressing/reducing scope of practice concerns; maintaining and strengthening telehealth coverage beyond our current public health emergency, which has been expanded so successfully during the pandemic; constructively reducing time-consuming and burdensome prior authorization challenges;

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EMERGING TRENDS & TECHNOLOGIES: UPNEEQ FOR PTOSIS

By Sheila Barbarino, MD, and Jennifer Levine, MD



The upper face, especially the eyes, is an important point of focus. Bright, wide eyes are considered a sign of youth and beauty. Studies have shown that attractive eyes exhibit decreased pretarsal show. Upneeq (Oxymetazoline 0.1 percent) is a novel product that has recently been approved for treatment of acquired blepharoptosis in adults. (Ptosis is a very common condition characterized by drooping of one or both eyelids.) Blepharoptosis affects the appearance of the eyes and may also interfere with the superior and peripheral visual field, affecting visual function and daily activities such as driving. To date, the treatment of this condition has been mainly limited to surgery. Upneeq is the first FDA approved medication for this condition.

Blepharoptosis can be acquired or congenital. Acquired is the most common cause and gets worse with age. The causes of acquired blepharoptosis are characterized as aponeurotic, myogenic, neurogenic, mechanical or traumatic. The elevation of the upper eyelid is provided by two muscles, the levator palpebrae superioris and the superior

tarsal muscle (Mueller's) muscle. The levator is a striated muscle innervated by the oculomotor nerve (cranial nerve III). It provides the majority (80 percent) of the upper eyelid elevation. The Mueller's muscle is an involuntary (smooth) muscle. It works with the levator to sustain upper lid elevation and provides 1-2mm of additional lift. The Mueller's muscle is under sympathetic control.

Before Upneeq, the standard of care for ptosis management was surgical intervention. Surgery, however, may not be the ideal approach for all patients as degrees of ptosis can vary. In some cases, the ptosis may not be severe enough to warrant surgery or may not justify the risk of unwanted side effects or outcomes, such as overcorrection or asymmetry. Topical sympathomimetic agents including phenylephrine, apraclonidine, brimonidine, and naphthozine have been evaluated for the effects on the upper eyelid. Chronic use of these agents may cause unwanted side effects. Upneeq is also an alpha-adrenergic agent. Once daily usage of Upneeq showed improvement in both upper eyelid elevation in patients with acquired ptosis and accompanying superior visual field deficit.

The onset of action is approximately 15 minutes, and the product lasts for about eight to 10 hours. In the FDA trials, the product was used for 42 days continuously with minimal side or adverse events. One single drop improved the MRD 1 (marginal reflex distance) by 1mm and improved the Leicester Peripheral Field Test by 5.9 and 7.4 points on days one and 14 respectively.



Upneeq safe to use in patients who wear contact lenses (it is recommended that the drop be instilled before contact lens wear) and is a useful adjuvant treatment to both surgical and non-surgical procedures to the upper face and the periorcular area. ■

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In September of 2020, the AAFPRS launched its new education and communication platform, **AAFPRS CONNECT**. Since then, hundreds of members have accessed the various tools available, many at no cost to AAFPRS members. Take a moment and visit AAFPRS CONNECT, sign in with your AAFPRS username and password and explore the possibilities.

For example, in 2020 and 2021, during the COVID pandemic sponsored 21 educational webinars on a variety of topics as a part of the AAFPRS FaceValue **Webinar Series**. Most of these webinars were recorded and available for your viewing and—many have CME available—all at no cost to members.

There are also a select number of streaming videos from the John Dickinson Library available to members at no cost and others you can purchase at a reduced cost. To locate these, simply select “Surgical Videos” from the “All Categories” tab, select “Educational Opportunities at No Cost to Members” option. All videos and webinars that are free to members are tagged.

Need to reprint a CME certificate or generate a transcript of all activities for which you participated? Click “My Dashboard” and select any activity; follow the short instructions to print a certificate or select the “Transcript/Achievements” button to print activities for a specific period of time.

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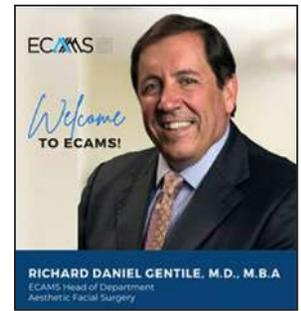
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IN BRIEF: DR. GENTILE'S APPOINTMENT

Richard D. Gentile, MD, of Youngstown, Ohio, was recently appointed as the head of the Aesthetic Facial Surgery Department of the European College of Aesthetic Medicine and Surgery (ECAMS). In this role, Dr. Gentile will take charge of the planning and design of curriculum, training delivery, fellowship programs, as he continues to drive future development and take standards to future heights at ECAMS.

