



San Diego Advanced Study Group Advisors



Dr. Jose Castillo

is our newest Orthodontic Advisor and obtained his dental degree from Columbia University before completing his Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics specialty training and a Master in Medical Sciences degree at Harvard University. I love attending CE courses and staying up to date with new technologies along with new Orthodontic techniques. Currently, I serve as a volunteer Orthodontist at a student-run free clinic, I hold the position of Volunteer Clinical Instructor at the Dept. of Family Medicine and Public Health at UCSD, and also serve as Harvard University Interviewer. I am a member of AAO, PCSO board member, SD Academy of Orthodontists, ADA, CDA, SDCDS board member, Hispanic Dental Society (past Board member), and "FACE" group. When I'm not busy creating beautiful smiles, I enjoy playing soccer, practicing martial arts (capoeira), and surfing.



Dr. Peter Nordland

received his dental degree at Temple University and completed his surgical residency in Periodontics at Loma Linda University, School of Dentistry. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry and Assistant Professor of Periodontics at Loma Linda University. Dr. Nordland is currently the Director of the Newport Coast Oral Facial Institute Oral Plastic Microsurgery Program. In the early 1980's Dr. Nordland published and popularized a periodontal plastic surgery technique to esthetically restore lost gingiva that has become the standard for esthetic gingival regeneration. He has published his surgical techniques and authored textbooks and many publications in his specialty. He lectures internationally on this topic and teaches hands-on-microsurgical techniques in periodontal plastic surgery and papilla regeneration.



Dr. Brian Asbury

graduated magna cum laude from the University of California, Los Angeles with his Doctorate of Dental Surgery. After finishing dental school, Dr. Asbury went on to complete an additional three years of advanced postdoctoral studies in orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics at Harvard University. Since multidisciplinary treatment with various specialists can often ensure the best possible treatment for a patient, Dr. Asbury spent two years working as a general dentist. He also received advanced training at Boston Children's Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital, where he treated various syndromes, cleft lip/palate, and craniofacial surgical patients. Dr. Asbury is proud to have served his country. He was honorably discharged from the United States Army more than a decade ago after attending West Point.



Dr. Peter Johnson

practices prosthodontics in La Mesa, California, and is an Associate Clinical Professor at the School of Dentistry, the University of Southern California. Dr. Johnson received his D.M.D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania, School of Dental Medicine, completed an Internship at the Philadelphia Naval Hospital, and received a Certificate in Prosthodontics at the School of Dentistry, University of Southern California. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics, a Fellow and Past-President of the American College of Prosthodontists, a Fellow of the International College of Prosthodontists and the International College of Dentists, and a member of the Pacific Coast Society of Prosthodontists, the American Dental Association and Omicron Kappa Upsilon.



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Dr. Ron Edelson

is a Board Certified Plastic Surgeon who has practiced in San Diego for more than fifteen years. In that time, he has become recognized as one of San Diego's most highly skilled and respected Plastic Surgeons. Dr. Edelson received his medical degree from Northwestern University where he completed the prestigious Honors Program in Medical Education, an accelerated and highly selective six year medical program. Dr. Edelson is a member of the San Diego County Medical Society and the American Society of Plastic Surgeons. He is a senior active Staff Member at Scripps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla, and Sharp Memorial Hospital. Dr. Edelson is a frequent consultant at UCSD Medical Center and serves as the Plastic Surgeon for the San Diego Chargers.



Dr. Kurt Stormberg

graduated from Creighton Univ. School of Dentistry in 1991. Following his graduation from dental school, he completed a General Practice Residency in Dentistry at the Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton in 1992 and served in various positions in the Navy Dental Corps until his discharge in 1996. He completed his orthodontic training at the Univ. of Nebraska Medical Center in 1998, where he received a Certificate in Orthodontics and a Master of Science degree in Oral Biology. Dr. Stormberg is certified by the American Board of Orthodontics. Only 20% of orthodontists ever attain this level of expertise in the U.S. These orthodontists are referred to as Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics. Dr. Stormberg contributes to hundreds of charitable entities every year to support his community that has given so much to him and his team.



