

2025 SCIENTIFIC MEETING

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Attendees,

Welcome to the 70th Annual Scientific Session of the American Equilibration Society (AES) – The Better Dentist Project!

It is truly an honor to have you join us for this landmark event. For seven decades, AES has been at the forefront of education about Occlusion, TMD, and Comprehensive Care. This year's theme is centered on growth—both as clinicians and as individuals—and I am confident that this session will inspire you to take meaningful steps toward becoming A Better Dentist.

We have assembled an exceptional lineup of speakers, each bringing unique perspectives, groundbreaking insights, and practical strategies that you can take back to your practice. Whether you're here to deepen your understanding of occlusion, expand your clinical expertise, or network with like-minded professionals, you'll find opportunities around every corner.

As you immerse yourself in the lectures and discussions over the next few days, I encourage you to embrace this experience with curiosity and an open mind. Engage with your peers, ask questions, and explore ideas—because it is through shared learning and collaboration that we all grow.

This session is more than an educational event; it is a celebration of our shared commitment to excellence in patient care and professional growth. AES would not be what it is today without members like you, who bring passion and dedication to our field. Your presence here reaffirms the importance of our mission and strengthens our community.

On behalf of the AES leadership, thank you for being part of this milestone event. I hope you leave inspired, empowered, and equipped to elevate yourself, your practice and your profession.

Welcome to The Better Dentist Project! Let's make it a session to remember.

**Warm regards,
Jason Luchtefeld, DMD
President, American Equilibration Society**

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Meeting Presenters—



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Day One- Agenda

February 19, 2025

- **8:00AM-8:30AM** | Welcome
- **8:30AM-9:15AM** | Digital Smile Design with 3D Integration David Turok, DDS, FAGD
- **9:15AM-10:00AM** | *Uncoupled: When anterior contact may not be preferred.* Charlie Ward, DDS
- **10:00AM-10:30AM** | BREAK
- **10:30AM-11:30AM** | *Uncoupled: When anterior contact may not be preferred* Ed Zebovitz, DDS
- **11:30AM-12:00PM** | Discussion Panel David Turok, DDS, FAGD. Charlie Ward, DDS. Ed Zebovitz, DDS
- **12:00PM-1:30PM** | LUNCH
- **1:30PM-2:15PM** | *The Body Is The Bite.* Alice Lam, DDS, AIA Fellow. Mike Cantrell, MPT, AIA Fellow. James Anderson, MPT, AIA Fellow.
- **2:15PM-3:00PM** | *The Role of the Orofacial Pain Dentist in Medical Management and Patient Care.* Gray Heir, DMD
- **3:00PM-3:30PM** | BREAK
- **3:30PM-4:30PM** | *Toward Better Practice: Why Incompetence Fails to Recognize Itself.* David Dunning, PhD
- **4:30PM-5:00PM** | Panel. Alice Lam, DDS, AIA Fellow. Mike Cantrell, MPT, AIA Fellow. James Anderson, MPT, AIA Fellow. David Dunning, PhD. Gray Heir (DMD)
- **6:30PM-8:30PM** | President's Reception



Day Two- Agenda

February 20, 2025

- **8:00AM-8:15AM** | Welcome
- **8:15AM-9:00AM** | *Insights on Optional Performance: Moving from Surviving to Thriving.* Nick Holton, PhD
- **9:00AM-9:45AM** | *Strength Train to Prevent Pain.* Brianne Novaes, CPT
- **9:45AM-10:15AM** | BREAK
- **10:15AM-11:15AM** | *Dental Sleep Medicine State of the Union: Past, Present and Future.* Erin Elliott, DDS
- **11:15AM-12:15PM** | AES Membership Meeting. 2026 Meeting Preview
- **12:15PM-1:30PM** | LUNCH
- **1:30PM-2:15PM** | *Occlusion in the Digital and Implant World: Foundation Principles to Find Success in Patient Care.* Dean Morton, BDS, MS, FACP
- **2:15PM-3:00PM** | The Pink and White Interface: A Perio/Pros Approach in Implant Dentistry. Virgil Gutierrez, DDS
- **3:00PM-3:30PM** | BREAK
- **3:30PM-4:15PM** | *Peri-Implant Disease: Prevention, Identification, and Treatment in Practice.* Brad DeGroot DDS, MS
- **4:15PM-5:00PM** | *Dentistry in the Metaverse.* August Deoliveira, DDS

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