

THE 35TH ANNUAL EDWARD C. HINDS SYMPOSIUM

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*Practical Management of Complex
Dentoalveolar Surgery: Current Strategies
and Clinical Updates*

Featured Speaker:
Mark C. Fletcher, DMD, MD, FACS

*Hosted by the Houston Society of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and the Department of Oral and
Maxillofacial Surgery at UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry
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The EDWARD C. HINDS SYMPOSIUM is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Edward C. Hinds, Founder, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery at UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry. Dr. Hinds was a pioneer in the specialty and internationally renowned for his many contributions to oral and maxillofacial surgery. The organizing committee of the Edward C. Hinds Symposium feel we have assembled an excellent program that will offer valuable and practical information to surgeons in an environment conducive to learning. On behalf of the Houston Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry, with joint providership with the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, we would like to invite you to attend the 35th Annual Edward C. Hinds Symposium.

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FEATURED SPEAKER



Mark C. Fletcher, DMD, MD, FACS

Dr. Fletcher is a board certified oral and maxillofacial surgeon. He received his B.S. at Boston College and D.M.D. at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Fletcher earned his M.D. at Jefferson Medical College, graduating magna cum laude. He completed his oral and maxillofacial surgery residency and general surgery internship at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia. Dr. Fletcher has been on the attending medical staff at Hartford Hospital in Hartford, Connecticut for over 25 years, where he currently serves as section head of oral and maxillofacial surgery. He holds a faculty appointment as a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine, and has been actively involved in residency training at UConn for over 25 years. Dr. Fletcher is a private practice partner / owner at Avon Oral, Facial, and Dental Implant Surgery. He is currently on the Board of the Connecticut Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, and recently served a two-year term as the CSOMS President. He has published and lectured nationally on various topics in oral and maxillofacial surgery, and serves as an editorial reviewer for the JOMS and the IJOMS. Dr. Fletcher's clinical interests include office-based oral and maxillofacial surgery, dental implant reconstruction, corrective jaw surgery, and the treatment of oral and maxillofacial pathology.

(This speaker has nothing to disclose.)

RAY REID LECTURESHIP SPEAKER



Travis N. Rieder, PhD

Travis N. Rieder, PhD, is a bioethicist, philosopher and author, currently serving as Director of Education Initiatives and Associate Research Professor at the Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics. He also has secondary appointments in the Departments of Philosophy and Health Policy & Management.

Travis has published widely in both the academic and popular literature on a variety of issues. In recent years, however, virtually all of his attention has turned to the ethical and policy issues raised by pain, opioids, and America's problem with the two. On this subject, he has written for the medical, health policy, and bioethics literature, as well as popular media outlets; he has advised hospitals and healthcare systems; he serves on workgroups and advisory committees for the CDC and NIDA. His TED talk on opioid withdrawal and physician responsibility has been viewed more than 2.8 million times.

In 2019, Travis published *In Pain: A Bioethicist's Personal Struggle with Opioids*, in which he combines narrative from his own experience as a pain and opioid therapy patient with his expertise in philosophy and bioethics to identify, explain, and attempt to solve some of the most profound questions raised by pain and addiction medicine. *In Pain* received significant positive attention, from national publications and media outlets.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM SPEAKERS



John R. Zuniga, DMD, MS, PhD

Dr. Zuniga received his dental degree from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, Boston, Massachusetts in 1978. He completed a general dental residency in 1979 and an oral and maxillofacial surgery residency at the University of Rochester, Strong Memorial Hospital in 1986. He received a MS and PhD in Neuroscience in the Neuroendocrine Unit of the University of Rochester, School of Medicine and Dentistry in 1986, Center for Brain Research. He was a full time faculty member of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill from 1986 to 2006. He served as the Program Director of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery residency from 1992 to 2005 and was the co-director of the Oral and Maxillofacial Pain Program. He served as chair of the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in the Department of Surgery at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas and Parkland Memorial Hospital from 2006 to 2020. He currently is a professor in the Departments of Surgery and Neurology at the University of Texas Southwestern in Dallas.

Dr. Zuniga has authored over 185 contributions to the scientific literature. Dr. Zuniga's major research interest includes regenerative neuroscience of the trigeminal nerve, acute and chronic orofacial pain and taste function. He has been the recipient of numerous research grants, contracts and awards. He has served as a consultant to the editorial boards of a number of scientific and clinical journals, served on the FDA advisory panel for dental products, the examination committee of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and on several research, resident education and faculty committees for AAOMS, the OMS Foundation, the Osteo Sciences Foundation, and the ADA. He is a founding member of the Global Nerve Foundation and sits on the Board to Directors for the Foundation.

