

American Academy of Prosthetic Dentistry

Fact Sheet

- The American Academy of Prosthetic Dentistry (AAPD) is a nonprofit organization formed through the consolidation of the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics (AAFP) and the American Prosthodontic Society (APS).
 - AAFP is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge, excellence and the highest ethical standards within the dental discipline of fixed prosthodontics. Founded in 1951, its mission is to foster excellence in the field of fixed prosthodontics, implants, and esthetic dentistry through mutual study, participation and cooperation.
 - APS is an international organization that promotes the science of prosthetic dentistry and the clinical practice of prosthodontics – and assists those in the dental profession in broadening their dentistry expertise. Founded in 1928 and being the second oldest prosthodontic organization in the world, its mission is to improve patient care and the advancement of prosthodontics through education and research.

- The AAPD will be a new, global, inclusive and diverse nonprofit organization.
- Key Focuses: promoting excellence in patient care, education and research in prosthetic dentistry, camaraderie and to help dentists provide quality care to more patients worldwide.
- Membership: With the AAFP and APS joining forces, the new American Academy of Prosthetic Dentistry (AAPD) will have a membership of approximately 900.
- Membership criteria: Open to licensed dentists, researchers and dental-laboratory technicians actively engaged in the field of prosthetic dentistry or to students enrolled full-time in an accredited predoctoral, graduate, post-graduate, school, hospital or military-based dental program.
- Membership classes: Active, Life, Student and Honorary.
- Structure: AAPD will initially be led by co-Presidents, co-President-elects, and co-Vice Presidents. The Board of Directors will have 17 members during the "co-officer" era, then reverting to a 13-member Board of Directors within 5 years from the merger.
- Incorporation: Incorporated as a nonprofit in Illinois.
- Next steps: APS and AAFP members will vote on the proposed organization in February 2025. Membership of each organization must approve a resolution to unite into the AAPD in order for the consolidation to take place. If approved, the consolidation will become effective on March 30, 2026.