



## **Academy of Prosthodontics Annual Scientific Session Sofitel Hotel, Chicago, Illinois May 9-12, 2018**

### **Program Speaker – Dr. Robert Taft**

#### **Title**

*Back to the Future: Maxillofacial Prosthetics*

#### **Abstract**

Maxillofacial Prosthetics is a subspecialty of prosthodontics that manages replacement and restoration of lost or missing structures and functions in the head and neck region with artificial substitutes. Materials and techniques have changed over time in an effort to improve the quality of life for patients requiring this support. Advanced Digital Technology has made a major impact on the work flow and materials more than any technological advances in the past 30 years. This presentation focuses on technology of the past, the present and opens the window of what to expect in the future for these types of rehabilitations.

#### **Learning Objectives**

1. Discuss traditional methods in the diagnosis and treatment for the maxillofacial prosthetics patient.
2. Describe specific unique patient treatments and the impact of technological advances impacting this care.
3. Detail specific examples of patient care utilizing the advanced digital technology work flow and highlight future direction of this technology.

#### **Biography**

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Dr. Robert M. Taft is currently Chairman, Comprehensive Dentistry Department, UT Health, San Antonio, School of Dentistry. He received his dental degree from Emory University School of Dentistry in 1983, certificate in Prosthodontics from the Naval Postgraduate Dental School in 1990, and a certificate in Maxillofacial Prosthetics from Wilford Hall Medical Center in 1992. Dr. Taft is a Diplomate, Board Examiner and Past President of the American Board of Prosthodontics, Fellow/President of the American College of Prosthodontists, Fellow, Academy of Prosthodontics, Past President of the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics, Director of ADT North America, CODA site visitor, and past Specialty Leader to the Surgeon General for Maxillofacial Prosthetics and Implant Dentistry. His personal awards include two Legions of Merit, three Meritorious Service medals, two Navy Commendation medals and two Navy

and Marine Corps Achievement medals, Deans Award for Teaching Excellence, Andrew J. Ackerman Award and the Judson C. Hickey Scientific Writing Award (JPD).