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Professor Garfunkel received his DMD from the above-mentioned Israeli university, specializing in Oral Medicine and being Board-certified by the American Academy of Oral Medicine. He is the recipient of an Immunology Fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania.

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Dr. Garfunkel is an active member of the American Academy of Oral Medicine. In recognition of his activity, he is the recipient of numerous awards, such as the Certificate of Excellence from the American Academy of Dental Medicine and the Honorary Diploma and Medal of the City of Bucharest.

He published over 100 original papers in peer-reviewed journals and book-chapters on the connection between the oral and the systemic health, and also lectured widely both nationally and internationally.

Dr. Garfunkel served as editor and member of numerous editorial boards, including the Compendium of Continuing Education in Dentistry, USA. He is also Editor-in-Chief and co-founder of the Romanian Dental Update Journal „Actualități Stomatologice”.

His research interests are: oral medicine, oral pathology, oral health, systemic health, inhaled sedation.