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# Guyana Dental Convention 2026









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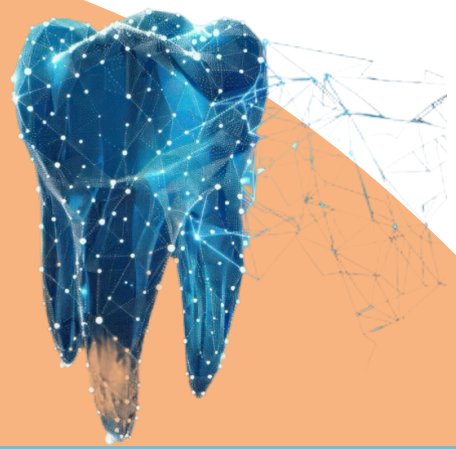
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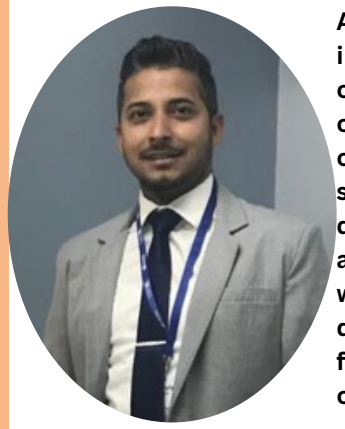
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## Message from the Principal Dental Surgeon
## Ministry of Health
## Dr. Marvin Monize



As we gather for this year's Annual Dental Conference, it is impossible to ignore the profound transformation occurring across our nation. Guyana is experiencing an era of unprecedented development, and with this growth comes a natural, heightened demand for quality. As our society progresses, so too must the standard of care we deliver. The public's expectation for excellence is rising, and it is our duty as a profession to meet that expectation with unwavering commitment.This demand for better quality dentistry in Guyana necessitates a parallel demand for the evolution of dental education. We must collectively recognise that the standards and techniques considered acceptable in the past are no longer sufficient for the present or the future. The landscape of our field has shifted dramatically—materials have advanced, techniques have refined, and our understanding of oral health has deepened. It is imperative that we embrace continuous learning and recognise that what was once the gold standard may now be obsolete. We must commit to staying abreast of global changes to offer our patients the best possible outcomes.

I am proud to report that the Ministry of Health has remained steadfastly focused on expanding services across the length and breadth of Guyana. We have achieved a significant milestone: dental surgeons are now available in every region. This decentralized approach has yielded remarkable results. Procedures that were once considered specialized services—such as the management of complex impactions—are now being practiced routinely and safely at the regional level. This signifies a massive leap forward in accessibility and equity.

Furthermore, the public system has acknowledged the rapid changes occurring in dentistry worldwide. We are committed to keeping pace with international advances to provide better services, more accurate diagnostics, and superior treatment planning. From the integration of 3D printing technology to the utilization of Cone Beam Computed Tomography (CBCT), we are equipping our professionals with the tools necessary to modernize our approach to patient care.

As we look toward the future, let us continue to embrace innovation and uphold the highest standards of quality. Together, we will ensure that the dentistry practiced in Guyana reflects the pride and progress of our nation.

I wish you all a productive and enlightening conference.

Dr. Marvin K. Monize BSc. BDS. FICD. PgDp (Resto, UK)
Chief Dental Surgeon
Ministry of Health, Guyana

## Message from the Chairman of the Dental Council
## Dr. Kevin Jodah



Today I have the honor of delivering this address on behalf of my fellow council members, as the chairperson. I ask that you take time to analyze each principle and ask how can I apply this to myself and the way I practice.

*Compassion and kindness*

Our colleagues and patients deserve both. Dentistry can be a lonely profession, I urge you to check in with your fellow dentists, support and help each other.

*Integrity*

Do right by yourself and your patients, even when someone is not watching. The welfare of ourselves and patients should be paramount, never allow financial gain, external pressures or convenience to compromise our professional judgment. We can be good dentists and make mistakes. Being accountable, makes us great dentists. Examine our practices, our behaviors, records, ethical responsibilities, and the quality of facilities and equipment. Professional accountability begins with each of us.

C*ommunication*

So much can be gained or lost with communication. We encourage you to take the time to sit and ensure patients are aware of all the pros and cons of the planned procedures.

Before criticizing a fellow colleague, take the time to reach out and ask about any work you may think can be improved on.

*Patience*

In our professional lives, there will inevitably be disagreements, misunderstandings and situations that test our patience. We must learn that not every situation requires an immediate response, and not every disagreement deserves our energy.

Sometimes, the greatest show of professionalism is the ability to stop, think and respond with purpose and not emotion.

