

2026 AACMFS ANNUAL MEETING

April 22 - April 26

Hyatt Regency | Bellevue, Washington



OF CRANIOMAXILLOFACIAL SURGEONS
AACMFS 2011

April 22

*Preconference Workshop:
Conflict Engagement and
Resolution Training*

April 23-25

*Annual
Meeting*

April 26

*Departure
Day*

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Welcome to the 2026 AACMFS Annual Meeting in Bellevue, Washington. We have a great meeting planned and start with our Wednesday Preconference Workshop, Conflict Engagement and Resolution Training. Greet your colleagues at Opening Reception on Wednesday night.

Abstracts begin on Thursday with our first keynote “Our Calling” will be given by Ronald V. Maier, MD, FACS, FRCS Ed (Hon), FCSHK (Hon), FCCS (Hon), FASI (Hon), FISS (Hon), MAMSE. Our second keynote will be given by Moni A. Kurikose, MD, FDSRCS, FFDRCS, FRCS Ed, FRCS, BDS on Advances in Digital Technology for the Elimination of Oral Cancer.

NEW THIS YEAR! APP Members Session: Our APP members are holding their session Thursday from 9-12. We welcome all our APP members to attend. Abstracts begin on Thursday and continue through to Saturday.

Past Presidents and Emeritus Members’ Luncheon: On Friday, April 24 if you are a past president and emeritus member join your colleagues for lunch.

A don’t miss event, our President’s Reception and Dinner at the beautiful Chihuly Garden and Glass Museum.

Hope to see you there.

Sincerely yours,

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Jasjit Dillon, MBBS, DDS
President, American Academy of Craniomaxillofacial Surgeons



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

- 8:00am – Noon Board Meeting
- 12:00 – 1:00pm Lunch for Preconference Attendees ONLY
- 1:00 – 5:00pm **PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOP
Conflict Engagement and Resolution
Training - no charge to attend**
*Christine Cimini, Alan Kirtley
University of Washington School of Law*
- 5:00 – 6:00pm Reception for Preconference Attendees

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

- 7:00 – 8:00am Breakfast with Exhibitors
- 7:45am **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Jasjit Dillon, MBBS, DDS, FDSRCS, FACS
- 8:00 – 9:00am **KEYNOTE - “Advances in Digital
Technology for the Elimination of
Oral Cancer”**
*Moni A. Kuriakose, MD, FDSRCS, FFDRCS,
FRCSEd, FRCS, BDS*

- 9:00am – Noon **APP BREAKOUT SESSION**
- 9:00am Welcome
- 9:15 – 10:15am **Research Overview: The Ins and Outs
of Research Projects**
Shelly Abramowicz, DMD, MPH, FACS
- 10:15 – 11:15am **Case Studies**
- 11:15am – Noon **APPs: The Evolving Role of APPs in
Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery**
*Suzanne Martin, MSN, APRN, NP-C, CNOR,
Meghan LaVigne, PA-C, MSPAS,
Jennifer Wierman, FNP-C, MSN, RN*

- 9:00 – 11:30am **ABSTRACTS - HEAD AND NECK
ONCOLOGY**
*Moderator: Anthony Morlandt, DDS, MD, FACS
Co-Moderator: Kevin Lee, DDS, MD*
- 11:30 – 12:30pm **Lunch with Exhibitors and Announcement
of the Ramon Ruiz Traveling Scholarship
Award**
Jasjit Dillon, MBBS, DDS, FDSRCS, FACS
**2025 Ramon Ruiz Traveling Scholarship
Award Report**
Cameron Lee, DMD, MD
- 12:30 – 5:30pm **ABSTRACTS - CRANIOMAXILLOFACIAL
RECONSTRUCTION**
*Moderator: Michael Markiewicz, DDS, MD,
MPH, FACS
Co-Moderator: TBD*
- 6:00 – 8:00pm Opening Reception
Business Casual