ECAMS, a world-leading institute of aesthetic medicine and surgery, welcomes Dr. Gentile. ■



IT'S A WRAP! HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MIAMI MEETING

Reunited, and it feels good! After more than two years apart, the AAFPRS Foundation held its first in-person meeting since October 2019. With an all-star faculty, unmatched clinical education, and a fabulous destination, the Advances in Rhinoplasty and Facial Rejuvenation Meeting was a BIG success!

Held May 19-22, 2022, at the Fontainebleau Hotel in Miami Beach, Fla., this event convened the best and brightest in facial plastic and reconstructive surgery, aesthetics and cosmetic medicine, and rhinoplasty, to share their knowledge and experience with colleagues from around the globe.

The robust educational program offered world-class clinical content, forward-thinking strategies, innovative solutions, and invaluable pearls to help physicians elevate and transform their practice. Featuring hands-on dissection labs, enlightening dermal filler demonstrations, interactive panel discussions, expert lectures, and everything in between, this meeting was not to be missed!

We extend a heartfelt 'Thank You' to course chairs Andres Gantous, MD; Jason S. Hamilton, MD; Jill L. Hessler, MD; Paul S. Nassif, MD; Jeffrey H. Spiegel, MD; and Sarmela Sunder, MD, along with AAFPRS meetings education director Catherine P. Winslow, MD, for their hard work, dedication, and outstanding contribution to the success of this year's meeting. Their time, talent and energy resulted in a phenomenal program!

Our Exhibit Hall, with 39 companies present, showcased latest technologies, products and services available to help boost physicians' practices. And, we had a fun too. Receptions and networking breaks provided the perfect opportunity to catch up with long-time friends and make new professional connections.

AAFPRS gives a BIG "THANK YOU" to the many facial plastic and reconstructive surgeons, residents, medical students, consultants, exhibitors and supporters who joined us.

We also extend an extra special 'thank you' to our faculty for sharing their knowledge, expertise and experience to advance our specialty. We couldn't have done it without you!

Next stop, Washington, DC! Join us for the 13th International Symposium of Facial Plastic Surgery (2022 AAFPRS Annual Meeting), which takes place at the Gaylord National Resort &

Convention Center. AAFPRS Board and Committee Meetings and the Physicians Business Forum take place on Wednesday, October 19, with the remainder of educational activities taking place October 20-23, 2022.

We also look forward to seeing you in 2023 at the next Advances in Rhinoplasty and Facial Rejuvenation Meeting, April 27-30 in San Diego. ■

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KRISTIAN HUTSON, MD, EARNS *CLAUS D. WALTER AWARD*

It's been a long, hard slog for surgeons around the world, especially those trained in otolaryngology, to try to cope with the ongoing COVID pandemic and burgeoning patient populations. But on October 23-24, 2021, 13 internationally trained facial plastic surgeons made it to London, in the midst of COVID restrictions, to sit for the 2021 IBCFPRS/EBCFPRS certification examination administered in cooperation with the ABFPRS. (The 2020 IBCFPRS/EBCFPRS examination had to be cancelled due to COVID shutdowns throughout Europe.)

The IBCFPRS and the EBCFPRS Board of Directors are extremely proud of all these surgeons for shouldering through extreme conditions to study and then travel to London to sit for the two-day written and oral exam. After analyzing the scores, it gives both boards great pleasure to announce that Kristian Hutson, MD, earned the highest score on the 2021 exam and will be honored with the *Claus D. Walter Award for Academic Excellence* at the AAFPRS Annual Meeting and 13th International Symposium of Facial Plastic Surgery in National Harbor, Md. (just outside Washington, D.C.). Dr. Hutson attended St. Georges Hospital Medical School (University of London), one of the oldest medical schools in the UK (with historic alumni including Henry Gray, of Gray's Anatomy, and John Hunter, an eighteenth century surgical pioneer). Dr. Hutson was awarded a first-class Bachelor of Science degree in anatomy and a commendation for his postgraduate Law degree. He undertook his ENT residency training in and around Cambridge, UK.

