

Join us in Warsaw 2-5 September 2026 for the World Congress on Dental Traumatology

A Message from the Editor

2026 brings us another year of IADT growth and engagement. The Newsletter Committee is looking forward to bringing you further personal stories and country close-ups. Plus, we are gearing up for the World Dental Trauma Conference soon in Poland.

Do you have something to share or an idea to promote? Email me!

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*Less Developed Country discount may be available



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Three years of continuous Active Membership is a requirement for eligibility to pursue Fellowship status. An Activity Points system is also utilized. Want to earn points? **Get involved!**

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March Membership Madness

We are gaining members and continue to engage dentists and communities around the world!



We want to hear from you!

Please follow this **LINK** to a survey about your experiences as a dentist and dental trauma in your country

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The 23rd World Congress on Dental Traumatology (WCDT 2026) takes place September 3–5, 2026, at the Hilton Warsaw City Hotel in Warsaw, Poland.

Organized by the International Association of Dental Traumatology (IADT), this biennial meeting brings together clinicians, educators, researchers, and industry experts from around the world to advance evidence-based care in traumatic dental injuries under the theme “Mastering Dental Traumatology: Multidisciplinary Treatment & Technology.” The program includes keynote addresses, interactive workshops, poster and oral presentation sessions, and numerous networking opportunities.

The scientific content spans a broad range of clinically relevant topics. Day 1 focuses on evidence-based approaches, including: acute trauma management, pulp management strategies, root resorption diagnosis and classification, and restorative challenges following injury. Participants can also engage in hands-on workshops covering practical skills such as 3D printing models and intentional replantation techniques, as well as sessions addressing the psychosocial aspects of treating young trauma patients.

Day 2 emphasizes multidisciplinary care with sessions on interdisciplinary treatment planning, biomaterials and regenerative techniques, long-term outcomes and complications, and surgical/endodontic tissue management, including autotransplantation. The congress concludes with a panel discussion on the future direction of dental traumatology research and clinical practice, followed by a closing ceremony. With world-renowned speakers and experts from pediatric dentistry, endodontics, periodontology, and more, WCDT 2026 promises a comprehensive scientific experience for all attendees.

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SEPTEMBER 21

CALL TO ACTION: we need your help!

It's time to start planning and taking steps to promote and celebrate our 3rd annual Global Dental & Oral Trauma Day!

Submit your state or country Proclamation requests.

Plan an awareness campaign.

Schedule school and sports team presentations.

Contact your local media outlets.

Contact dental associations and study clubs.

Brainstorm for social media posts.

Create 'how-to' videos to share!

SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

<https://iadt-dentaltrauma.org/worldtraumaday/>

CONGRATULATIONS

to the newest Fellows!



Dr. Hitesh Chander

Karnataka, India

Dr. Chander is an academic and clinician specializing in Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry. He has achieved fellowships in Forensic Odontology, the International College of Dentists, the International Association of Pediatric Dentistry, and now with the IADT. He is an Associate Professor at ESIC Dental College & Hospital in Kalaburagi. His contributions include a patent, numerous peer-reviewed publications and citations, presentations nationally and internationally, and engaging in outreach initiatives within his community.



Dr. Amandeep Kaur

Punjab, India

Dr. Kaur currently serves as an Assistant Professor in the Dept of Oral Health Sciences at PGIMER Chandigarh Satellite Centre, Punjab, India. Her academic and research interests include dental trauma, sports dentistry, and geriatric dental care. She is a committee member with the IADT, the Indian Society of Dental Traumatology, and the Indian Academy of Sports Dentistry. She is also a Fellow in the Pierre Fauchard Academy and the International College of Dentists. She holds three patents, authored numerous publications, and stays involved in outreach initiatives.

