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Top Skills

Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
Healthcare
Clinical Research

Languages

English
Spanish

Certifications

Board Certified Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon
Fellow of the American College of Surgeons

Honors-Awards

Research award 2017
Research award 2016
Best resident of all surgical specialties.
"Dr. Mario Scarrone Award" Best Resident of Latin America
IAOMS NextGen Outstanding Young Surgeon Award

Publications

The epidemiology of mandibular fractures in Caracas, Venezuela: Incidence and its combination patterns
Florid osseous dysplasia. Case report and literature review
Distracción osteogénica en el servicio de cirugía oral y maxilofacial del Hospital Militar Central de Bogotá

Felix Jose Amarista, DDS, FACS

Associate Professor and Associate Program Director Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine Medical University of South Carolina
San Antonio, Texas, United States

Summary

Dr. Felix Amarista is an Associate Professor in the Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery at the Medical University of South Carolina. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (ABOMS) and Fellow of the American College of Surgeons (ACS). He is an active member of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS), the American Society of Temporomandibular Joint Surgeons, the International Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (IAOMS). Originally from Caracas, Venezuela, Dr. Amarista earned his D.D.S. with honors from the Central University of Venezuela (UCV) in 2011. He went on to complete a one-year internship at Dr. Domingo Luciani Hospital in Caracas before pursuing his oral and maxillofacial surgery residency at the Central Military Hospital – Nueva Granada Military University in Bogotá, Colombia, where he graduated in 2018. During his training, he received numerous distinctions, including Researcher of the Year (2016, 2017), Best Resident of First Specialization, and Best OMS Resident in Latin America by ALACIBU. In 2018, Dr. Amarista joined UT Health San Antonio to continue his education in the United States and completed a U.S.-based OMFS residency in 2021. He has since been recognized internationally and nationally, receiving the IAOMS NextGen Outstanding Young Surgeon Award, the Daniel M. Laskin Award (2022) for best manuscript in the Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and most recently, the Faculty Educator Development Award (FEDA) from AAOMS (2025). Dr. Amarista's clinical interests include minimally invasive orthognathic surgery (MIOS), temporomandibular joint pathology with a focus on advanced TMJ arthroscopy, maxillofacial trauma, benign pathology, and complex dentoalveolar surgery, including implant reconstruction. He is deeply committed to education, research, and advancing

Genioplasty prevalence in orthognathic surgery at the Bogotá Central Military Hospital oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Service.

Epidemiological analysis of orthognathic surgery in the Bogota Central Military Hospital, Colombia.

patient care through academic surgery. Outside of his professional life, Dr. Amarista enjoys playing soccer, running, and participating in CrossFit. He treasures time with his wife, also an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon, and their beautiful daughters.

Experience

Medical University of South Carolina

Associate Professor and Associate Program Director

June 2026 - Present (5 months)

Associate Professor and Associate Program Director

Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine

Medical University of South Carolina

UT Health San Antonio

8 years

Assistant Professor - Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

July 2021 - June 2026 (5 years)

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Chief Resident

July 2020 - June 2021 (1 year)

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Resident

July 2019 - July 2020 (1 year 1 month)

San Antonio, Texas Area

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Intern

July 2018 - June 2019 (1 year)

San Antonio, Texas Area

Hospital Militar Central Colombia

4 years 1 month

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Chief Resident

January 2017 - January 2018 (1 year 1 month)

Bogotá, Colombia

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Resident

January 2014 - January 2018 (4 years 1 month)

Bogota, Colombia

Instituto Venezolano de los Seguros Sociales (I.V.S.S.)
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Resident (Dr. Domingo Luciani Hospital)
May 2012 - June 2013 (1 year 2 months)
Caracas, Venezuela

Education

UT Health San Antonio
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery · (2018 - 2021)

Universidad Militar Nueva Granada
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery · (2014 - 2018)

Universidad Central de Venezuela
Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) · (2006 - 2011)