



December 18, 2025

Ms. Kathlene Gerrity  
Executive Director  
Connecticut State Dental Association  
835 West Queen Street  
Southington, CT 06489

Dear Ms. Gerrity:

It is with great excitement that I announce my intent to run for the position as a delegate member of the CSDA delegation to the ADA House of Delegates. I believe that I have demonstrated my skills and abilities in the past years to succeed at this position and represent the CSDA in a professional manner required.

Of note, the last 2 years, our CSDA delegation has honored me by electing me chair of our delegation, showing their confidence in my ability. Last year, the ADA President, Dr. Brett Kessler, appointed me to chair a Reference Committee at the House of Delegates in Washington, DC, showing that on a national stage, I have demonstrated my ability to lead and represent Connecticut.

Since that time, I have also been appointed as a member of the ADA's Audit Committee by current president Dr. Richard Rosato, and I continue to serve on the ADA's ERISA Insurance Task Force, having been appointed earlier by Dr. Kessler.

I have been an active member of the ADA since dental school when I was an officer of the NYU ASDA chapter, maintaining my membership to the ADA through residency and into private practice. I opened my own practice in 2004 and the following year was immediately elected to vice president of the Naugatuck Valley Dental Society (NVDS), and in 2006 I became the president of that component. I continued to serve the NVDS as president and delegate to the CSDA House through 2014, when my commitment to the board of the Connecticut Society of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons became too much of a time conflict.

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Upon completing my obligation to the CSOMS, I returned to serve the NVDS again as President and alternate delegate to the CSDA House (we lost 1 delegate seat). At the 2021 House, I was installed as the Board of Governors representative for district III. I was truly honored that my fellow delegates believed I would serve them well in that capacity. I followed that service as the President-Elect and then President of the CSDA, and am currently serving in my first year of a 3 year term as the CSDA Speaker of the House.

My curriculum vitae is attached to this application, so I will not rehash what can be read on that document. I would summarize it by stating that my experience in organized dentistry/oral & maxillofacial surgery and resident education gives me the know-how to work with all of the involved parties to make the CSDA as successful for our members and patients as possible.

I am honored that I have come to the point in my career that I can continue my service as a delegate to the ADA House, and hope that our House of Delegates will honor me by electing me once again to represent them in Indianapolis.

Respectfully submitted,

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## POST-GRADUATE EDUCATION

**HOSPITAL OF SAINT RAPHAEL/YALE-NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL**, New Haven, Connecticut  
Advanced Dental Education Program in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery – Certificate  
July 1999 – June 2003

**COLUMBIA-PRESBYTERIAN MEDICAL CENTER**, New York, New York  
Postdoctoral Residency Fellow in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery  
July 1998 – June 1999

## EDUCATION

**NEW YORK UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY**, New York, New York  
Doctor of Dental Surgery awarded June 1998  
Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honor Society

**ADELPHI UNIVERSITY**, Garden City, New York  
Bachelor of Business Administration awarded December 1988  
Major in Finance, Minor in Marketing

## EXPERIENCE

**CENTER FOR ORAL & IMPLANT SURGERY**, Shelton, Connecticut July 2004 – Present

*Founder, Surgeon & Owner:* Practicing full time oral & maxillofacial surgery in private practice. Started practice from scratch, including finding location, financing, design, equipment purchasing, hiring staff and training. Marketed practice to area referring dentists and specialists. Perform surgery on a daily basis including dental-alveolar, extractions, dental implants, hard and soft tissue grafting, oral and maxillofacial pathology, and reconstruction using local and general anesthesia.

**YALE-NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL**, New Haven, Connecticut April 2017 – Present

*Associate Program Director:* Direct the education of 9 oral and maxillofacial surgery residents by arranging operating room and clinic scheduling, overseeing didactic education programs, and maintaining accreditation with the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the ADA

*Director of Resident Research (Past):* Coordinated and managed research projects undertaken by the oral & maxillofacial surgery residents. Responsible for approving projects, developing projects and assigning faculty mentors. Host of the annual research presentations.

*Attending Surgeon:* Facilitate resident education via regular scheduled clinic sessions, operating room coverage and lectures. Twice awarded Bernard Levine Teaching Award. See committee appointments below.

**AMERICAN BOARD OF ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY, Chicago, IL**  
2020 – Appointed Board Examiner & Item Writer

Researched, developed and wrote questions for the Board's written examinations, including the Written Qualifying Examination, OMSITE Examination and Certificate Maintenance Program.

2022 to Current – Appointed to the Oral Certifying Examination Committee

Examined Board candidates during weeklong sessions to determine whether each candidate is worthy of becoming Board certified. During the 2023 and 2024 examinations I served in Section 2, starting in 2025 I will be performing examinations for Section 1. In 2026 I will be a horizontal rotating examiner, responsible for all 3 sections of the examination.

During this time I also developed, researched and wrote cases to be used during the current and future Board examinations.

