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**The American College of Prosthodontists Installs Dr. Michelle Howard Rynn
as Representative for the ACP Council for the American Board of Prosthodontics**



CHICAGO — The American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) has installed [Michelle Howard Rynn, DMD, FACP](#), as its Dental Educator representative on the ACP Council for the American Board of Prosthodontics (ABP). Dr. Howard was sworn in during the 45th Annual Session of the ACP held in Orlando from Oct. 21-24, 2015.

Dr. Rynn has been a member of the ACP for almost five years. In 2014, a year after completing residency, she successfully challenged the American Board of Prosthodontics and became a fellow of the ACP. Dr. Rynn is a full-time Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) College of Dentistry. She personally led a prosthodontic outreach program to connect predoctoral students with the aging dental population. Their purpose was to visit community centers to teach elderly patients at-home denture maintenance and the benefit of implant retained overdentures.

At UIC, Dr. Rynn teaches both dental students and prosthodontic residents. She is currently revising the predoctoral curriculum to include a [total digital workflow](#). In addition, she is helping to implement a total digital workflow in the Implant and Innovations Center. For the prosthodontic residents, Dr. Rynn established a Board Preparation Course and led a classical literature review.

“I am honored and excited to represent the ABP. As I see the face of prosthodontics changing, I believe our leadership and the ABP must change it. When I completed my board certification, almost half of the new diplomates were female. As we grow as a specialty, our Board needs to reflect this diversity. The diversity of the ACP membership is a strength to our specialty and I hope it continues to grow,” said Dr. Rynn.

Prosthodontists are specialized dentists with advanced training in oral health issues, who are committed to improving patient outcomes. From implants, crowns, veneers and tooth whitening, to full-mouth reconstruction, Prosthodontists specialize in [digital dentistry](#), [cosmetic dentistry](#), and [sleep apnea](#) solutions.

The ACP is the only prosthodontic specialty organization whose membership is based solely on education credentials. ACP members must be in or have completed an ADA-accredited advanced education program in Prosthodontics.

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About the ACP

The American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) is the official sponsoring organization for the specialty of Prosthodontics, which is one of only nine recognized specialties of the American Dental Association. Founded in 1970, ACP is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to enhancing patient care, advancing the art and science of Prosthodontics, promoting the specialty of Prosthodontics to the public and other dentists and healthcare professionals, ensuring the quality of prosthodontic education and providing professional services to its membership. For more information visit [GoToAPro.org](#).