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Helping integrate oral infection control and safety strategies into national and global efforts to improve public health.

OSAP is the nonprofit Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention. OSAP's goal is to promote infection control and safety policies and practices— supported by science and research — to the global dental community and others whose work is related. It does this through such activities as developing relevant publications, innovative educational tools and programs, answers to infection control and safety questions, and an annual symposium. OSAP also helps educators, researchers, companies and patients regarding their dental infection control and safety needs.

The OSAP Foundation is the nonprofit entity that helps develop and enhance the resources needed by OSAP to carry out its goals. The Foundation leverages its resources with a range of national and international organizations such as: US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), World Health Organization (WHO), World Dental Federation (FDI), Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).

The Friends of OSAP focus on outreach to the greater public health communities, both domestic and global. Honorary appointees drawn from diverse backgrounds, OSAP Friends lend their expertise and networking ability to broaden the reach of OSAP.

## A Commitment to Outreach: What Friends Are For

- Help integrate dental infection control and safety messages into related health messages for professional audiences worldwide. For example, Health Canada adapted OSAP's Travelers' Guide for Safe Dental Care to the French and English-speaking communities in Canada.
- Share experiences of other organizations, institutions and individuals with OSAP to foster inter-professional and interdisciplinary dialogue about infection control and safety issues.
- Serve as a creative source for collaborative initiatives that sustain and advance safety and health worldwide. For example, OSAP Friends help facilitate the annual Dr. John S. Zapp Memorial Lecture, extending the reach of the infection prevention symposium to other audiences.

### Previous Lecturers

- 2006: Dr. Poul Erik Petersen, World Health Organization, Chief Dental Officer
- 2007: Dr Lawrence Tabak, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, Director
- 2008: Dr. Burton Conrod, FDI President
- 2009: Mr. Stanley Bergman, Henry Schein, Inc., Chairman/CEO
- 2010: Dr. Kathleen O'Loughlin, American Dental Association, Executive Director
- 2011: Sir Liam Donaldson, Chairman of the National Patient Safety Agency, UK
- 2012: Dr. Marion Bergman, Miracle Corners of the World, Director
- 2013: Dr. Harold Jaffe, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, Associate Director of Science
- 2014: Dr. Michael Osterholm, Center for Infectious Disease Research & Policy, Director
- 2015: Dr. Cliff McDonald, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, Senior Advisor for Science & Integrity

*OSAP, the Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention, is a nonprofit, independent organization that works to improve compliance and to identify, foster and build a strong community of recognized experts.*

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