

Curriculum Vitae – Dr. Rudy Wassenaar

Dr. Rudy Wassenaar earned his dental degree from the Medical Faculty of the University of Amsterdam in 1981. That same year, he began private practice in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. In 1986, he passed the National Dental Examining Board of Canada requirements and subsequently moved to Canada in 1987, continuing his career in private practice in Williams Lake, BC, where he remains active today.

Dr. Wassenaar is an active member of numerous professional organizations and study clubs, reflecting both his dedication and passion for dentistry. Practicing in a remote rural area with limited access to specialist care, he has expanded the range of advanced procedures available to his patients, including dental implants.

Professional Recognitions:

- **Academy of General Dentistry (AGD):** Fellowship Award (2000), Mastership Award (2007), Life-Long Learning and Service Recognition (LLSR, 2025) – awarded to only 525 members out of an average of 40,000 during the AGD's history.
- **International Academy of Dental-Facial Esthetics:** Fellowship Award; has lectured internationally.
- **Implant Dentistry:**
 - International Congress of Oral Implantologists (ICOI): Fellowship (2005), Mastership (2009), Diplomate (2011) – highest level of recognition.
 - American Board of Oral Implantology (ABOI): Diplomate (2014).
 - American Academy of Implant Dentistry: Fellowship (FAAID, 2016).
- **BC Dental Association:**
 - Just recently, Dr. Wassenaar has been nominated to receive the BCDA Award of Merit for 2026, recognizing a long career of professional development and volunteer work

Professional Contributions:

- Examiner for the AAID Fellowship accreditation program since 2022.
- Starting November 2025, Examiner for the American Board of Oral Implantology (ABOI) Board Examination, mentoring candidates pursuing Diplomate recognition.

- Actively implementing digital workflow in his practice, including static and dynamic navigation (X-Guide) for implants, facial scanning for jaw relationship assessment, one-visit crown fabrication (CEREC), and 3D printing.

Community Recognition:

- Two citizenship awards from the City of Williams Lake for accessibility improvements and contributions to oral implantology.
- Letter of recognition from the Canadian House of Commons for contributions to oral implantology.

Personal Interests:

Dr. Wassenaar is an accomplished pianist and enjoys language, travel, cooking, and offshore fishing. He has a passion for motorsports and scuba diving, sometimes testing his limits. He is the proud parent of five successful children.

Dr. Wassenaar considers dentistry one of the most rewarding career choices, offering the opportunity to enhance the well-being of patients, colleagues, and community. As he transitions toward retirement, he remains committed to patient care, mentoring, and giving back to his profession.