



CURRICULUM VITAE
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Dr. Eleni (Elina) Gagari obtained her DDS from National and Kapodistrian University of Athens School of Dentistry and her DMD from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine (faculty development program). She is licensed to practice dentistry in both United States and Greece.

Dr. Gagari completed a certificate in oral and maxillofacial pathology/Doctor of Medical Sciences program at Harvard School of Dental Medicine. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and a Fellow of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. While in the US she pursued an academic career holding the positions of instructor, assistant professor and associate professor at Harvard School of Dental Medicine, NYUCD and TUSDM respectively. During her career in the US she was an elected member of the Executive Council of AAOMP and served in the Nomination, Constitution and By-Laws, Public Relations and Fellowship committees. Dr. Gagari was an active member of the AADR/IADR and was the recipient of a K12 faculty development grant from NIH. While at TUSDM, she served as Director of the Oral Pathology Biopsy Service. In 2008 Dr. Gagari moved to Greece where she took over one of the world's largest oral mucosal disease clinical services in the Department of Dermatology in NKUA School of Medicine. In 2008 the clinic was receiving 2000 patient/visits per year. In 2018, the oral mucosal disease center received 6800 patient visits and is considered the foremost patient referral center for oral mucosal disease in Greece. A particular focus is precancerous lesions of the oral cavity where Dr. Gagari has an active collaboration with Univ of Michigan. Dr. Gagari is a sought-after lecturer and is considered a highly skilled educator and mentor in her chosen field.

ABSTRACT
RISK MANAGEMENT IN ORAL CANCER

Diagnosis of oral cancer falls primarily in the hands of the practicing dentist as a professional responsibility with considerable ethical and legal ramifications. This lecture will outline:

- The clinical responsibility (skills and tasks) of the dentist in oral cancer diagnosis
- The ethical and psychological dilemmas dimensions of the process
- The legal liability an oral cancer diagnosis entails including handling of personal information
- The overall handling and management of the process (including proper written and verbal communication) and the patient so he/she may enter successfully into proper health care

Timely diagnosis of oral cancer is dental practice that saves lives. It should not put the practitioner into legal risk nor should it compromise the patient's chance of receiving the best possible care for a life-threatening problem.