Dr. Sheena Howell

graduated from the University of Central Florida with a Bachelor of Science degree in Molecular and Microbiology. Upon graduation, Dr. Howell was accepted to Nova Southeastern University College of Dental Medicine in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, receiving her D.M.D degree in 2010. She furthered her education and training through a General Practice Residency (GPR) at the Veterans Hospital in La Jolla where she was selected by her faculty to serve a second year as chief resident, where she was able to dedicate much of her time to endodontics. Following completion of the two year residency, Dr. Howell was accepted into the University of California at San Francisco, where she completed a three-year endodontic residency. Dr. Howell is proud to be board certified; as Diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics, she demonstrates excellence and expertise in her specialty.



Dr. Erick Sato

grew up and attended high school in Walnut, CA and received his BS in General Biology from the University of California, San Diego (UCSD). After volunteering with the UCSD Pre-dental Society, Dr. Sato decided to pursue a career in the dental profession. Dr. Sato attended the Arthur A Dugoni School of Dentistry at the University of the Pacific and received his Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree in 2008. He then attended a 2-year general practice residency at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, VA, where he gained experience with dental implants, operating room dentistry, and treatment of medically compromised children. He received his Certificate of Endodontics in 2012 from Oregon Health and Science University in Portland, OR. Dr. Sato's research on mineral trioxide aggregate (a type of root canal restorative material) has been published in the Journal of Endodontics.



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Dr. Christina Bartsch is a San Diego native. She was accepted into USC's Accelerated Dental program and graduated in 1996. In 2001, she purchased her practice from Dr. Thomas Grove, a fellow USC grad, who just so happened to be Dr. Hammond's tennis buddy. She met Drs. Hammond and Smith for lunch to go over my first implant case and then they invited her to become a study club member. Dr. Bartsch married her high school sweetheart, Marcus, and they have two kids, Alexandra and Andrew. As a mom and a dentist, she feels it's important to give back to the community. For the past 12 years, she has been a volunteering dentist for Fresh Start Surgical Gifts helping children who have a deformity from either birth or abuse. Dr Bartsch states, "The club has been so very important to me. Especially early on in my career, they shared so many pearls and lessons to help lead me down the right path. I am so grateful to be part of a club that has so many dentists that truly love and feel passionate about dentistry just like I do."



Dr. Brad Hunt graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1985 and completed specialized training in Periodontology at the Naval Dental School in Bethesda, MD in 1992. He served in the U.S. Navy for over 20 years before establishing his periodontal practice here in San Diego. He has taught periodontics courses for residents at USC, hygienists at Loma Linda University and taught and mentored AEGD and GPR residents in the U.S. Navy. Dr. Hunt has been Board-certified by the American Board of Periodontology as a Diplomate in Periodontics since 1995. In his never-ending mission to provide the best periodontal care possible, Dr. Brad Hunt has recently become recertified by the American Board of Periodontology. This recertification process is designed to challenge each doctor's knowledge on past and emerging information in the field of periodontics.



Dr. Jeremy Factor graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Dentistry and received his D.D.S. in 2003. Dr. Factor's interest in surgery, pharmacology, and periodontal maintenance led him to the University of Connecticut, School of Dental Medicine to pursue post-doctoral training in periodontology. Dr. Factor obtained his Connecticut dental license in 2005 and practiced periodontics in private practice and taught in the pre-doctoral program until he achieved his Certificate of Periodontology in 2006. Following graduation, Dr. Factor and his family returned to southern California. In May, 2009 Dr. Factor received Diplomate status of the American Board of Periodontology and relocated to San Diego as a full time partner of Dr. Silverstein. He holds dental licenses in California and Texas and has a conscious sedation permit in the state of California.