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

- 7:00 – 8:00am Breakfast with Exhibitors
- 8:00 – 9:00am **KEYNOTE - “Our Calling”**
Ronald V. Maier, MD, FACS
- 9:00 – 12:30pm **ABSTRACTS - EDUCATION, TRAINING,
AND RESEARCH**
*Moderator: Simon Young, DDS, MD, FACS, PhD
Co-Moderator: Thomas Schlieve, DDS, MD*
- 12:30 – 1:30pm Lunch with Exhibitors
- Past President and Emeritus Members’ Luncheon
- 1:30 – 3:15pm **ABSTRACTS - TRAUMA**
*Moderator: Shahid Aziz, DMD, MD, FACS,
FRCS(Ed), FICD, FACD
Co-Moderators: Pooja Gangwani, DDS, MPH,
Cameron Lee, DMD, MD*
- 3:45 – 4:30pm **ABSTRACTS - PEDIATRIC,
CRANIOFACIAL, AND ORTHOGNATHIC
SURGERY**
*Moderator: Shelly Abramowicz, DMD, MPH, FACS
Co-Moderator: Joyce Xu, DMD, MD, MS,*
- 6:00 – 8:00pm Reception (if sponsored)
Business Casual

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

- 8:00 – 9:00am Breakfast with Exhibitors
- 9:00 – 9:15am **Supporting the Foundation**
Jasjit Dillon, MBBS, DDS, FDSRCS, FACS
- 9:15 – 12:45pm **ABSTRACTS - PEDIATRIC,
CRANIOFACIAL, AND ORTHOGNATHIC
SURGERY (continued)**
- 12:45 – 1:30pm Business Meeting
- 6:00 – 10:00pm President’s Gala at the Chihuly Museum
Black Tie

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Departure

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Moni A. Kuriakose, MD, FDSRCS, FFDRCS, FRCSEd, FRCS, BDS

Co-Founder, Medical Director and CEO, Karkinos Kerala; Visiting Professor, Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center

Dr. Moni Abraham Kuriakose is a surgical oncologist and researcher specializing in head and neck oncology. He has served as Director of Surgical Oncology and the Mazumdar Shaw Centre for Translational Research at Narayana Health City, Bangalore, and held senior positions at Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences, NYU, and Roswell Park Cancer Institute, where he is currently a Visiting Professor. His expertise spans advanced head and neck cancer management, skull-base surgery, 3D surgical planning, and functional reconstruction. His research focuses on oral cancer stem cells, targeted prevention, and novel technologies for early detection. He has authored over 200 peer-reviewed publications and five international patents. He is the Editor-in-Chief of Oral Cancer (Springer Nature), President-Elect of the International Academy of Oral Oncology (IAOO), and Past President of the Foundation for Head and Neck Oncology (FHNO).



Ronald V. Maier, MD, FACS

Surgeon-in-Chief, Harborview Medical Center; University of Washington School of Medicine

Ronald V. Maier, MD, FACS, is surgeon-in-chief of Harborview Medical Center. Dr. Maier is vice-chair of Surgery at the UW and the Jane and Donald D. Trunkey Professor of Trauma Surgery. He is listed in The Best Doctors in America. Dr. Maier believes in providing the best cutting-edge care for both elective operations and critically ill surgical patients. His goal is to provide exceptional care without exception. Dr. Maier earned his M.D. from Duke University. He is an expert in trauma care, emergency surgery and critical care. He conducts research on clinical approaches to improve survival after severe injuries and life-threatening surgical illness. He is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and is board certified in Surgery and Surgical Critical Care. He has chaired the American Board of Surgeons and the NIH Study Section for Surgery, Anesthesiology and Trauma.

PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOP

SESSION

PURPOSE

This training is designed to equip craniomaxillofacial surgeons with practical tools and skills to navigate conflict productively in their respective work settings. By focusing on skill-building and real-world scenarios, the training supports a collaborative, respectful, and inclusive work environment.

