

Obituary for Myron “Ron” Nevins

A visionary thinker

Myron “Ron” Nevins shaped modern periodontology and implantology like very few others. We will miss his scientific achievements, his humanity, and the lasting impact he left on the international professional community. Ron Nevins passed away on 24 December 2025.



Myron “Ron” Nevins was born in Philadelphia in 1938. He studied at Temple University, where he earned his Doctor of Dental Sciences degree, and completed his postgraduate training in periodontology at Boston University. Following his education, he joined the practice of Dr Gerald M. Kramer in Swampscott, Massachusetts—a step that marked the beginning of an extraordinary career.

Dr Nevins was regarded worldwide as one of the most influential clinicians and researchers in periodontology and implantology. He pioneered regenerative dentistry, particularly in bone regeneration and tissue engineering.

He also served for many years as editor of the *International Journal of Periodontics and Restorative Dentistry*, which under his leadership became one of the most important scientific platforms in the field. He played a defining role in international professional organisations, including the Osteology Foundation, whose scientific direction he helped shape significantly.

Through his dedication to research, teaching, and clinical excellence, he influenced generations of dentists around the

world over more than six decades. His ability to bridge scientific knowledge and clinical practice made him a highly sought-after lecturer and mentor. Colleagues described him as a visionary thinker who consistently encouraged open dialogue and interdisciplinary collaboration.

Ron Nevins also had a profound influence on me personally. I first came to know and appreciate him in the 1980s and 1990s as a mentor and outstanding visionary in dentistry. His courses in Boston were legendary. I did not attend just one course; rather, I repeatedly accompanied colleagues whenever the destination was a “Nevins course” in Boston.

These courses became an international attraction because Nevins combined clinical precision, scientific depth, and exceptionally clear teaching. Participants traveled from Europe, Asia, and Latin America to experience firsthand his approach to regenerative periodontology, implantology, and interdisciplinary therapy. The atmosphere was characterised by intensive knowledge sharing, open discussion, and the feeling of being part of a global community working together to advance the future of the profession.

The influence of that time continues to shape my own work today—in the treatment concepts he taught and in the colleagues who gained decisive inspiration for their own professional development through these courses.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Myron Nevins was deeply appreciated for his warmth, humility, and sense of humor.

He was a husband, father, and grandfather—roles that were just as important to him as his professional career. Even at an advanced age, he continued teaching at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine, where he remains unforgettable.

With the passing of Myron Nevins, the international dental community has lost one of its most distinguished representatives. His influence lives on in the scientific standards he helped establish, in the clinical methods he advanced, and in the people he educated, inspired, and supported.

We will miss him.

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