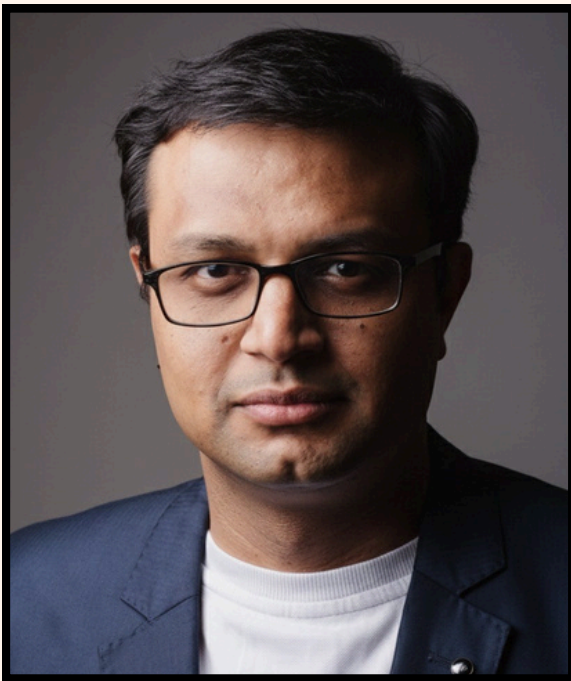
FELLOWSHIP



Dr. Vijay Kumar

New Delhi, India

Dr. Kumar is an Additional Professor at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences,, New Delhi, India. As an endodontist, his interests include micro-endodontics, dental traumatology, esthetic dentistry, and vital pulp therapy. He is frequently invited as a panellist and guest speaker at national forums and continues to raise public awareness of dental care. He is a Fellow in the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow and the Indian Society for Dental Research.



Dr. Padmanabhan Yavaraj

Coimbatore, India

Dr. Yuvaraj is a private practitioner and the founder of “The Dentale - Multispecialty Dental Care” in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India. He is a specialist in Pediatric Dentistry and has a special interest in the role of sedation within dental traumatology. He lectures nationally and internationally with published work and research in sedation techniques. He is passionate about advancing anxiety-free and compassionate dental care for children and trauma patients. He strives to promote excellence in evidence-based, patient-centered dental traumatology care.

CONGRATULATIONS, FELLOWS!

We can't wait to celebrate with you in Warsaw!!



- Professor of Operative Dentistry and Dental Materials at the School of Dentistry, Federal University of Uberlândia (UFU), MG, Brazil.
- Director of the Dental Hospital and Coordinator of the Dental Trauma Service at UFU.
- Vice-President of the Brazilian Division of the IADR.
- Member of the Dental Traumatology Editorial Board.

What drew you to dental traumatology?

In 2003, after completing my PhD at FOP-UNICAMP, I returned to Uberlândia as a professor and member of the UFU Emergency Dental Health Service. I realized that patients arriving with dental trauma received emergency care but had no access to continued treatment in the public system. Therefore, together with my first Master's students and undergraduate dental students at UFU, we created the Dentoalveolar Trauma Clinic in March 2004. This service became a reference for all Basic Public Health Units in Uberlândia and the surrounding region. Last year, we celebrated 20 years of providing patient care, conducting research, and training professionals who disseminate a philosophy of humanistic and scientifically rigorous care throughout Brazil and the world.



Undergraduate students, post-graduate students and professors involved on the Dental Trauma Service at Dental School of Federal University of Uberlândia



An unforgettable moment with Professor Andreasen and my family in Coimbra

What is an interesting or unique story or experience or event you have been involved with related to dental traumatology?

After participating for the first time in an IADT World Congress, I decided to dedicate my career to dental trauma, developing research in trauma biomechanics and preventive aspects, as well as strengthening the Dental Trauma Clinic at the School of Dentistry. In 2014, I experienced a special moment when I shared a conference session with Professor Andreasen at the University of Coimbra Dental Congress. We spent time talking at the hotel, and I cherish a photo taken with my wife, Pricilla, and my daughter, Bruna, who was five years old at the time.

In 2025, I had the honor of coordinating a major event in my city, TRAUMACON 2025, in partnership with the IADT, which brought together clinicians, students, and researchers from across Latin America. Once again, a memorable image marked this occasion: a photo with Professor Lars Andersson and Professor Liran Levin alongside my daughter, who is now a dental student and received first place in the presentation category at the event. Professional life is made of remarkable moments like these, which remain with us forever.

