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## PRIVATE PRACTICE PROSTHODONTIST AWARD - REGION 2

*Recognizing extraordinary collegiality, outreach, and community service*



### DR. ELAINE TORRES-MELENDEZ

Dr. Elaine Torres-Melendez was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico and graduated from Newcomb College of Tulane University. An early interest in basic science research was transformed into a career commitment to dentistry after a summer internship at a dental clinic. Upon graduating with her DMD from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. She went on to complete a general practice residency at Rhode Island Hospital at Brown University, and completed specialty training at the Temple University Graduate Program in Fixed Prosthodontics.

Dr. Torres-Melendez established a solo practice limited to the specialty of prosthodontics in May 1986. Reaffirming her commitment to the specialty, she became board-certified in 2013. Throughout the last decade, Dr. Torres-Melendez has served the ACP across several task forces and committees.