



## **REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FELLOW MEMBERSHIP EXAMINATION\***

### ***General Information***

The Fellow Membership examination has two parts: an oral examination, which includes 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 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 both the surgical and prosthetic phases of implant treatment is eligible for election as a Fellow. In addition, effective with the 2013 examination, those who have passed Part 1 (written) of the Associate Fellow examination will 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 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. 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

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\* Adopted May 1999; last revision, May 2014

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.

### **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 for a patient with severe atrophy; 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, April 2011. 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.

### **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, and a maximum of ten (10) points can be earned in each of the first two categories, i.e., Category 1 and Category 2.

1. *Presentations related to Clinical Implant Dentistry*: Original table clinics, 4 each; original posters, 4 each; original lectures to dental professionals, 7 for each hour of lecture.
2. *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 each; 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.
3. *Professional Organization Activities*: Offices held in implant organization or local/state dental society, 1 each for each year served in office; service on committees of an implant organization or local/state dental society, 1 each for each year; AGD Fellowship, 5; AGD Mastership, 5; Associate Fellow of the AAID, 5.
4. *Certification*: Certification by the ABOL/ID, 10; certification by the boards for oral and maxillofacial surgery, periodontology, prosthodontics, or general dentistry, 5 each.
5. *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.
6. *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 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 processing fee is required with the Fellow application. Fees are nonrefundable. All payments must be in U.S. dollars.