What are your goals as a member of the IADT and for the IADT?

My goal within the IADT is to remain committed to attending all World Congresses and to connect centers in Brazil and Latin America with the IADT’s mission of disseminating knowledge and improving dental trauma management. In the future, I hope to contribute more closely to the IADT Board and to the field of Dental Traumatology, strengthening scientific development and supporting safer clinical decision-making.

I also aim to strengthen partnerships between Brazil and Latin America with established groups such as the DTG – Dental Trauma Guide, as well as centers in North America, Europe, Asia, and Oceania, enhancing our region’s leadership in the field of dental trauma and expanding opportunities for young dental students.

Ultimately, I envision my career becoming increasingly focused on and driven by my passion for caring for patients with dental trauma. And, if possible, I dream to contribute to bringing the IADT World Congress to Brazil once again.



Dr. Levin, Bruna, and Dr. Andersson



Dr. Soares on stage at Traumacon 2025

Nominate someone you know for the next IADT Member Spotlight!

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DENTAL TRAUMATOLOGY INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

What is going on around the world for
our IADT Colleagues

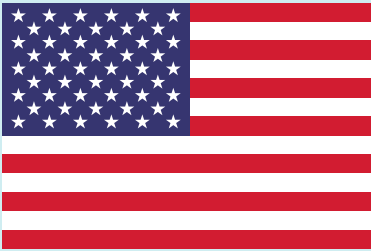


India:



6th National Conference of
Indian Society of Dental Traumatology
April 9-11, 2026 - Lucknow

United States:



A new collaboration between the American Dental
Association and Academy for Sports Dentistry aims to
enhance the visibility of sports dentistry within the
broader dental community.

Academy of Sports Dentistry Symposium
San Diego, CA - June 11-13, 2026

Australia:



International Federation of Endodontic Associations
Sydney - August 27-30, 2026

What's going on in your country? Send us an email so we can include it!

Dental Trauma in Today's Sports Environment: Still an Underestimated Threat

Following the European Sports Dentistry Meeting, November 20–22, 2025, in Düsseldorf, **Dr. Yessenia V. Ingersoll**—sports dentist and member of the International Association of Dental Traumatology (IADT)—connected with fellow IADT member **Dr. Jaime Fernández Sánchez**, for a focused conversation on the realities of dental trauma in sports today. Their discussion examined where we stand, where we continue to fall short, and why prevention strategies, athlete education, and effective emergency response protocols still demand greater global attention.

After attending the European Sports Dentistry Meeting, how serious do you think dental trauma is in today's sports environment?

After attending the European Sports Dentistry Meeting, it became even clearer to me that dental trauma remains a significant—and still underestimated—issue in today's sports environment. Dental injuries are common across many sports, not only contact disciplines, and their impact extends far beyond the immediate injury. They can affect long-term oral health, athletic performance, psychological well-being, and, in some cases, an athlete's career. What is particularly concerning is that many of these injuries are preventable through proper education, established protocols, and the consistent use of protective measures.



Dr. Yessenia V. Ingersoll

"...dental trauma remains a significant—and still underestimated—issue in today's sports environment".



Dr. Jaime Fernández Sánchez

What is the biggest mistake or oversight you see when it comes to dental trauma in athletes?

The biggest oversight is the tendency to view dental trauma as a minor or secondary injury rather than a medical emergency that requires prompt and correct management. Delayed or inappropriate first aid, especially in cases such as avulsion or luxation, often leads to avoidable complications, including inflammatory root resorption or tooth loss. Another major issue is the inconsistent use of custom-made mouthguards, despite strong scientific evidence supporting their effectiveness in preventing dental injuries.

Do you think athletes and coaches fully understand the risks of dental injuries? Why or why not?

In general, no. While awareness is gradually improving, many athletes and coaches still underestimate both the frequency and the long-term consequences of dental trauma. Dental injuries are often perceived as less serious than musculoskeletal injuries because they are not immediately life-threatening. Additionally, there is limited education at both grassroots and professional levels regarding prevention, emergency management, and the potential lifelong impact of dental trauma.