As an experienced trigeminal nerve microsurgeon, Dr. Zuniga has performed more than 300 nerve repairs. He also has clinical interests in TMJ disorders, benign pathology, dentoalveolar, and trauma surgery of the oral and maxillofacial region. He has completed several multisite, randomized clinical trials in acute and chronic pain and trigeminal nerve surgery using processed nerve allografts for jaw reconstruction.

(This speaker has disclosed the following: Consultant for Axogen and Beneficial Ownership in Global Nerve Foundation. Speaker Disclosure Mitigation: All reported relevant financial relationships have been mitigated by the organizing committee as of 10/4/2025.)

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM SPEAKERS cont.



Issa Hanna, DDS, FACS

Dr. Hanna is an Associate Professor in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth). He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he also attended dental school from 2000-2004, earning a Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree. He finished a one-year oral and maxillofacial internship at the now-historic Charity Hospital, Louisiana State University Health Science Center in New Orleans, between 2004-2005. He then went on to finish the final four years of his oral and maxillofacial surgery residency at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Florida. Dr. Hanna joined The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) School of Dentistry's Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in 2011. Since then, he has served on the Facial Trauma Team at Memorial Hermann Hospital and Ben Taub General Hospital in the Texas Medical Center. In 2013, he was appointed Chief of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Service at Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital, where he continues serving in this role. He is an active member of the local and national Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery community. He is the past president of the Houston Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and past chair of the national Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Cleft & Craniofacial Committee. He frequently lectures nationally, including on the topics of office-based anesthesia and dentoalveolar surgery, and runs a biennial national Office-Based Anesthesia Course. His research interests include office-based anesthesia and facial bone reconstruction.

(This speaker has nothing to disclose.)

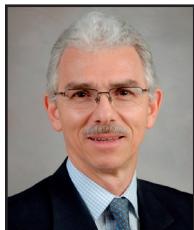
ADDITIONAL PROGRAM SPEAKERS cont.



Robin Snellings, DDS, MD

Dr. Robin Snellings is an Assistant Professor of Infectious Diseases at UTHealth Houston/McGovern Medical School. She completed her Infectious Diseases fellowship at UTHealth Houston in 2025 with a focus on immunocompromised patients. She serves as Medical Director of the Outpatient Parenteral Antimicrobial Therapy (OPAT) program at Memorial Hermann – Texas Medical Center overseeing patients discharged on intravenous antimicrobial medications. She also regularly staffs the Infectious Diseases consult service, caring for patients with a range of conditions, including odontogenic and maxillofacial infections.

(This speaker has nothing to disclose.)



Miguel Escobar, M.D.

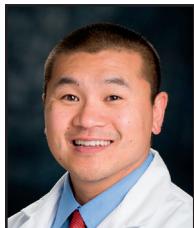
Miguel Escobar is a hematologist and tenured Professor of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at the University of Texas Health Science Center, MD Anderson Cancer Center and the McGovern Medical School in Houston, Texas. He is also the Director of the Gulf States Hemophilia and Thrombophilia Center and the Clinical Research Unit at the Univ of Texas HSC. Dr Escobar is a member of the World Federation of Hemophilia Board of Directors and past Chair of the Scientific and Standardization Subcommittee on FVIII/FIX & rare coagulation disorders for the International Society of Thrombosis and Haemostasis

Dr Escobar received his MD from the Universidad Libre in Cali, Colombia and did his residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Connecticut and fellowship in hematology/oncology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA. He has won multiple awards, including the Physician of the year award from the National Hemophilia Foundation.

He has been involved in many clinical studies, including gene therapy resulting in a range of publications and is a member of several professional organizations. His main research interest is in hemophilia, congenital and acquired inhibitors and other coagulation deficiencies.

(This speaker has disclosed the following: Has a research grant from and is a consultant for Pfizer; Novo Nordisk, CSL Behring and Sanofi. Speaker Disclosure Mitigation: All reported relevant financial relationships have been mitigated by the organizing committee as of 10/4/2025.)

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM SPEAKERS cont.



James C. Melville, DDS, FACS

James C. Melville, DDS, FACS, is a Tenured Professor in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston UTHealth and specializes in Oral, Head & Neck Oncology, and Microvascular Reconstructive Surgery. He graduated from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry in Ann Arbor, Michigan, in 2005 and completed a General Practice Residency at the University of California San Francisco in 2006. He completed a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery in 2012, followed by fellowships in oral, head, and neck oncology and microvascular reconstructive surgery at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital. He was appointed as the UTH OMFS internship director in 2017.