Dr. Hutson relates, "Even as a boy, I have been an avid drawer and painter. I think my artistic eye for detail and a constant drive for perfection pushed me toward our specialty. My interest in facial



plastic surgery was first sparked when as a junior doctor, I came across archival drawings, by former surgeon and art instructor Henry Tonks, of WWI disfigured soldiers who were treated by Sir Harold Gillies (who himself was originally an ENT surgeon).



PROFESSOR HENRY TONKS: WORLD WAR I ARTIST, SIR HAROLD DELF GILLIES, WWI SURGEON, AND CHARLES DEEKS, WWI SOLDIER: THE BIRTH OF PLASTIC SURGERY: GILLIES ARCHIVES, QUEEN MARY'S HOSPITAL AND THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.

The dramatic achievements in function and appearance provided by Gillies' reconstructive surgery really inspired me and opened my eyes to how rewarding such a career could be. This interest was solidified with a further year spent working in plastic surgery at Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead, the

home of the WW2 'Guinea Pig Club' which was a social club and support network for British and allied aircrew injured during World War II who had undergone experimental reconstructive facial plastic surgery, generally after receiving burn injuries in aircraft."

Dr. Hutson continues, "I was very fortunate to be awarded a funded European Academy of Facial Plastic Surgery (EAFPS) fellowship in London with Alwyn D'Souza and Anil Joshi. I am forever grateful to both of them for allowing me to develop my experience across all aspects of facial plastic surgery from complex reconstructions through to facial rejuvenation. I was very humbled to win the Claus Walter award and feel this truly reflects on my mentors' depth of knowledge, generosity, and keenness to teach."

"I am currently working as a newly appointed consultant surgeon at the Royal Berkshire Hospital in the UK. I have been able to quickly build on my strong fellowship foundations, taking on both rhinoplasty and facial skin cancer reconstruction. Post EBCFPRS certification, I look forward to getting more involved within EAFPS, and hopefully one day be able to mentor and run a fellowship; encouraging others to become board certified. I look forward to building on my rhinoplasty and reconstructive practice and I hope to be able to follow in the footsteps of my mentors and master a wide range of facial plastic surgery practice. Finally, my wife Emily, mother to our 10-month old daughter, Eleanor, deserves a huge acknowledgment of my thanks for her patience and support as I pursued my training and my career," concludes Dr. Hutson.

"The IBCFPRS/EBCFPRS examination has been established to encourage applicants for certification to reach for and

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JACK ANDERSON PRIZE AWARDED TO JOEL STANEK, MD

Joel Stanek, MD, of Minneapolis, Minn., earned the highest score on the 2021 ABFPRS examination in Washington, D.C., and will be honored with the Jack R. Anderson Prize for Scholastic Excellence at the AAFPRS Annual Meeting and 13th International Symposium of Facial Plastic Surgery in National Harbor, Md. (just outside Washington, D.C.).

"Medicine seemed like a natural career path for me—I knew that even when I was a kid," confessed Dr. Stanek. He followed those instincts throughout his early education and wound up attending medical school and completing a residency in otolaryngology/head and neck surgery at the University of Minnesota. It was there that Dr. Stanek met Peter Hilger, MD. "Dr. Hilger's passion for education is clear to anyone that spends more



than a few moments with him," notes Dr. Stanek. "The experience of meeting a patient in clinic with him and formulating a surgical plan, participating in the rhinoplasty, and following the patient postoperatively solidified my interest in facial plastic and reconstructive surgery. There were others in that division who

mentored me as well, including Harley Dresner, MD; Sofia Lyford-Pike, MD; William Walsh, MD; and David Hamlar, MD—they all had an impact and solidified my decision that facial plastic surgery was my calling as a physician."

To expand his facial plastic surgery training, Dr. Stanek went on to complete an AAFPRS fellowship at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital with Ryan Heffelfinger, MD, and Howard Krein, MD.

After the completion of his fellowship, Dr. Stanek joined the Otolaryngology Department at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis, as well as HealthPartners in St. Paul, Minn. Both of those sites are affiliated training institutions with the University of Minnesota and offer the otolaryngology residency program and the AAFPRS Fellowship Program. Dr. Stanek looks forward to continuing in a teaching role at these institutions in addition to becoming more involved with the AAO-HNS and the AAFPRS.

