



Welcome ABPD Director: Brian Hodgson, DDS

The American Board of Pediatric Dentistry (ABPD) is pleased to introduce our newest appointed director, Dr. Brian Hodgson. He will serve on the Board of Directors for ABPD from 2021 - 2027.



Brian Hodgson, DDS

He completed his undergraduate and doctorate education at Marquette University. Dr. Hodgson is a decorated retired United States Naval Officer and after completing his Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry at the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in 1993, served in the U.S. Navy Reserves from 1993 until 2020. Dr. Hodgson has supported the mission of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry since pursuing his board certification. Prior to serving various roles with ABPD, he mentored many colleagues to achieve board certification, became a consultant examiner for the Oral Clinical Examination (OCE), and was selected as a member and ultimately chosen to be a Part Leader on the Oral Clinical Examination Subcommittee. Dr. Hodgson has been an educator to dental students and residents since 1993 at Marquette University and the Children's Wisconsin Residency Program. In addition to teaching, Dr. Hodgson maintained a private practice for many years, authored many publications on a wide range of pediatric dental topics, and presented at national and international dental meetings.

On a personal note, Dr. Hodgson has three profound

personality characteristics that are immediately evident. He is brilliant, genuinely cares for everyone present in his life, especially the children and adults with special health care needs he serves, and comprehensively fulfills every role in his life with gratitude and humility. Dr. Hodgson is an avid sailor and nutrition and health enthusiast. The Hodgson Family is talented and diverse in expertise. Dr. Hodgson's wife Debbie is a Certified Public Accountant. Both his son and daughter graduated from Marquette University. Zach is a physical therapist, and Amanda is an officer of the law.

Dr. Hodgson has chosen to champion the "High-Quality Certification Process" aspect of the ABPD Strategic Plan. His timing is impeccable, as his tenure in leadership will capture the launch of the new ABPD Practice Analysis designed to enhance the examinations used in the board certification and renewal process. He will also spend his first year in leadership in the development and launch of the new ABPD Strategic Plan, and he will see the directed work through to fruition. Dr. Hodgson hit the ground running last spring and has already begun work to innovate the ABPD certification process to serve all its stakeholders.



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We welcome Dr. Hodgson to the Board of Directors who, together with the entire ABPD community, are committed to the mission of ABPD.

Research Fellowships Awarded

2021-2022 Jeffrey A. Dean/ABPD Research Fellows: Congratulations to our first research fellowship recipients! These two scholars will each receive \$15,000 to assist with their research efforts. They will present their findings after the Research Fellow year concludes in August of 2022.

Allison Scully, DDS, MS
Indiana University

Project Title: Assessment of the Association of Board Certification Status on State Board Disciplinary Actions of Pediatric Dentists

Dr. Scully studied at the University of Michigan, and was board certified in 2018. Her research will focus on how board certification status affects the outcome of state board disciplinary actions, or if there is correlation between being board certified and the instances of disciplinary action.

Keith Da Silva, DDS, MS
University of Saskatchewan

Project Title: An Evaluation of Dental Continuing Professional Development Programs in the USA and Canada

Dr. Da Silva studied at New York Presbyterian Hospital, and was board certified in 2010. With his research, Dr. Da Silva seeks to answer what the differences are in minimum continuing professional development (CPD) requirements to maintain mandatory dental licensure and/or voluntary certifications across different jurisdictions in the USA and Canada.