TRAINING OUTLINE

1. Understanding Conflict in the Workplace
 - *Types and root causes of conflict in the workplace*
 - *Different types of conflict and how conflict develops*
 - *Identifying different conflict styles and impact on effective conflict resolution*
2. Effective Listening and Communication in Conflict
 - *Tools for active listening, empathy, and clear expression*
 - *Clarifying misunderstandings and managing emotional triggers*
3. Understanding sub-surface of Conflict (Positions, Interests and Needs)
4. How to Navigate Difficult Conversations
5. Roleplay and Case Study Scenarios

PROPOSED BENEFITS

1. Improved Communication and Collaboration
 - *Enhances clarity, listening, and expression*
 - *Promotes cooperation and reduces silos*
2. Reduction in Conflict and Disputes
 - *Early intervention prevents escalation*
 - *Fosters constructive engagement and reduces formal grievances*
3. Better Leadership and Decision-Making
 - *Strengthens leadership skills*
 - *Supports informed, balanced decision-making*
4. Positive Work Environment
 - *Promotes respect, inclusion, and empathy*
 - *Reduces tension and fosters belonging*
5. Enhanced Workplace Productivity
 - *Minimizes distraction from interpersonal issues*
 - *Reduces burnout and absenteeism*
6. Development of a Conflict-Resilient Culture
 - *Normalizes and empowers conflict resolution*
 - *Fosters proactive problem-solving*

SPEAKERS

Christine Cimini

Professor of Law, University of Washington

Professor Christine Cimini joined the University of Washington School of Law in 2016 as a Professor of Law and the Associate Dean for Experiential Education. In her role as the Associate Dean for Experiential Education Professor Cimini oversees the Clinical Law Program, the Externship Program, the Trial Practice Program, the Legal Analysis, Research and Writing Program as well as experiential course offerings from years one to three. Before joining UW, Professor Cimini served as a Professor of Law and Associate Dean of Research and Faculty Development at Vermont Law School from 2011-2016. Prior to joining Vermont Law School, she was an Associate Professor and Director of Clinical Programs at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law (DU) and was named the Ronald V. Yegge Clinic director in 2010. She spent a year as a visiting faculty member at Cornell University Law School from 2002-2003. From 1993-1996, Professor Cimini was a Robert M. Cover Fellow in Clinical Teaching at Yale Law School. Professor Cimini's current research focuses on movement lawyering and immigration. Her articles have been published in a variety of journals including the Stanford Law Review, Vanderbilt Law Review, Maryland Law Review, Rutgers Law Review and Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law and Policy. Professor Cimini and her clinic students at DU received the Clinical Legal Education Association (CLEA) Award for Excellence in Public Interest Project in May of 2002 for their work addressing the problem of predatory lending in Denver. She just completed her term as Co-Chair of the American Association of Law Schools (AALS), Section on Clinical Legal Education. She previously served two terms as a member of the board of directors of the Clinical Legal Education Association. She remains a member of the AALS's Clinical Section Scholarship Committee.

Alan Kirtley

Professor of Law, University of Washington

Professor Alan Kirtley is an Associate Professor of Law at the University of Washington School of Law and founding director of its Clinical Law Program. He received both his B.A. and J.D. degrees from Indiana University in Bloomington. He has been a Visiting Scholar at Harvard Law School and Ohio State University College of Law. Before entering law teaching, Kirtley was a partner in a Michigan law firm. His practice specialty was business law and commercial litigation. Professor Kirtley teaches courses in alternative dispute resolution (ADR) and negotiation, supervises law student mediators in the School's Mediation Clinic, and trains mediators twice annually in the law school's Professional Mediation Skills Training CLE. Professor Kirtley was an academic advisor to the national drafting committee of the Uniform Mediation Act ("UMA"), a project of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws and the Dispute Resolution Section of the American Bar Association. He was instrumental in the passage of the UMA in Washington State. Professor Kirtley wrote an influential article entitled "The Top 10 Reasons for Adopting the Uniform Mediation Act in Washington." Once the UMA became law, he authored the User's Guide to Washington's Uniform Mediation Act to help the mediation community implement the new statute, RCW 7.07 et seq. Professor Kirtley has published several articles in his field, including the first prize winner of the CPR Institute for Dispute Resolution, Awards for Excellence in Alternative Dispute Resolution. He has presented at numerous conferences and training seminars concerning the UMA, as well as other ADR topics. His most recent publication is Chapter 13 - Alternative Dispute Resolution, in Berger Mitchell, Clark & Leahy, *Pretrial Advocacy: Planning, Analysis, and Strategy* (2nd ed., Aspen 2007) 479-503. Professor Kirtley has served as Chair of the Washington State Bar Association's Dispute Resolution Section. He co-founded both the Northwest ADR Conference and the Northwest Clinical Teachers Conference. He received the UW Law School's 2009 Pacific Coast Banking School Faculty Service Award. Professor Kirtley is the 2011 national Chair of the Section on Clinical Legal Education of the Association of American Law Schools.