**CT DENTAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP, Farmington, Connecticut** June 2017 – Present  
(Department of Social Services)

*Consultant:* Review and evaluate provider submission of cone beam radiograph requests for pre-authorization by surgeons participating in the Connecticut Medicaid/Husky program.

**HOSPITAL OF ST. RAPHAEL, New Haven, Connecticut** July 2003 – April 2017

*Attending Surgeon:* Supervised and trained residents in oral & maxillofacial surgery to become practicing surgeons. Formulated lesson plans, taught both didactic and hands-on courses, supervised in clinical and operating room scenarios. Terminated employment only due to purchase of the Hospital by Yale-New Haven Hospital, where I immediately held the same position.

**OMS ASSOCIATES, Waterbury, Connecticut** July 2003 – June 2004

*Associate Surgeon:* Practicing full time oral & maxillofacial surgery in a private practice. Perform full scope surgery. Manage staff of five nurses, assistants and front desk staff. Teach at associated general dental and oral & maxillofacial surgery training programs.

## HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS

**HOSPITAL OF SAINT RAPHAEL, New Haven, CT** July 2003 – April 2017  
**YALE-NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL, New Haven, CT** September 2012 – Present  
**YALE-NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL, Simulated Anesthesia Emergencies for Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery (SAEOMFS) course, instructor.**  
**YALE-NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL Oral & Maxillofacial Clinical Competency Committee**  
**YALE-NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL Oral & Maxillofacial Resident Selection Committee**  
**YALE-NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Section, Residency Evaluation Committee, Chair**

## HONORS/AWARDS

**AMERICAN COLLEGE OF DENTISTS**  
2024 – Awarded Fellowship in the College

**INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS**  
2023 – Awarded Fellowship in the College

**YALE-NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL/HOSPITAL OF SAINT RAPHAEL**, New Haven, Connecticut

2005 Bernard Levine Teaching Award

2020 Bernard Levine Teaching Award

**NEW YORK UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY**, New York, New York

1998 The David B. Kriser Award for Compassion

1998 The Division of Comprehensive Care and Applied Practice Administration, Bernard E. Rudner Memorial Award

1997 Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Senior Honors

**NEW YORK UNIVERSITY**, New York, New York

1996 President's Service Award for Programming

**AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION**, Chicago, Illinois

1994-1998 ADA Dental Student Academic Scholarship

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION**

Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity

American College of Dentists - Fellow

American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons – Fellow

Past – Delegate of the House

Current – Member, Committee on Professional & Public Communications

Chair (2025-2027) – Committee on Professional & Public Communications

American Board of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons –

Diplomate – Certified 2006,

Recertified 2016

American Dental Association

2022 – House of Delegates, Alternate Delegate

2023 – House of Delegates, Delegate

2024 – House of Delegates, Delegate (Connecticut Delegation Leader)

2025 – House of Delegates, Delegate (Connecticut Delegation Leader)

2025 – House of Delegates, Reference Committee A, Chair

2024-2026 – ERISA Task Force committee member

2025-2027 – Audit Committee

Connecticut Department of Public Health –

Dental Policy Advisory Committee

Connecticut Society of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons –

Past – President,

Vice President,

Anesthesia Committee Chair,

President Elect,

Treasurer.

Executive Board General Member

Connecticut State Dental Association

Speaker of House – 2025-2028

ADA House of Delegates Coordinator

Chair, Personnel Committee

Past - President (2023-2024)

President-Elect

Board Trustee, District III

Delegate of the House

Council on Legislation

Rules & Order Committee

Governance Review Committee

International College of Dentists – Fellow

Naugatuck Valley Health District – member of the Medical Reserve Corp

Naugatuck Valley Dental Society  
Past – President, Vice-President  
Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Dental Honor Society

## **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS/PUBLICATIONS**

ORAL AND TONGUE LESIONS – May 2000  
Hospital of Saint Raphael  
Department of Medicine Grand Rounds

ORAL MYIASIS IN THE UNITED STATES  
Hospital of Saint Raphael  
American College of Physicians, Connecticut Chapter – Spring Meeting  
American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons – 2002 Annual Meeting

A MANDIBLE FRACTURE THREE WEEKS POST ORIF  
American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons  
Annual Scientific Meetings – October 2002  
Trauma Clinical Interest Group

PRE-OPERATIVE ASSESSMENT OF OBSTRUCTIVE SLEEP APNEA IN THE ABULATORY ANESTHESIA  
PATIENT – A SURVEY OF OMS PROVIDERS  
*Journal of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery*, January 2019, pages 1135-1142

## **LICENSURE & CERTIFICATIONS**

Board Certification, American Board of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons  
Connecticut State Dental License  
Connecticut General Anesthesia Permit  
Connecticut Controlled Substance Registration Permit  
Drug Enforcement Agency Permit, schedule II, III, IV  
ACLS  
BLS  
PALS  
Stop the Bleed Certification, US Department of Defense