Dr. Melville has been awarded the Faculty Educator Development Award (FEDA) in 2019 by the American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS), the AAOMS Advocacy Challenge Coin by the AAOMS Board of Trustees and AAOMS Committee on Government Affairs in 2020, and the AAOMS Fellows Research award in 2023. Dr. Melville served as the President of the Oral & Maxillofacial Section of the American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (AADOCR) / International Association of Dental Researchers (IADR) in 2023. He was appointed the President of the AAOMS Clinical Interest Group (CIG) in Neurologic Disorders 2023. He served on the International Academy of Oral Oncology (IAOO) as a scientific committee member for its 2022 conference.

Dr. Melville is a diplomate and examiner of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and a fellow of the AAOMS, the American Academy of Craniomaxillofacial Surgeons, American College of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons, and the American College of Surgeons. He has been an invited visiting professor and lecturer at over 20 academic institutions and he has written five textbooks on maxillofacial reconstruction and contributed to 35 textbook chapters concerning oral and maxillofacial surgery, oncology, maxillofacial reconstruction, microvascular reconstruction, and tissue engineering. In addition, he is the author of more than 80 articles in peer-reviewed journals. He is a reviewer for the Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (JOMS), Triple OOOO Journal, Journal of Cranio-Maxillofacial Surgery, Journal of Tissue Engineering, PLOS ONE, Bioengineering & Translational Medicine (Wiley), Journal of Biomedical Materials Research, Experimental Dermatology, Japanese Dental Science Review, FACE (Sage Journal), Ear, Nose, and Throat Journal (Sage Journal) and of Journal of American Dental Association (JADA).

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2026 Edward C. Hinds Symposium

PROGRAM

Practical Management of Complex Dentoalveolar Surgery: Current Strategies and Clinical Updates

Friday, April 24, 2026

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| 12:00 – 1:00pm | REGISTRATION & LUNCH |
| 1:00 - 1:30pm | Welcome, Hinds Academy/Foundation, Introductions |
| 1:30 - 3:00pm | Management of Impacted Third Molars <i>Dr. Mark C. Fletcher</i> (1.5 CME/CDE) |
| 3:00 - 3:30pm | BREAK |
| 3:30 - 5:00pm | Nerve Injury Related to Dentoalveolar Surgery <i>Dr. John R. Zuniga</i> (1.5 CME/CDE) |
| 5:00 - 6:00pm | Ray Reid Lecture <i>Dr. Travis Rieder</i> (No CE Offered) |
| 6:00 - 8:00pm | Reception |

(For CE information and program objectives, see page 10)

Saturday, April 25, 2026

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| 7:30 - 8:00am | BREAKFAST |
| 8:00 - 9:00am | Management of Other Impacted Teeth <i>Dr. Mark C. Fletcher</i> (1.0 CME/CDE) |
| 9:00 - 10:00am | Socket Management <i>Dr. Mark C. Fletcher</i> (1.0 CME/CDE) |
| 10:00 - 10:30am | BREAK |
| 10:30 - 11:30am | Complications Related to Third Molar Removal <i>Dr. Issa Hanna</i> (1.0 CME/CDE) |
| 11:30 - 12:30pm | Update on Antibiotics for Dentoalveolar Surgery <i>Dr. Robin Snellings</i> (1.0 CME/CDE) |
| 12:30 - 1:30pm | LUNCH |
| 1:30 - 2:30pm | Managing the Patient on Anticoagulants <i>Dr. Miguel Escobar</i> (1.0 CME/CDE) |
| 2:30-3:00pm | BREAK |
| 3:00-4:00pm | Facial Pain <i>Dr. John R. Zuniga</i> (1.0 CME/CDE) |
| 4:00-5:00pm | Bone Pathology <i>Dr. James C. Melville</i> (1.0 CME/CDE) |

Online registration available at HSOMS.org

Continuing Education Provider Approval: Edward C. Hinds Symposium

This continuing education activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the standards of the ADA Continuing Education Recognition Program (ADA CERP) through the joint efforts between the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, the Houston Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, and UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry, Department of OMS.

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons is an ADA CERP Recognized Provider. ADA CERP is a service of the American Dental Association to assist dental professionals in identifying quality providers of continuing dental education. ADA CERP does not approve or endorse individual courses or instructors, nor does it imply acceptance of credit hours by boards of dentistry.

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons designates this activity for 10.00 continuing education credits.

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This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the joint providership of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, the Houston Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, and UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry, Department of OMS. The American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons designates this live activity for a maximum of 10.00 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Symposium Course Description and Objectives

The thirty-fifth Hinds Symposium will focus on an area of importance and interest to the oral and maxillofacial surgery practitioner.

