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Dr. Jennifer A. Kuracina is a graduate of St. Bonaventure University, and the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine. It was there as a second year dental student that she was introduced to the discipline of Fixed Prosthodontics by AAFP Past President Dr. Jane Brewer, who was course director of that preclinical course at the time. A lasting friendship and passion for that discipline of dentistry were begun.

After receiving her DDS degree in 1992, she completed a General Practice Residency Program at Millard Fillmore Hospital in Buffalo. She then returned to SUNY Buffalo, where she completed the Advanced Education in Prosthodontics program in 1995.

Since then, Dr. Kuracina has divided her time between a busy private practice limited to prosthodontics, and her part time faculty position as Associate Clinical Professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry at SUNY Buffalo. There, she is Discipline Director of Implant Dentistry, and director of the Prosthodontics Concentration, a predoctoral program that provides advanced clinical and didactic experiences in prosthodontics to select students. She is course director of several courses and guest lecturer in many others. She is also actively involved in the Advanced Education in Prosthodontics Program, supervising patient treatments, providing didactic content, and mentoring resident research projects.

Dr. Kuracina's introduction to the Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics began during her residency years, when her mentor, AAFP Past President Dr. Davis Garlapo, brought her and her co-residents to Annual Scientific Sessions. In the years since then, she became actively involved in the Academy, serving on several committees. She served as Program co-Chair in 2015, served on the Board of Directors 2017-19, and is the



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2022-23 president. She is a member of a number of local and national organizations, and has provided CE courses on an array of topics.

Dr. Kuracina is married to dental school classmate, Dr. Anthony Kritkausky, another long time AAFP member. They reside in Orchard Park, NY, where they raised their sons Charles and Daniel, neither of whom pursued a career in dentistry!