*Kaizen*

One of the Japanese principles; embracing continuous, incremental daily improvements rather than chasing massive, overwhelming changes all at once. This profession involves lifelong learning and continuing professional education. We are happy people continue to show interest in learning new techniques as our profession continues to experience rapid development.

We hope that we can continue to build a professional community that we can all be proud of.

Let us be excellent clinicians, but also good human beings.

Dentistry is what we do, but the way we treat each other is a reflection of who we are.

Welcome to the Guyana Dental Convention 2026.

Thank you.



## Message from the President of the Guyana Dental Association
## Dr. Larissa Wiltshire



One of the main goals of the Guyana Dental Association is to improve the skills of dental practitioners in Guyana. As such, we value the importance of providing opportunities for our dentists to benefit from continuing dental education. Forums such as this contribute to professional development by sharing of knowledge across specialties. The Guyana Dental Convention features a wide range of speakers and attendees with various perspectives that enhances the educational experience.

The Guyana Dental Association welcomes you the attendees and thanks you for your attendance and support. Without you, events such as this would not be possible. I encourage you to use this as an opportunity to network with fellow dentists and specialists as well as our presenters. We hope that the knowledge you gain will broaden your perspectives and help to guide your growth as a dental professional. Use this as an opportunity to engage with other members of the dental community, fostering the spirit of mentorship and collaboration to support the goal of advancing the quality of dentistry in Guyana.

## Speaker: Dr. Marco F. Caminiti
## BSc., DDS., MEd., Dip OMFS, FRCD(C), FACD



Dr. Caminiti is originally from Montreal and went to McGill University for undergraduate studies in Anatomy and Dental School. He was in the Canadian Armed Forces and served in the United Nations. At the University of Toronto he completed his residency in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery; a Fellowship in Surgical Education in the division of Surgery; and he was the Walter Lorenz Fellow in Orthognathic Surgery.. Caminiti is originally from Montreal and went to McGill University for undergraduate studies in Anatomy and Dental School. He was in the Canadian Armed Forces and served in the United Nations. At the University of Toronto he At the University of Toronto he completed his residency in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery; a Fellowship in Surgical Education in the division of Surgery; and he was the Walter Lorenz Fellow in Orthognathic Surgery. Marco currently is Associate Professor, Head and Program Director of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Toronto, Graduate OMFS Program Director at Mount Sinai Hospital, Head of OMFS at Humber River Hospital, Surgical Director at the Cleft Lip Palate Program at Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital and Chef de Mission, Face the Future Foundation; Addis Ababa.

Dr. Caminiti's practice is limited to the management of facial deformities and his research focus is on the development and assessment of surgical skills.

## Speaker: Dr. Peter A. Adamson, OOnt, MD, FRCSC, FACS



Dr. Peter A. Adamson, OOnt, MD, FRCSC, FACS, is an internationally renowned facial plastic and reconstructive surgeon, academic, and humanitarian leader based in Toronto, Canada. He is a Professor in the Department of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Toronto, with expertise in facial plastic surgery, rhinoplasty, facial rejuvenation, and complex reconstructive procedures. He has contributed over 245 scientific publications, delivered presentations and surgical demonstrations in more than 40 countries, and authored Fabulous Faces, a guide to cosmetic facial surgery. Dr. Adamson has served as President of both the Canadian and American Academies of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. He is also the founder of the Face the Future Foundation, established in 1996, which provides humanitarian surgical missions for children and adults with congenital and traumatic facial deformities. He has led 65 missions across six countries.

His outstanding contributions have earned him numerous prestigious honours, including appointment to the Order of Ontario in 2016, the Teasdale-Corti Humanitarian Award in 2024, and the King Charles III Coronation Medal in 2025.

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## Speaker: Dr. Sergio Africano, DDS



Dr. Sergio Africano is a Dental Surgeon and Certified Dental Technician with specialized expertise in prosthodontics, functional jaw orthopedics, implantology, and digital dentistry.

He earned his degree in Dental Surgery from Universidad Santa María and has pursued advanced training in Removable Prosthodontics, Bridges, Crowns, Functional Jaw Orthopedics, Digital Dentistry, and Digital Dental Laboratory Techniques.

Dr. Africano is also certified in two-piece dental implant systems and two-stage implant techniques, adding to his expertise in contemporary implantology.

He currently serves as Head of the Digital Laboratory Department at the Cheddi Jagan Dental School, where he plays an important role in advancing the use of digital technologies and modern laboratory techniques in dental practice and education.

Through his combined experience in clinical dentistry, dental technology, prosthodontics, implantology, and digital dentistry, Dr. Africano continues to contribute to the advancement of modern dental care and the development of dental professionals.



