



## REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FELLOW MEMBERSHIP EXAMINATION\*

### *General Information*

The Fellow Membership examination consists of an oral examination, which includes five standardized cases and a review of submitted cases. The Admissions and Credentials Board adheres rigidly to the requirements listed below. Making false statements on the application or during the oral examination 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/case examination. 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 before 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 of experience in the practice of implant dentistry, and provides the surgical and/or prosthetic phases of implant treatment and demonstrates full knowledge of both phases is eligible for election as a Fellow. In addition, those who have passed Part I (written) of the Associate Fellow examination have the option of taking the oral/case examination for either Associate Fellow or Fellow membership, provided they meet the requirements for the option selected.

**All** applicants for Fellowship 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 with the application.

### *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 defend **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. 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 (Kennedy Class II) or bilateral (Kennedy Class I) partially edentulous posterior maxilla, replaced with two (2) or more root-form implants without teeth between the 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 one year of the examination date and seven (7) of the ten (10) cases must have been in function for at least two (2) years by the beginning of the examination period. 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 beginning of the examination period.

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\* Adopted May 1999; last revision, May 2017

## *Case Reports*

Candidates must list the ten cases that they will present for examination in their application. 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; one (1) unilateral (Kennedy Class II) or bilateral Kennedy Class I) partially edentulous posterior maxilla case replaced with two (2) or more root-form implants without teeth between the implants, and one (1) case of the candidate's choice. The case reports must be submitted in electronic format. Each report must comply with the *Guidelines for Case Reports for Fellow Membership*, last revision, May 2016. 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: presurgical panograph or a full-mouth radiographic series, post-surgical (within one week of surgery) panograph or a post-surgical periapical radiograph for a single-tooth implant, and a post-prosthetic panograph or periapical radiographs with prosthesis or bar superstructure in place. For each case, a completed case radiograph, taken within 12 months of the candidate's oral/case examination date, must also be submitted.

The three (3) written case reports and the radiographic documentation for the other seven (7) cases are due in the Headquarters Office 45 days 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. The submitted reports become the property of the American Academy of Implant Dentistry and will not be returned.

## *Applying for the Examination*

Applications must be received in the AAID Headquarters Office by February 1, either by mail, email or fax. The application fee of \$1,050 must be included with the application unless the applicant has opted to take the Fellow examination instead of Part 2 of the Associate Fellow examination. In that case, the \$250 application processing fee is required with the Fellow application. Fees are nonrefundable. All payments must be in U.S. dollars.