

# DR. CARMINE CAPONIGRO AND RAMAPO ORAL & MAXILLO-FACIAL SURGERY CELEBRATE 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Providing Excellent Care to Rockland and Environs

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Dr. Carmine Caponigro founded RAMAPO ORAL & MAXILLO-FACIAL SURGERY in Suffern, New York 50 years ago. “I opened the doors in Suffern on July 14, 1969 and received \$15 for my first procedure!” Dr. Carmine feels building his practice in Rockland County after leaving the Grand Concourse in the Bronx was the best career decision he could have made.

Dr. Caponigro attended Fordham University and NYU College of Dentistry. Afterward, he trained at the Oral Surgery Program at Bellevue Hospital where, as you can

imagine, he saw quite a bit of trauma, giving him a deep understanding of the bones of the jaw and face. This was the perfect opportunity for an oral & maxillofacial surgeon who later would concentrate in orthognathic (jaw reconstructive) surgery and dental implants. The word “Orthognathic” comes from the Greek words orthos, meaning straight, and gnathos, meaning jaws. Over the past 50 years, Dr. Carmine Caponigro and his associates, including his son David Caponigro, DDS, continue to perform many successful orthognathic jaw surgeries and facial reconstructions right here in Rockland County at Good Samaritan Hospital and Nyack Hospital.

Celebrating 50 years of service, Ramapo Oral & Maxillo-Facial Surgery is located at 84 Route 59 in Suffern, New York.





Dr. Carmine Caponigro

### Surgical Dental Implants

Dr. Carmine Caponigro began his practice at a very opportune time. He was in on the ground floor in the use of dental implants instead of bridges and dentures for the replacement of missing teeth. In fact, in 1978, the first Dental Implant Consensus Conference was held, sponsored jointly by the National Institute of Health and Harvard University. It was a landmark event at which all existing data on dental implants from Sweden (where this technique originated) was collected and analyzed, and criteria and standards for implant dentistry were established. Since its founding 50 years ago, Ramapo Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery has been a great part of the evolution of dental implants. Titanium and ceramic dental implants have evolved and improved at a rapid pace, making implant placement more predictable, dependable, and more time efficient. When you read about a new technique regarding implant treatment, rest assured the surgeons at ROMS are already aware. Often these techniques were established by them at their current location at 84 Route 59 in Suffern.

Dr. Carmine Caponigro's goal was to provide excellent care to the community, and considering his excellent reputation, he appears to have succeeded. Fortunately, Dr. David Caponigro had the remarkable experience of working with and learning from his father during the first 10 years of his private practice career. After teaching for many years at Columbia Presbyterian School of Dental Medicine, Dr. David

Caponigro has had the honor for the past 20 years of being Chief and Section Head of the Department of Dentistry and Oral Surgery at Good Samaritan Hospital. It has been 20 years since Dr. Carmine Caponigro retired, and upon reflection he stated, "I feel so fortunate that my son, David, took over the practice and is continuing the legacy of offering the best oral surgery care in the region. David is a gifted surgeon, and has done an amazing job of building the practice up to what it is today."

Dr. Carmine Caponigro and his wife, Lydia, divide their time between their homes in Suffern and Amagansett, Long Island. The practice continues employing Board Certified Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons who are highly regarded and expertly trained to care for the needs of Rockland, Orange and Bergen County patients. The surgeons and staff provide exemplary patient care with compassion and integrity resulting in outstanding results. This has been and continues to be the cornerstone of this oral surgery practice. They incorporate the latest technology in order to minimize discomfort and guarantee a successful outcome. Ramapo Oral & Maxillo-Facial Surgery can handle everything from tooth extractions to dental implants, facial reconstruction, and even the most devastating facial trauma cases, all the time easing pain and reducing recovery periods. Their surgeons are recognized with numerous awards and recognition from their peers and are considered among the most innovative and talented oral surgeons in the country. When you call their friendly staff, be sure to thank them for a half century of service to the community! **rt**

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