

Srinivasa R. Chandra, MD, BDS, FDSRCS (England), FIBCSOMS (Oncology-Recons), FACS

Washington Dental Commission - New Commission Member



Dr. Srinivasa R. Chandra is an Oral and Maxillofacial surgeon whose career spans clinical care, education, global outreach, and leadership in professional organizations. As Associate Editor of the Journal of Maxillofacial and Oral Surgery (JMOS), he contributes to advancing scholarship in oral and maxillofacial surgery while maintaining an active tertiary-level clinical practice.

On the international stage, Dr. Chandra is Secretary–Treasurer of the International Board Certification for Specialists in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) and Executive Secretary of the International Academy of Oral and Facial Rehabilitation. Through these roles, he supports global efforts in credentialing, education, and multidisciplinary care for patients with complex craniofacial and head and neck conditions.

Dr. Chandra’s training spans Dentistry, Medicine, and advanced Oral and Maxillofacial and Head and Neck Oncology, with Microvascular Reconstructive surgical sub-specialization.

Academically, Dr. Chandra has a sustained record of scholarship, with more than 75 peer-reviewed publications and over 1,000 citations, in addition to contributions to books, podcasts, and audiovisual educational materials. His research interests include vascular anomalies, tumor metabolism, pediatric pathology and trauma, and outcomes in salivary gland, head and neck pathology. His work emphasizes translational and outcomes-focused research that informs day-to-day surgical decision-making and long-term quality of life for patients. His publication record is indexed under his ORCID ID 0000-0003-0859-0829 and is available through his bibliographic profile on the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Minou Karbakhsch, DDS, MSD, Dr. med. dent.

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“Public trust is the foundation of this profession. I am honored to serve in a role that protects it.”



Dr. Minou Karbakhsch is a periodontist in Tacoma, Washington, where she founded and leads MK Periodontics & Implants. She has practiced dentistry, periodontology, and dental implants as a specialist for over thirty years — starting in general dentistry, which she credits for grounding her understanding of patients and the profession before she specialized.

She trained in Germany, earning her dental degree from the University of Göttingen and completing a doctoral dissertation/PhD in Oral Biology at the University of Hannover before pursuing her postgraduate training in periodontology and dental implants at the University of Washington, where she also obtained her master's degree. She is board-certified by the American Board of Periodontology and a Fellow of the American College of Dentists, an honorary recognition for ethics, leadership, and service to the profession.

Thirty years of clinical practice — beginning in general dentistry before specializing — have taught her that the gap between good dentistry and harmful dentistry is rarely about technical skill alone. It is about knowledge, proper diagnosis, ethics, and accountability.

She serves on the Washington Dental Commission because protecting patients is not a bureaucratic function — it is a professional obligation. The standards we set and the conduct we hold ourselves to determine whether patients can trust the care they receive.

Dr. Karbakhsch joined the Commission because she has watched what happens when oversight is weak — patients who don't fully understand their options, who consent to treatments they may not need, and who ultimately carry the consequences alone. That concerns her. It has for a long time.

She believes patients deserve a profession they can trust without reservation. That trust has to be built and protected by the people inside it.

Dr Karbakhsch's guiding principle: the patient's wellbeing is not one consideration among many. It is the only one that matters.

Rayna Strong DMD, MBE, APCD, NDBE, Co-Author & Founder

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After studying Biology, Urban Studies, and Theology at Wheaton College in IL, I earned a DMD and MBE (Master of Bioethics) with Honors in Community Oral Health from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. As an NHSC Scholar, I had the opportunity to serve in communities from rural Wisconsin to rural central Washington and continued serving as a community dentist in Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) in WA state until becoming a School Dentist in 2023. I was recently appointed to a part-time clinical faculty position at PNWU in Yakima, training dental students in an FQHC setting. My current and recent projects include innovative community and school-based oral health care models, care for incarcerated individuals, and advocacy, writing and speaking on topics related to ethics, community oral health, and health equity. I choose to approach life and work with an open heart and a bright, tenacious spirit– always seeking to grow personally and make the most positive impact I can on the world around me.

Assistant Professor of Clinical Dentistry, PNWU School of Dental Medicine

Washington Dental Commission – Commissioner

National Dental Board Examiner

Co-author, *Behavioral Sciences in Dentistry (in progress)*

Founder, *Connected Dental- School and Community pop-up clinics*

McKinley (Mac) Rainey

Washington Dental Commission - Public Member



Mac Rainey served twenty years in the Army working primarily in population health and medical operations. He completed his undergraduate studies at Washington University in Saint Louis, MO and earned graduate degrees from the University of Washington School of Public Health and the University of Washington – Tacoma Milgard School of Business. Since retiring from the military, Mac worked in healthcare analytics and volunteered at the Tacoma Community House, Eloise's Cooking Pot and other organizations. He enjoys cooking, reading and traveling.