ABFPRS president Catherine P. Winslow, MD, offered the following: "We have a committed cadre of young surgeons in our specialty who are following Dr. Jack Anderson's example to demonstrate exceptional levels of surgical skill and knowledge. I'm sure Dr. Anderson would be extremely proud of Dr. Stanek for achieving the highest score on the 2021 ABFPRS examination. I want Dr. Stanek to know that the ABFPRS Board of Directors and I wish him every success as he pursues his career and, hopefully, ABFPRS certification."

The 2022 examination was recently given on June 25-26 in Washington, D.C. If you have any questions regarding future examinations or completing certification requirements, please feel free to contact the ABFPRS office by emailing: info@abfprs.org or calling (703) 549-3223. ■

MEDICAL MISSION TRIP TO UKRAINE

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We are living in a new world post-pandemic and I want to reiterate what I pledged in my campaign and presidential addresses. We are a small organization that has always exhibited a sense of brother and sisterhood. We have always taken care of one another in meaningful ways. We've had lively spirited debates over issues small and large, but we've nonetheless been very collegial and appropriate and we have advanced greatly as a result of that cooperative spirit. I can assure you that every single member is valued and that we are working to serve each and every one of you. I would love to hear from anyone that feels that they have been underserved or how we can meet your needs. I look forward to seeing you October 19-23, 2022 in National Harbor, Maryland, right in the Washington D.C. metro area, at the 13th

International Symposium of Facial Plastic Surgery (in conjunction with our 2022 AAFPRS Annual Meeting). It will be a phenomenal meeting... the culmination of the roll out of a grand new concept, the AAFPRS International Society of Rhinoplasty Surgery at the Academy's International meeting!

Corey S. Maas, MD

Mark your calendars for the next AAFPRS meeting to be held in conjunction with the IFFPSS.

If you are a member of any of the Academy and Foundation committees, plan to arrive early to attend the in-person committee meetings on Wednesday, October 19.

GIVING BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY

One of the benefits of being an AAFPRS member is the opportunity to become a volunteer physician for the AAFPRS Foundation's FACE TO FACE program. Launched in the early 1990s, FACE TO FACE is a humanitarian program established so that AAFPRS members could use their skills and share their talent in helping less fortunate individuals here and abroad.

FACE TO FACE is currently seeking members who are interested in using their skills and expertise to help those in need domestically and abroad. Our physicians have offered pro bono services to thousands of children abroad, as well as hundreds of domestic violence survivors and to veterans and active-duty members who were injured while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Since its inception, FACE TO FACE has coordinated with facial plastic surgeons in providing care to populations in need of facial reconstructive surgery.

"It is difficult to put into words the experiences I've had through international work that provide access to life changing surgeries for children across the globe," says FACE TO FACE Committee chair Manoj Abraham, MD. Even with COVID putting missions on hold for 2020 and 2021, since 2014, FACE TO FACE: International has supported 63 trips for global surgical care.

Working with domestic violence organizations throughout the United States, FACE TO FACE: The Domestic Violence Project has facilitated care—of domestic violence survivors who sustained facial injuries—through a network of volunteer surgeons, helping restore their face and move toward more normal life.

FACES OF HONOR supports veterans and others affected by conflict. Volunteering service to any arm of the FACE TO FACE mission carries immense value for the patients treated and is simultaneously rewarding for surgeons.

There are currently 367 FACE TO FACE members participating internationally and within the United States. "Now is the time to join the hundreds of AAFPRS member volunteers of the FACE TO FACE program," states Dr. Abraham. "It is a very rewarding experience and an excellent way to give back to your community."

Visit the Academy website and go to [Humanitarian Programs](#) to learn more about the program or contact the Karen Sloat at ksloat@aafprs.org to obtain information on how to sign up and receive a copy of the FACE TO FACE Physicians Guide. This guide outlines all three programs in detail along with the physician and staff responsibilities. We look forward to your participation.

FACE TO FACE AND HUGS

By Dr. James Manning, MD

In April 2022, a group of dedicated AAFPRS facial plastic surgeons, along with volunteer nurses, and anesthesiologists, journeyed to Quito, Ecuador to treat children with microtia. This mission is one of three sanctioned FACE TO FACE missions led by Vito Quatela, MD, in partnership with the HUGS Foundation.

HUGS was founded by Dr. Quatela in 2003 to treat patients born with congenital deformities of the ear (microtia), cleft lip and palate, and malformations of the nose seen in children with cleft lip and palate. Ecuador is one of multiple mission sites including Guatemala and Vietnam.