How well is dental trauma currently handled within sports medicine teams during training or competition?

Management varies widely depending on the level of sport and the resources available. In elite settings, dental care is increasingly integrated into sports medicine teams, but even there, standardized protocols are not always consistently applied. In amateur and semi-professional environments, dental trauma management often relies on improvisation rather than evidence-based guidelines. This highlights the need for better integration of sports dentists into multidisciplinary sports medicine teams and for broader dissemination of dental trauma management protocols.

Did anything from the meeting change the way you think about preventing or managing dental trauma?

Yes. The meeting strongly reinforced the importance of a proactive, prevention-focused approach rather than a purely reactive one. It also emphasized how critical continuous education is—not only for dentists, but also for coaches, medical staff, and athletes themselves. As an endodontist, I found the discussions reaffirmed the value of early and accurate intervention to preserve pulp vitality and periodontal health, ultimately improving long-term outcomes following dental trauma.

If you could share one key message about dental trauma with the sports world, what would it be?

Dental trauma is largely preventable, and when it does occur, early and correct management makes all the difference. Protecting athletes' teeth is not just about saving a tooth—it is about safeguarding their overall health, performance, and quality of life. Prevention, education, and the integration of dental professionals into sports medicine teams should be considered essential, not optional.

Jaime Fernández Sánchez

Member, International Association of Dental Traumatology

Expert in Sports Dentistry (Brazil)

Expert in Dentoalveolar Traumatology (Madrid, Spain)

Master's Degree in Microscopic Endodontics and Apical Microsurgery (Bilbao, Spain)

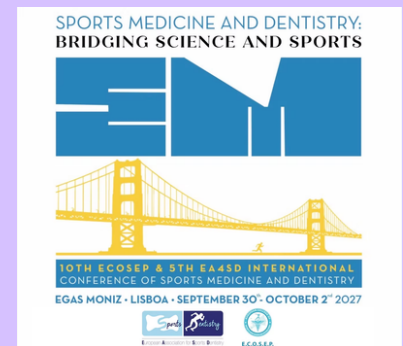
Expert in Implant Prosthetics (Madrid, Spain)

Expert in Occlusion and Restorative Dentistry (Madrid, Spain)

Dentist for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games

Professor at Alfonso X University and San Pablo CEU University, Madrid (Spain)

Private dental practice, Madrid (Spain)



PAST IADT PRESIDENT DR. O'CONNELL FEATURED ON AAPD PODCAST

Submitted by Dr. Gisela Bona



"Newly Erupted: Pediatric Dental Conversations" - Podcast Presented by the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

In a recent podcast episode of Newly Erupted, Dr. O'Connell reflected on her path into pediatric dentistry and her vision for the specialty's future. As a general dentist, she was drawn to pediatric care, driven by her commitment to families and children with special healthcare needs. At a time when formalized training pathways were limited, she pursued advanced education at the Eastman program in the United States, where mentorship and immersion in special care dentistry shaped her clinical and academic trajectory.

Dr. O'Connell characterizes pediatric dentists as "clinical cariologists" and inherently interdisciplinary clinicians. Their role extends beyond the management of caries and traumatic injuries to encompass the emotional, developmental, and family context of each child. Nowhere is this more evident than in dental traumatology, where timely reassurance, evidence-based intervention, and coordinated care profoundly influence both clinical outcomes and long-term well-being.

While based in Dublin, she maintains strong ties with the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and the International Association of Pediatric Dentistry - and remains actively engaged with the International Association of Dental Traumatology. She underscores the importance of global collaboration, dissemination of trauma guidelines, and accessible first-aid education to reduce the worldwide burden of dental trauma and caries.

Looking ahead, Dr. O'Connell envisions pediatric dentistry becoming increasingly biologically driven and medically integrated. Advances in pulp biology, regenerative science, and minimally invasive caries management are reshaping clinical practice. Although emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence, may enhance decision-making and diagnostics, she emphasizes that the human connection will remain central to pediatric care.


