



San Diego Advanced Study Group Directors & Coordinator



Dr. Fred Hammond

graduated in 1976 from the University of Maryland, School of Dentistry with many honors including selection to the Gorgas Prosthodontic Honor Society. Upon completion of dental school, Dr. Hammond served as a General Practice Resident at The Naval Hospital in San Diego and as the head of oral surgery at the Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay, Cuba after residency. In 1985, after leaving Guantanamo Bay and retiring from the active duty Navy, Dr. Hammond returned to San Diego to start a private practice. Today, Dr. Hammond's professional interests lean toward dental implants and bone graft preparation for dental implants. He also enjoys orthognathic surgery and jaw reconstruction as well as more routine dentoalveolar oral surgery. He is a member of the American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons, the California Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons, the American Dental Association, and the California Dental Association. Dr. Hammond loves his profession and especially enjoys the many wonderful patients for whom he is privileged to care.



Dr. Tim Smith

was born and raised in southern California, completing dental school at UCLA as a Regent Scholar. After graduation, he joined the United States Navy, completing training in oral and maxillofacial surgery at Balboa Naval Hospital in 1981. He served 20 years with the United States Navy, retiring as the Assistant Director of the Navy's largest Oral and Maxillofacial Residency program based in San Diego. Dr. Smith is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and the National Board Of Dental Anesthesiology. He is a Fellow of the American Dental Society of Anesthesiology, and a member of the American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, American Dental Society, California Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons, Academy of Osseointegration, and San Diego Dental Society. His special area of interest is dental implants and implant rehabilitation, bone grafting procedures, major reconstructive maxillofacial surgery, and orthognathic surgery. Dr. Smith is committed to providing patients with the most exceptional, comfortable and caring oral surgery possible.



May Tong, Coordinator

has been a Dental Professional since Dinosaurs roamed the Earth. Ok .. that is a bit of a stretch 😊 Let's just say "It has been a LOOONG time!" She loves working behind the scenes, stringing together all the integral pieces for a well-respected, successful, profitable and engaging practice for Dr. Hammond and Dr. Smith. At the same time, she loves learning about the newest products, procedures, marketing, SEO optimization and everything that would help her perform her work more efficiently plus keeping her office in the forefront of patient engagement and innovation. She manages the study group curriculum with a similar mindset and works with the Directors to put together an informative academic calendar for the study group.

Event planning is her hobby and she loves scouting out exciting venues for the study group. Most recently, she has organized an Oscar Party with swag bags for all the attendees in 2021 with a memorable follow up in 2022 at the newly reimagined Mingei Museum at Balboa Park for an evening of fabulous food, drinks and art. Join us for the information, the networking, the fun and more importantly for your Practice!