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Invites all Dunedin Dentists & Technicians to the  
**DUNEDIN STUDY GROUP MEETING**  
**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 6.30pm**



**Associate Professor Tino Mercado**

DocMedDent, GCClinDent, MDsc, PhD, MRACDS, PFPA, FICD, FITI

Tino is a clinician, academic, mentor, and clinical researcher dedicated to improving oral health. His work in periodontal research and education earned him the Australian Dental Association Service Medallion Award in 2021. Tino is currently the President of the Australia and New Zealand Academy of Periodontists (ANZAP) for the term 2024-2026 and chairs the Pierre Fauchard Academy – New Zealand Section. He runs his private practices at the Specialist Periodontal and Implant Centre in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Tino also works as a Periodontal Examiner for the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (RACDS) and directs the University of Otago International Team of Implantology (ITI) Study Club. He received the National Health and Medical Research Council Scholarship twice: first for his Master of Dental Science (MDS) in 1998, and again for his PhD in 2011.

As an Associate Professor at the University of Otago, the University of Sydney, and the University of Queensland, Tino enjoys teaching both postgraduate and undergraduate students.

Tino's PhD research and recent publications focus on effectively managing peri-implantitis and periodontal recession with innovative techniques using both autologous and alternative tissues. His research on using enamel matrix derivative to stabilize connective tissue grafts for advanced gingival recession won the Best Clinical Research award at the 2018 Biannual Meeting of the Australian Society of Periodontology. Recently, his clinical research on maxillary anterior ridge preservation received the Best Clinical Research award at the 2020 Virtual Osteology World Symposium.

Tino's passion for his field and his commitment to teaching and research continue to positively impact the dental community. He was the founding president of the Filipino Australian Dental Association (FADA) to organize charity missions in remote areas in the Philippines.

**2 HOURS VERIFIABLE CPD CREDITS**

NZDA verifies, that based on the information provided to NZDA, this activity meets the Dental Council policy requirements for CPD.

**NZACD Members complimentary**

**Non-Members - \$75** including gst discounted to **\$55** if payment received prior to lecture date.

**Oral professionals better managing critical size defects through progress and innovation.**

**Synopsis:**

Critical size defects are defined as wounds in soft tissue and bone that will not heal completely during the patient's lifetime. Various factors, including the patient's size, concentration of growth factors, duration of the defect, and the presence of infection, can significantly influence the healing process. The management of critical size defects typically requires surgical interventions, such as autologous bone grafting, guided bone regeneration, xenografts, and the use of biologically active materials.

This presentation will focus on the surgical techniques, matrices, biologically active materials, and suturing methods utilized by dental practitioners in the management of critical size defects. It will provide an in-depth examination of both traditional and novel clinical applications of Enamel Matrix Derivative (EMDOGAIN) for addressing bone defects, extraction sockets, and oral ulcers. The speaker will present recent findings related to the combination of EMDOGAIN with connective tissue grafts for managing periodontal recessions of varying severity. Additionally, the presentation will discuss other clinical applications of EMDOGAIN, including its use in the reparative and regenerative management of peri-implantitis, procedures for alveolar ridge management, and overall wound healing. Finally, the discussion will include emerging biologically active materials, such as Regenfast and Gem 21.

**Learning Outcomes:**

1. Understanding the characteristics of critical-sized defects.
2. Comprehension of wound healing processes, including the differences between repair and regeneration.
3. Familiarity with the various biomaterials and their matrices.
4. Awareness of the available biologically active materials and their applications.
5. Understanding the fundamentals of mucogingival surgeries and their clinical indications.
6. Knowledge of both non-surgical and surgical strategies for the management of peri-implantitis.
7. Familiarity with techniques for effective alveolar ridge management.

All attendees must rsvp (for catering purposes) by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025 to [admin@nzacd.co.nz](mailto:admin@nzacd.co.nz). No refund will be made for cancellations received less than 7 working days or "no-shows".

The Dunedin address to attend the Study Group is

**University of Otago**  
 Hunter Centre Seminar Room  
 362 Leith Street, Dunedin  
 Registrations & nibbles from 6.00pm  
 Lecture 6.30pm

**PLEASE NOTE LECTURE VENUE Limited to 40 Seats**

**Non-Members Fee Payment: \$75 (including GST) – discounted to \$55 if paid prior to lecture date.**

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I would like to attend the Dunedin Study Group Meeting on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at the University of Otago, Hunter Centre Seminar Room

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