One special child on this trip was born with a large birthmark over his eye. This has the potential to become cancer later in life and is disfiguring. "We were able to successfully remove the birthmark and then took skin from behind both ears and from the upper eyelid of the unaffected eye to reconstruct the skin in the area where the birthmark was removed," says Dr. Manning. The patient has done great so far and is expected to heal well.

The trip this year was an overall success. Fifty-two children with microtia were treated and all done safely in spite of COVID. Surgeries were performed at the Hospital Padre Carollo which has partnered with HUGS for this mission since they began going to Ecuador. Many of the team members return year after year, and it was great to have many veteran members and new members join us to care for these children in need.



As a non-profit Foundation, we understand the inherent value of giving back and applaud our members' compassion, commitment, and steadfast approach towards changing lives and instilling confidence—one face at a time! Your generous support will enable us to continue this great work! If you would like to make a difference and donate to our cause, go to [DONATE](#) and select how you would like to contribute.



DR. MANNING IS SEEN HERE WITH A PATIENT WITH A LARGE, POTENTIALLY CANCEROUS BIRTHMARK.

IBCFPRS CERTIFICATION

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achieve the highest standards in our profession. That Dr. Hutson not only passed the examination, but also achieved the highest international score, is a testament to his knowledge and commitment to be the best that he can be. May he serve as an inspiration to others as he continues to promote the advancement of our specialty," note Roxana Cobo, MD, IBCFPRS president and Holger Gassner, MD, EBCFPRS president.

To apply for IBCFPRS certification, please go to www.iffps.org or www.ibcfprs.org and click on IBCFPRS for additional details and to download an IBCFPRS application.

Washington, D.C. Opportunity

The Naderi Center, with two offices in the greater Washington D.C. area, is looking to bring on an additional facial plastic surgeon to the practice. You will be joining a prestigious and busy practice with four ultra-specialized physicians. Currently, one facial plastic surgeon does all the noses. Another facial plastic surgeon does the rest of the face and neck. A plastic surgeon does breast and body surgery. And a dermatologist does most of the injections. The practice is heavily cosmetic with a very small insurance base and no reconstructions. The ideal candidate will be proficient and experienced in all aspects of cosmetic facial plastic surgery. You will get busy very quickly with aging face surgery and injections and potentially noses. Prefer board certified. Possible part-time hours for an ideal work-life balance. Interested parties can send an email to DrNaderi@nadericenter.com.



FACIAL PLASTIC TIMES

JUNE 2022

AAFPRS Foundation Meetings

2022

OCTOBER 20-22
AAFPRS Annual Meeting and 13th International Symposium of Facial Plastic Surgery (Pre-Conference Workshops: Oct. 19)
Washington, D.C. Area

2023

APRIL 27-30
Advances in Rhinoplasty & Facial Rejuvenation
San Diego, CA

MAY 3-4
Spring Meeting @ COSM
Boston, MA

SEPTEMBER 20-23
AAFPRS Annual Meeting
Las Vegas, NV

2024

APRIL 4-7
Advances in Rhinoplasty & Facial Rejuvenation
Orlando, FL

MAY 15-16
Spring Meeting @ COSM
Chicago, IL

OCTOBER 23-26
AAFPRS Annual Meeting
New Orleans, LA

Key Dates and Deadlines

2023 AAFPRS Spring Meeting
Call for Abstracts Open
July 1, 2022
Abstract Submission Deadline:
October 15, 2022

2023 AAFPRS Advances in Rhinoplasty & Facial Rejuvenation
Call for Presentations Open
July 15, 2022
Presentation Submission Deadline:
September 30, 2022

RECOVERY PLAN VIDEO

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reducing burnout; promoting diversity, equity and inclusion; and combating other threats that arise at times, such as cosmetic tax and truth in advertising issues. Many of these critical matters were addressed via different resolutions that your AAFPRS team worked on with others at the AMA HOD meeting; we will continue to do so on a

regular basis beyond the HOD. Lastly, the AMA released a video during the HOD meeting highlighting the AMA Recovery Plan for America's Physicians—and additional plan details can also be found here: www.ama-assn.org/recovery. If you have any questions about this update, please feel free to contact me directly at sjurich@aafprs.org.

Job listings also appear on the AAFPRS website
[Career Opportunities.](#)