

AGD:FACTSHEET

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FELLOWS AND MASTERS OF THE AGD

What do these designations mean?

Your general dentist cares about long-term dental health for you and your family and demonstrates that concern by pursuing additional designations. The Fellowship and Mastership designations are two of the most rigorous continuing dental education programs today.



What are Fellows of the AGD?

A general dentist who is a "Fellow" in the Academy of General Dentistry (FAGD) has been recognized by other general dentists as a leader and an example to other dentists of the importance of quality continuing dental education. To earn a FAGD, your dentist must complete a minimum of 500 continuing dental education credit hours, pass a comprehensive exam and have been an AGD member for three continuous years.



How do these designations benefit my family and me?

Fellows and Masters of the AGD follow a lifelong pursuit of continuing education. They want to provide the highest quality of dental care to you and your family. The awards symbolize the professional responsibility of your dentist to remain current in their profession. These are awards however, and should not be confused with post-graduate degrees or certification. Every dentist who applies for the Fellowship or Mastership Award has their application reviewed by the AGD to ensure they meet AGD's high standards.



What are Masters of the AGD?

A general dentist who has earned the designation "Master" of the AGD (MAGD) has completed a structured and demanding set of requirements. To attain a MAGD, your dentist must first be a Fellow in the AGD. Then your dentist must earn an additional 600 approved continuing dental education credits, meeting minimum requirements in certain dental disciplines, of which 400 hours are hands-on courses.

How does my dentist's membership in AGD benefit my family and me?

Your general dentist cares about long-term dental health for you and your family and demonstrates that concern by belonging to the AGD. Members are dedicated to continuing education to help them stay up-to-date on the latest procedures to provide you and your family with quality treatment. The general dentist who remains current in general dentistry is better able to offer you and your family a variety of diagnosis and treatment choices.

What are the requirements to become an AGD member?

Members never stop learning since the AGD requires its members to participate in 75-hours of voluntary continuing education every three years. However, surveys show that members average more than 40 hours each year.