



## Academy of Prosthodontics Annual Scientific Session San Diego, California | June 1 – 4, 2022

### Program Speaker – Anthony “Rick” Cardoza

#### **Title**

Dispelling the “CSI Effect” Myth: An Overview of Contemporary Forensic Dental Identification.

#### **Abstract**

Synopsis: Because of the current popularity of forensic faire in television, the general public is getting a skewed view of the true nature of forensic investigation. This issue is commonly known as the “CSI effect”. In this seminar, Dr. Cardoza will dispel this myth as it relates to forensic odontology. Topics will include forensic dental identification of decedents of varying postmortem states including: skeletal, fragmented, decomposed, and burned remains.

#### **Learning Objectives**

1. Learn the varied roles of forensic dentists.
2. Understand the forensic value of dental records.
3. Recognize how to cooperate with the legal system.

#### **Biography**

Dr. Anthony “Rick” Cardoza is a forensic dental consultant for the County of San Diego Office of the Medical Examiner, County of Imperial, Office of the Coroner, State of California Department of Justice and is the Director of the California Dental Identification Team (CalDIT).

Dr. Cardoza graduated from Northwestern Dental School in 1985 and maintains a general dental practice in San Diego, California. Dr. Cardoza is a Fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences and is a Diplomate of the American Board of Forensic Odontology.