



## Hinman Names Dr. Robert O'Donnell as 2020 General Chair

**- Dr. O'Donnell Heads Up Hinman 2020, Held in Atlanta March 19-21 -**

**ATLANTA (September 4, 2019)** – The Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting -- the nation's leading dental meeting and comprehensive source of continuing education in dentistry – has named Dr. Robert O'Donnell as General Chair of Hinman 2020. Dr. O'Donnell, a prominent Atlanta dentist with a practice in Alpharetta, Ga., will lead Hinman 2020 at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta on March 19-21, 2020.

The meeting's theme is **“Come Home to Hinman – Where Teamwork Meets Success.”** Dr. O'Donnell envisions Hinman 2020 as one large homecoming event dedicated to improving skills, expanding capabilities and collaborating with colleagues and your dental team to achieve success. He has been planning Hinman 2020 for the past three years, along with his Program Chairs, Drs. Jane Puskas and William Rousseau. The meeting will feature some fan-favorites, as well as some exciting new speakers, who will share best practices, new technology and new business strategies.

Dr. O'Donnell has been practicing dentistry in Atlanta for nearly 30 years. In 1999, he and his wife, Cheryl, purchased a 70-year-old, historic residence and transformed it into a state-of-the-art dental office. Located at 134 North Main Street in downtown Alpharetta, the practice combines a historic atmosphere and furnishings with the latest in dental technology, like CEREC®.

“What I like most about being a dentist is the relationship that I have with my patients. I've had patients who've brought their children, and now their children are grown and married and bringing their children to see me,” said Dr. O'Donnell. “The relationships we build with those families and playing a role in life-changing oral health improvements are what's most important to me.”

Dr. O'Donnell became interested in organized dentistry early in his career and saw the value in networking with others, continuing to learn new developments in dentistry and furthering the profession overall. He has been a member of the Hinman Dental Society for 30 years and has served in nearly every leadership and volunteer role available. In his first 10 years with Hinman, he served on both the Information and Clinic Captain Committees. He also chaired Information, Clinic Captains, Participation and Concurrent Meeting Committees. He has served as President of the Society, as

well as other leadership roles, and was the Program Co-Chair of Hinman 2011 and Hinman 2017.

In addition to Hinman, he has served and chaired most of the committees of the Northern District, including serving as President in 2007-2008. Dr. O'Donnell is also an active member of the American Dental Association, Georgia Dental Association, Academy of General Dentistry and Georgia Academy of Dental Practice and has served in leadership roles in these organizations. In addition, he was the founding president of the Greater Atlanta Dental Foundation and has volunteered for Georgia Mission of Mercy and several charitable clinics throughout his career.

Dr. O'Donnell is a graduate of Emory Dental School and completed his General Practice Residency at Emory as well. He earned his bachelor's degree in Microbiology at the University of Georgia. He resides in Milton, Ga. with his wife Cheryl, and daughters, Kathleen and Ryan, although Kathleen now spends her days attending his alma mater in Athens.

Registration for Hinman 2020 will open on December 10, 2019. Please visit [Hinman.org](http://Hinman.org) for more information.

### **The Hinman Tradition**

The Hinman Dental Meeting is designed with a commitment to quality and professionalism and a high regard for the value of continuing education. The Meeting is sponsored by the Hinman Dental Society, a non-profit organization, and excess revenue is invested and gifted in the form of individual scholarships to dental, hygiene and assisting students and in contributions to institutions that foster dental education. For additional information about the Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting, visit [Hinman.org](http://Hinman.org) or contact Ms. Sylvia Ratchford, Executive Director, at (404) 231-1663.

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