GENERAL INFORMATION

MEMBERS

Register for Meeting Online:

bit.ly/AACMFS2026

Note the tuition schedule & plan to indicate participation in the Social Activities.

AACMFS Members Registration: \$350

Includes meeting syllabus, breakfast & lunch each day, refreshment breaks, Thursday Evening Reception & President's Dinner.

Guest / Spouse Fee: \$250

If you indicate attendance at the Reception and/or Dinner, add a guest/spouse fee if they will be joining you. Advance payment is recommended as onsite availability is limited. Fee includes both Reception & Dinner. No discounts for single event attendance.

NON-MEMBER PRESENTERS

Look for your **ACCEPTANCE LETTER** with instructions regarding how to register online.

Please do not try to register at the above URL prior to receiving acceptance & instructions!

Plan to submit tuition of \$50, and indicate participation in the Friday Reception and/or President's Dinner.

Social Activities

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

Preconference Reception
Business Casual
5:00 - 6:00pm

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THURSDAY, APRIL 23

Opening Reception
Business Casual
6:00 - 8:00pm

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SATURDAY, APRIL 25

President's Reception and Dinner
Chihuly Garden and Glass Museum
Black Tie
6:00 - 10:00pm

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Cancellation & Refund Policy

Cancellation notice must be received in writing two weeks prior to the meeting to receive a refund (by March 20). No refunds will be offered after that date.

Questions?

Contact Melissa Connor, Associate Director: Email: mconnor@pami.org; Phone: 770-271-0453



COURSE LOCATION & HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Hyatt Regency
900 Bellevue Way NE | Bellevue, WA 98004

- Attendees are responsible for arranging their hotel stay. Group rate starts at **\$209/night** plus applicable fees and taxes.
- Plan to arrange your stay prior to March 31, 2026.** After that date, rooms & rates are subject to availability. The group rate has been extended to include pre-event night Wednesday, 4/22/2026.
- Arrange your hotel stay by phone, or via the online group portal: **CALL: (425) 462-1234**
ONLINE: bit.ly/AACMFS-2026-Hotel
- To avoid an Early Departure Fee (one night room + tax), be sure to advise the hotel, before arrival, of any change in length of stay.

MEETING & AMENITIES

Meeting participation and food/beverage services are intended for registered healthcare professionals of the event. For optimum learning and compliance with guidelines, guests/spouses are not allowed.

The **2026 AACMFS Annual Meeting** is a private meeting. The AACMFS has designated this meeting for those who are Fellows of the AACMFS and invited guests.

CREDIT DESIGNATION

Accreditation for the 2026 Annual Meeting is in progress. The brochure will be updated once the process is finalized and the credit hours have been designated.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Assess research abstracts and studies as they relate to craniomaxillofacial patient populations, pathology and treatment options, and the implications for changes in practice.
- Discuss advancements in biologics and technology in oral maxillofacial surgery, and appropriate utilization.
- Evaluate potential academic and curricular modifications to enhance knowledge, competency and improve relevancy.
- Examine contemporary interdisciplinary and cross-functional patient care delivery models with respect to your clinical setting.
- Assess unusual and challenging cases in head and neck surgery.
- Relate successful keys and caveats for an academic career to your practice setting.
- Explore contemporary and futuristic aspects in OMS-Head and Neck Surgery with implications for clinical practice, via a roundtable discussion.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

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