## Speaker: Dr. Keshia De Freitas, MD, MMED IM/ID



Dr. Keshia De Freitas, MD, MMED IM/ID is an Internal Medicine and Infectious Disease Specialist with extensive clinical, academic, and leadership experience in Guyana. She earned her Doctor of Medicine degree from Windsor University School of Medicine in St. Kitts and subsequently completed postgraduate training in Internal Medicine and Infectious Disease at the Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation.

Dr. De Freitas has served in several key clinical and academic roles, including Medical Registrar in Internal Medicine and Infectious Disease, Clinical Coordinator at the COVID Hospital, and Assistant Faculty at medical schools in Guyana. She currently serves as Head of the Internal Medicine Department and Chair of the Infection Prevention and Control Committee at Diamond Regional Hospital.

Her professional interests include infectious diseases, internal medicine, medical education, and healthcare leadership. She has contributed to national clinical guidelines, conducted research, and presented her work at scientific conferences locally and internationally. She is also pursuing a Master's in Healthcare Leadership, further strengthening her commitment to advancing healthcare delivery and medical education in Guyana.

## Speaker: Dr. Ariane Mangar, DPT, MSc, MBA



Dr. Ariane Mangar is a distinguished healthcare leader and clinician with 24 years of experience in physical therapy, sports medicine, and disability rehabilitation. She currently serves as the Director of Disability & Rehabilitation at Guyana's Ministry of Health, where she plays a key role in advancing rehabilitation services and national healthcare initiatives.

She holds a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT), a Master's degree in Sports and Exercise Medicine, and an MBA in Healthcare Management from the University of the West Indies. She is also an associate lecturer at several academic institutions.

Dr. Mangar has an impressive international sports physiotherapy background, having worked with the West Indies Women's Cricket Team, West Indies Men's A Team, and various national and regional sporting teams at major international competitions.

Beyond her clinical and academic contributions, she serves in several leadership roles, including the National Commission on Disability, Ptolemy Reid Rehabilitation Centre, Rotary Club of Garden City, and Guyana Amateur Athletics Association.

Dr. Mangar exemplifies leadership, dedication, and excellence in healthcare, rehabilitation, sports medicine, and community service.

**Speaker:Dr. Mark Constantine, PhD (Psychology)**



Dr. Mark Constantine is a distinguished Guyanese clinical psychologist and mental health professional with extensive experience in psychological services, public health, counselling, and mental health education.

He currently serves as the Head of Psychological Services within the Mental Health Unit of Guyana's Ministry of Health, where he provides leadership in strengthening mental health services, public education, suicide prevention, and community-based psychological support.

Dr. Constantine holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from the American University of Peace Studies and a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) from the University of India. His professional experience includes serving within the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Probation Department of the Ministry of Human Services and Social Security.

Throughout his career, he has contributed to national mental health initiatives, including training programmes for educators, public sector employees, community organisations, and healthcare personnel. He has also been actively involved in efforts to reduce mental health stigma, promote early intervention, and improve access to psychological services across Guyana.





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## Program

**NOVEMBER 14, 2026**

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| 8.00 AM–8.30 AM | **Registration** |
| 8.30 AM–9.00 AM | Welcome & Opening Remarks<br>• Featured Address– Hon. Minister Dr. Frank Anthony |
| 9.00 AM–9.30 AM | **Coffee Break** |
| 9.30 AM–10.30 AM | **Dr. Peter Adamson**– Strategies for Professional Success |
| 10.30 AM–11.30 AM | **Dr. Peter Adamson**– Management of the Dissatisfied Patient |
| 12.00 PM–1.00 PM | **LUNCH** |
| 1.00 PM–2.00 PM | **Dr. Marco Caminiti**– Odontogenic Infections |
| 2.00 PM–3.00 PM | **Dr. Sergio Africano**– The ABC of the Oral Rehabilitation<br>• **Dr. Sergio Africano**– Hands On |



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## Program

**NOVEMBER 15, 2026**

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| 8.30 AM–9:00 AM | **Registration** |
| 9:00 AM–10.00 AM | **Dr. Ariane Mangar** – Understanding Patients with Special Needs in the Dental Setting. |
| 10:00 AM–10.30 AM | **Coffee Break** |
| 10.30 AM–11.30 AM | **Dr. Keisha Defreitas** - Hypertension & Pain Control Practical Strategies for the Dental Chair |
| 12.00 PM–1.00 PM | **LUNCH** |
| 1.00 PM–2.00 PM | **Dr. Mark Stephen Constantine** – The Dental Surgeon's Role in Child Protection. |
| 2.00 PM–3:00 PM | **Dr. Sergio Africano** – Smile Design vs. Treatment Planning: Which Comes First? |
| 3.00 PM–3:15 PM | **Closing Remarks** |