This year's symposium brings together renowned speakers on the topic of dentoalveolar surgery, with a focus on the management of complex impactions and management of related complications. The speakers will highlight important concepts and recent developments in the field. Presentations will include techniques to address the surgical management of difficult third molar cases, management of other impacted teeth, managing patients with bleeding disorders, and dealing with postoperative complications.

At the conclusion of this symposium, attendees will be able to:

- 1) Evaluate and manage complex dental impactions
- 2) Manage complications related to dentoalveolar surgery
- 3) Understand the rationale for, and limitations of, antibiotic use in dentoalveolar surgery
- 4) Appropriately manage patients with bleeding disorders who require dentoalveolar surgery
- 5) Manage patients with bone pathology of the dentoalveolar complex

STAFF PROGRAM

Houstonian Hotel

April 24, 2026

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Emergency Management in the Oral Surgery Office, Part 3 - The Old and The New

AGENDA

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| 12:00pm - 1:00pm | Sign-in and Lunch |
| 1:00pm - 2:45pm | Session 1: Medical Assessment and Interventions Session 2: Treatment Issues - Pharmacology and Patient Medications (“Use and Abuse”) |
| 2:45pm - 3:15pm | BREAK |
| 3:15pm - 5:00pm | Session 3: Airway Management Skills - Step by Step “Tools of the Trade” Session 4: What To Do and Not To Do Session 5: Competency Outcomes Assessment Exam |

(A light lunch will be provided)

SPEAKER

Douglas J. Chappell, LP, EMS-I/E, RDA



Doug Chappell is Faculty at UT Houston – School of Dentistry with appointments in the Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and Office of Patient Care Departments. Doug directs and oversees the American Heart Association (AHA) Clinical Training Center, as well as coordinates infection control and emergency management for the school, teaches residents, dental and hygiene students, and contributes a portion of his time working in the OMS Graduate Education clinic. He has sustained four decades educating, training, examining, and supervising medical professionals in the hospital, pre-hospital, clinical, aviation and maritime arenas and serves as a medical consultant. Doug is a member of HSOMS and serves as a national OBEAM Facilitator for AAOMS. Previously, Doug developed and directed Station Emergency Programs for Southwest Airlines, was lead supervising instructor for UT Houston (McGovern) Medical School Technical Skills Programs and worked as Paramedic/Firefighter. Doug earned his degree in emergency medical technology and has an extensive background and experience in emergency medicine, trauma and anesthesia. Training subspecialties include flight physiology, wound care, and advanced/difficult airway management. Current certifications include Licensed Paramedic, EMS Instructor/Examiner, USCG STCW-95 Instructor & Master Captain, AHA and ITLS Instructor Trainer/TC Faculty, High Angle, Swiftwater/Sea & Wilderness Rescue Instructor and Registered Dental Assistant.

Edward C. Hinds Golf Tournament

The 2026 Edward C. Hinds Golf Tournament will be held at



**4100 Shadow Hawk Drive
Richmond, TX 77407**

Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 1:30 pm.

Rees Jones, renowned golf course architect, was chosen to design Shadow Hawk because of his faithful application of traditional design concepts, which maximize the natural elements of the settings with which he works. His signature green complexes and bunkering achieve an effect that is at the same time artful and fair, and his course designs have proven to be interesting to play day after day by players of diverse skill. In total, this Rees Jones layout holds to the themes of a number of highly regarded old style courses: clarity of target, subtle challenges, artistic bunkering, variety in shape and length of holes, ample fairways with smallish greens, in a very natural setting. Because of Mr. Jones work, Shadow Hawk was recognized in 2000, its first full year of operation, by Golf Digest Magazine as one of the top ten best new private courses in America.

**Lunch and registration will be from 12:00-1:30 p.m.
The tournament will begin at 1:30 p.m.**

Tournament play will be followed by drinks, hors d'oeuvres and an award presentation.

For additional information call Dr. Bill Jordan at 713-254-4105



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March 27, 2025.

Mention Hinds Symposium for group
rate.

For online booking, go to HSOMS.org
for hotel booking link.



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HINDS SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION

April 24-25, 2026

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For payment by check, please use this form.

NAME _____ DEGREES _____

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Please select choice of attendance:

Symposium Registration Fee \$1,100 _____
(After 4/10/26 - \$1200)

Golf Tournament \$375 _____

Resident Registration Fee \$100 _____

Office Staff Registration (List Attendees) _____ @ \$175/ea. \$ _____

Total _____

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Requests for cancellation and refund of registration fees must be made in writing to Teresa Granhold by April 10, 2026. The cancellation date will be determined by the emailed or post marked date. No refunds will be provided to non-attendees or to registrants whose written notification is emailed or post dated after April 10, 2026.

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