



**15th Annual Ava Roberts
Oral Health Symposium
Friday, November 15, 2024
8:00 am – 3:45 pm ~ Ten Oaks Ballroom
Clarkesville, Maryland**

INSTRUCTOR BIOGRAPHIES

Louis G. DePaola, DDS, MS, FAAOM, FACD, FICD

Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs

Professor - Department of Oncology & Diagnostic Sciences

University of Maryland School of Dentistry

Dr. DePaola is the Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs and Professor, Department of Oncology & Diagnostic Sciences, School of Dentistry, University of Maryland, Baltimore. He received his DDS in 1975, completed a Master's Degree in Oral Biology; is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral Medicine, the American College of Dentists, and the International College of Dentists; and has a Certificate in Prosthodontics. He is the Director for dental training for the Mid-Atlantic AIDS Education and Training Center and served as a member of the ADA Council of Scientific Affairs from 2002-2005. From 1998 to 2002 Dr. DePaola served at the National Institute for Dental and Craniofacial Research, Division of Extramural Research of the National Institutes of Health to help develop dental treatment guidelines for patients with HIV/AIDS and infection control practices to protect both patients and practitioners from the transmission of infectious diseases in the dental office. Dr. DePaola serves as a dental and infection control consultant for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of Maryland Department of Corrections. In 2015, Governor Hogan appointed him to the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners and he was reappointed for another term in 2020. Well known on the lecture circuit, he has presented at most major national meetings as well as numerous international organizations. Active in research, he has authored and co-authored of over 130 journal articles, book chapters, and abstracts and serves as a consultant to the American Dental Association and numerous other professional groups

and private industry. He is the Editor of the Book Infection Control in the Dental Office: A global Prospective published in 2020 and Infection Control in the Dental Office in the Era of COVID-19 to be published in 2024. Over the past 20 years, he has been awarded over 75 research and service grants, many in the field of antiplaque chemotherapeutic agents, HIV/AIDS, management of medically compromised dental patients, rapid salivary diagnostic testing, dental unit waterlines and infection control. Dr. DePaola was the recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus for Public Service for the year 2021 and the MSDA Presidential Award for Distinguished Service during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Joy-Void Holmes, DHSc, BSDH, RDH

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Dr. Joy Void-Holmes is a distinguished leader in the oral healthcare field with nearly 30 years of experience. She is renowned for her expertise in lecturing on topics such as instrumentation, infection control, nutrition, silver diamine fluoride, and dentinal hypersensitivity. She is committed to empowering audiences by promoting self-care, confidence, and courage, while raising awareness of implicit bias and issues of diversity, inclusion, and equity (DEI). As the founder of Dr. Joy, RDH, and co-founder of JELL-ED, Dr. Joy advances dental education through innovative courses and hands-on workshops, enhancing the skills of dental professionals. Her leadership is also reflected in her roles as a consultant examiner and board member, where she provides valuable insights to various advisory boards. With a dental hygiene certificate from Howard University, a Bachelor of Science from the University of Maryland, and advanced degrees from Nova Southeastern University, Dr. Joy is dedicated to shaping the future of dental hygiene.

Ahmed S. Sultan, B.D.S., Ph.D.

Assistant Professor

Program Director- Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology Residency Program; Director- Division of Artificial Intelligence Research
University of Maryland School of Dentistry

Dr. Ahmed Sultan is Assistant Professor in the Department of Oncology & Diagnostic Sciences at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry. Dr. Sultan graduated from Trinity College Dublin, Ireland with honors degrees of a BA and a dental degree (BDS). Dr. Sultan completed his Oral Medicine Residency at Harvard and is board certified by the American Board of Oral Medicine and is a Fellow in Oral Medicine of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. Dr. Sultan then completed his PhD in Mycobiology and an Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology Residency Program at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry. Dr. Sultan is currently a diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and a fellow of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. He maintains dual board certification and is active in his role as Co-Director of the Oral Medicine Programs at the University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center and at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry. He is an Oral Pathologist for Oral Pathology Consultants, located at

the University of Maryland School of Dentistry. He is currently the Program Director for the Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology Residency Program at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry. He runs an active research lab focused on the use of artificial intelligence, specifically deep learning for image segmentation of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. In addition, he is the Director of the Division of Artificial Intelligence Research at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry and the Division Chief of Diagnostic Sciences. His work as author or co-author has been published in 78 journal articles and he is PI or Co-I on several institutional and extramural grants.

Jordan Virden, D.D.S.

Diplomate, American Board of Pediatric Dentistry
President, Maryland Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
Associate Pediatric Dentist, Smiles4Children

Dr. Jordan Virden is from Ellicott City, Maryland. She is a graduate of Virginia Tech, with an undergraduate degree in biology. Dr. Virden obtained her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree and Pediatric Dental Certificate from the University of Maryland School of Dentistry. She completed her pediatric dental residency at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry. She was selected by the faculty to serve as co-chief resident during her time in residency. She continues to work with dental students and pediatric dental residents as volunteer faculty at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry working in the clinic and lecturing on Motivational Interviewing and Child Abuse and Neglect. She is a Diplomate in the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry and was recently selected to be included in the 2023 Class of the International College of Dentists. In 2022, she was awarded the Rising Health Leader Alumni Award from the University of Maryland. Currently, Dr. Virden serves as the president-elect for the Maryland Academy of Pediatric Dentists. Dr. Virden is a member of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and the Maryland State Dental Association. Her interests include pediatric dental public health, behavior management, and oral health education. In her spare time, she runs an oral health focused Instagram account, small teeth big world.