



## REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FELLOW MEMBERSHIP EXAMINATION\*

### *General Information*

The Fellow Membership examination has two parts: oral examination/review of submitted cases and presentation of professional credentials. Both parts must be completed successfully. The Admissions and Credentials Board adheres rigidly to the requirements listed below. Making false statements on his or her application or during the oral interview is immediate grounds for permanent rejection of a candidate's application or revocation of membership after membership is granted.

***The examination is given in English. If needed, an interpreter will be permitted for the oral and case examinations. The interpreters will be supplied by the AAID, with the applicant being responsible for the cost of this service. The fee for translation services will be based on the prevailing rate at the time of the examination and must be paid at least 30 days prior to the examination date.***

### *Membership, Experiential and Educational Requirements*

Any member who is an Associate Fellow of the Academy in good standing, has five or more years experience in the practice of implant dentistry, and provides both the surgical and prosthetic phases of implant treatment is eligible for election as a Fellow. Applicants must have completed at least 100 hours of continuing education in implant dentistry in addition to the 300 hours required for Associate Fellow membership, i.e., a total of 400 hours, and have attended an annual scientific session or educational course offered by the AAID or one of its districts within the two years before the examination. Proof of attendance must be submitted.

### *Case Requirements*

Each applicant must have completed dental implant treatment of at least fifty (50) cases (arches). From these fifty (50) cases, the applicant will select ten (10) cases on ten (10) different patients to present for in-depth discussion with the examiners. The applicant must have provided both the surgical and prosthetic treatment for these ten (10) cases. These ten (10) cases must include implants and be fully restored with a final prosthesis; they must also meet the following criteria:

- Three (3) complete arch cases on edentulous arches, one (1) of which demonstrates an implant-supported prosthesis for a patient with severe atrophy. If root-form or plate-form implants are used, the fully implant-supported prosthesis must include a minimum of four (4) implants.
- One (1) unilateral or bilateral edentulous posterior maxilla, replaced with two (2) or more root-form implants.
- Two (2) cases that show management of bone deficiencies.
- The remaining four (4) cases are of the candidate's choice.

Three (3) of the ten (10) cases must have been completed within twelve (12) to eighteen (18) months of the examination date and two (2) of the ten (10) cases must have been in function for at least five (5) years by the examination date. Cases in which implants of less than 3mm in diameter are used as definitive therapy do not satisfy the requirements of the examination and should not be submitted. All cases presented for examination must have been in function for at least one year by the examination date.

For the other forty (40) cases, the following must be listed in the application: patient name, current address and telephone number.

### *Case Reports*

Candidates must list the ten cases that they will present for examination in their applications. Then, they must prepare a written case report for three (3) of the ten cases that meet the following criteria: one (1) edentulous case with an implant - supported

prosthesis for a patient with severe atrophy; one (1) unilateral or bilateral edentulous posterior maxilla case replaced with two (2) or more root-form implants and one (1) case of the candidate's choice. Each of these three (3) cases must comply with the *Guidelines for Case Reports for Fellow Membership*. Case reports may be submitted in either print or electronic format. Each report, irrespective of the format, must comply with the *Guidelines for Case Reports for Fellow Membership*. Reports submitted in electronic format must also meet the specifications in the *Instructions for the Submission of Electronic Case Report*. ***The Admissions and Credentials Board will disqualify any candidate whose reports do not comply with the case report guidelines.***

The following documentation is required for the other seven (7) cases on seven (7) different patients: duplicates of the preoperative radiographs and duplicates of the postoperative radiographs taken within one year of the examination date. For cases that have been in function for more than two years, duplicates of the recall radiographs are also required.

The three (3) written case reports and the radiographic documentation for the other seven (7) cases are due in the Headquarters Office two months before the examination period begins. Applicants will be notified of the specific date and time of their examination after their case reports are received in the Headquarters Office. To insure that the case materials arrive by that date, candidates are urged to use a shipping process that allows verification of receipt in the Headquarters Office. ***The submitted reports become the property of the American Academy of Implant Dentistry and will not be returned.***

The applicant must bring the following to the examination: the originals of all radiographs and, if a subperiosteal implant case is presented, the models from the direct bone impression or CT scan.

### *Professional and Leadership Credentials*

Based on professional and leadership credentials presented in the application, the applicant must accumulate a minimum of **25** points from the categories listed below. Other professional credentials will be considered on an individual basis. Each credential may be considered in one category only.

*Presentations related to Implant Dentistry:* Original table clinics, 4 each; AAID Case of the Month, 4 each; original posters, 4 each; original lectures to dental professionals, 7 for each hour of lecture.

*Publications related to Implant Dentistry:* Primary author of original professional article published or accepted for publication in refereed dental journal, 10 each; primary author of original professional article published in non-refereed dental publication, 4; primary author of original article in public press, 1 each; primary author of a peer-reviewed electronic course related to implant dentistry, 7 points for each hour of continuing education credit.

*Professional Organization Activities:* Offices held in Implant Organization or Local/State Dental Society, 1 each for each year served in office; Committees Chaired in Implant Organization or Local/State Dental Society, 1 each for each year; AGD Fellowship, 5; AGD Mastership, 5.

*Certification:* Certification by the ABOI/ID, 10; certification by the boards for oral and maxillofacial surgery, periodontology, prosthodontics, or general dentistry, 5 each.

*Postdoctoral Education:* Graduation from a full-time advanced education program in implant dentistry, oral and maxillofacial surgery, periodontology, prosthodontics, 10; graduation from a general practice residency, 5.

*Other:* Implant Study Group Membership (4 or more meetings per year), 1 each; Dental or Medical School Faculty Appointment, 2; Hospital Staff Privileges, 1.

### *Applying for the Examination*

Applications must be received in the Headquarters Office of the AAID by February 1. Submit two copies of the application and affix to each copy a signed full face photograph of the applicant. **Also, make a copy of the application for your files.** The application fee of \$750 must be included with the application. This fee is non-refundable. ***All payments must be in U.S. dollars.***

The three (3) written case reports and duplicate radiographs for the other seven (7) cases are due in the Headquarters Office two months before the examination period begins.