Her outlook is resolute: the future of pediatric dentistry is strong—anchored in science, collaboration, prevention, and compassion.

Dental Traumatology

Dental Traumatology is the official publication of the International Association of Dental Traumatology and the Academy for Sports Dentistry. As a dentistry and oral surgery journal, we aim to be the most prestigious source of international research in the field of dental trauma. Our bimonthly publication features original scientific papers, review articles, case reports, and short communications on clinical methods and techniques.

Featured ARTICLE

'It Was Surprising in a Bad Way': The Experiences of Children/Adolescents With Dental Avulsion and Their Family in New Zealand

Aiswarya Kovanur Kesava¹ | Finn Gilroy² | Ben Kei Daniel Motidyang³ | Alison Meldrum¹ | Manikandan Ekambaram¹ 

One of the most common traumatic dental injuries (TDI) in children and adolescents is dental avulsion, yet studies have shown that many patients and parents lack the information and confidence to manage the injuries properly. **This article in the Dental Traumatology Journal sheds light on factors that influence the social, physical, and psychological impacts of TDI on children and their parents in New Zealand**, while also emphasizing the need for greater public awareness of TDIs in this geographic area.

Managing avulsion injuries not only relies on accessing timely dental care, but also depends on having knowledge about the treatment techniques and understanding the urgency with which these cases should be treated. The best clinical outcomes occur when patients are geographically proximate to emergency dental care and when they understand that immediate treatment is necessary.

While the cost of treatment is a barrier that prevents some patients from accepting proper care for avulsion injuries, lack of knowledge seems to be equally as important. Qualitative reports show that there is a deficiency in caregiver and medical provider knowledge about the prevalence of avulsion and practical steps to manage the injury. Failure to bridge this knowledge gap could lead to an increase in poor clinical outcomes and a higher rate of dental anxiety.

Avulsion injuries cause tremendous anxiety to patients and their caregivers, from the initial shock of the trauma through the treatment phase. Providing appropriate dental care with sensitivity and clear communication creates positive experiences and outcomes. Providers must minimize treatment uncertainty to reduce the emotional trauma and decrease the chance of patients having persistent dental anxiety.

The article leaves an important call to action to increase awareness about dental avulsion injuries. Educating medical providers about avulsion management is crucial to improving the quality of emergency services in settings where dentists are not readily available. Public education about dental avulsions could help reduce barriers to care, decrease anxiety surrounding them, and allow patients to have a more positive outcome.

Submitted by: Dr. Morgan Braza

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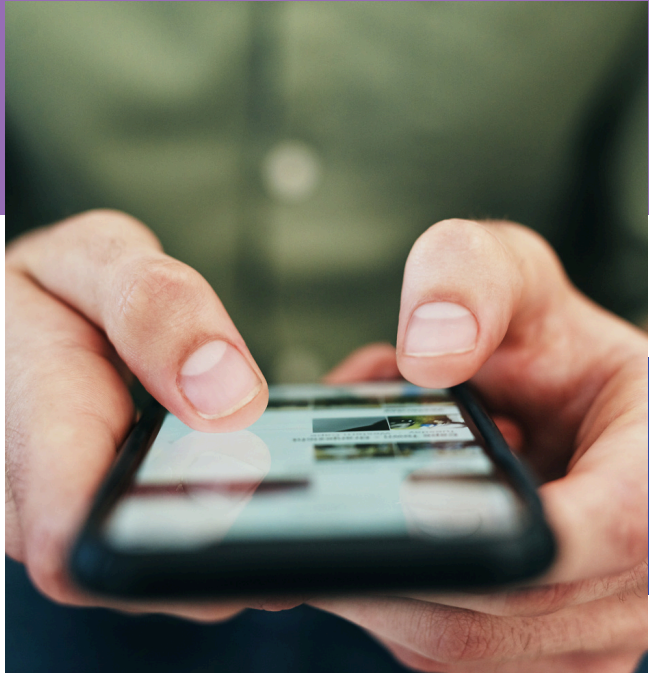


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What questions do you have? Do you have any similar cases? What other topics are you interested in?**

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