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 **Local Dentist is Founding Member of new national organization:**

**AMERICAN ACADEMY FOR ORAL SYSTEMIC HEALTH**

 Newport News, VA Dr Lisa Marie Samaha recently returned from Madison, Wisconsin, where she was a featured speaker at the groundbreaking meeting of dental leaders from around the country who held the founding meeting for the **American Academy for Oral Systemic Health (AAOSH)**.

 “The formation of this organization could not have come at a better time,” says Dr Samaha, a Hampton Roads’ general dentist and founder and director of a nationally recognized teaching and research institute devoted to the oral systemic (or mouth/body) connection. “We now have thousands of pieces of research from around the world, confirming the alarming connections between the health of the mouth and the resulting health of the body.”

 The newly-inaugurated AAOSH will bring together medical professionals from all fields in a spirit of mutual respect and collaboration. Members will commit themselves to sharing critical, even life-saving information with one another, so that patients everywhere can enjoy the resulting benefits of improved general health, healing, longevity and wellness.

 “When dentists and physicians work together, medical outcomes will be improved and lives will be lengthened,” states **AAOSH President Dr. Chris Kammer**.“Many people still don’t understand that good dental health can add years to your life, so one of our missions is to educate the public, as well.”

 Dr Samaha and several other nationally-known clinicians were invited to give presentations on the latest findings related to the seriousness of oral disease in America.  One speaker revealed how a couple was not able to conceive a child until the mother’s rampant gum infection was under control.  Another speaker discussed how diabetes contributes to gum disease, but that gum disease can also make diabetes worse – a vicious “circle of death” unless dentists and physicians unite and intervene.

 In addition, advanced dental techniques and systems for treating periodontal disease and tooth decay were shared, as well as an extended program on the importance of nutrition presented by both Dr Samaha and Dr Bob Walker.

  “We’re excited about finally working closely with cardiologists, diabetic specialists, obstetricians and many more medical specialties,” explains Dr Samaha.  “AAOSH is all about opening those doors of communication and offering to help, so that we can contribute to the improved health for the patients we share.”

 Dr Lisa Marie Samaha is owner of Port Warwick Dental Arts in Newport News, VA. She is committed to advancing the dental profession for the benefit of her patients and all patients everywhere.