



# The Diplomat

A Publication for Diplomates of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

## A Message From The President

Welcome to our first edition of our e-newsletter from the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. It is our goal to keep in close communication with our diplomates, applicants and other interested parties regarding the board. We hope you will like this format and certainly appreciate any feedback including topics that you would like to see covered.

At the AAOMS 2009 Annual Meeting in Toronto, the House of Delegates elected Dr. Colin S. Bell to the board for an 8 year term. We welcome him to our board and know he will bring a wealth of enthusiasm and background to the certification process. Of course we congratulate Dr. B.D. Tiner for his outstanding service to the board and fortunately he will continue with us for one more year in the newly created position of Immediate Past President.

By now most diplomates should be familiar with the Certification Maintenance (CM) process which is mandatory for all Diplomates with time-limited certificates. CM recognizes the continuum of board certification and continually validates the process of board certification to our patients. I strongly urge you all to visit the website, [www.aboms.org](http://www.aboms.org), to acquaint yourself with the process and to be cognizant of the deadlines involved. Should questions arise please don't hesitate to contact our staff and they can guide you through any aspects of this process. Those whose certificates that do not expire are greatly encouraged to participate voluntarily in the CM process as well.

The ABOMS has discussed the issues of hospital privileges at length. It is our opinion that to be board certified requires the specialist to maintain hospital privileges in the core aspects of the specialty. Implementation of a requirement for hospital privileges will soon be included in the CM process. We encourage all that are board certified to retain hospital privileges and participate in their hospital's activities including taking call.

Starting in 2010, the ABOMS will be responsible for the OMSITE examination to be given yearly to residents in training. This examination will be comprehensive covering the entire scope of the specialty and will be a secure and validated exam. Data will be valuable for the residents' to identify their strengths and weaknesses and will also provide feedback to the training program. The board appreciates Dr. Jeffery Bennet and Dr. Patrick Vezeau for their willingness to continue to work on this project.

Finally, I encourage diplomates to consider participating as a member of the Examination Committee. Those that have served on the committee unanimously report it to be one of the most fulfilling activities in their specialty. It comes with a fair degree of work as well and I want to send out the Board's appreciation for those current members and those who have participated in the past. Please visit our website for further information and information about the application process.



**Dr. Stuart E. Lieblich, DMD**  
President

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Year of Certification: 1986  
OMS Practice: Private Practice



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OMS Program: University of Miami  
Degree: DDS  
Year of Certification: 1991  
OMS Practice: Full Time Academia



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Degree: DDS  
Year of Certification: 1990  
OMS Practice: Private Practice



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Dental School: University of Tennessee College of Dentistry  
OMS Program: University of Texas Medical School at San Antonio –  
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Degree: DDS, MD  
Year of Certification: 1987  
OMS Practice: Private Practice

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## Board of Directors

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Dental School: University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine

OMS Program: St. John Mercy Medical Center

Degree: DMD, MD

Year of Certification: 1993

OMS Practice: Private Practice



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Degree: DDS, MD

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OMS Practice: Full Time Academia



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OMS Program: University of Oklahoma Health Science Center

Degree: DDS

Year of Certification: 1989

OMS Practice: Full Time Academia



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Dental School: Baylor College of Dentistry

OMS Program: Baylor College of Dentistry / Baylor University Medical Center

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OMS Practice: Private Practice and Academia

## Administrative Staff

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## Directory of Diplomates Goes Online in 2010



The Directors of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery have decided that an Online Directory of Diplomates will be established and available on the ABOMS web site by May 2010. The Directors identified a need to have the most current information readily available. This is not possible when a printed version is prepared.

Given today's mobility, changing telephone numbers and email addresses the Directors felt it would be more helpful if our Diplomates could visit the ABOMS website to find other certified oral and maxillofacial surgeons. The ABOMS anticipates you will find the online directory to be useful. The ABOMS will maintain an online Diplomat Directory for your reference.

The Board understands this is a departure from the years of publishing a hard copy directory. The Directors feel this online tool will permit any pertinent changes in contact information to be available within moments. This online tool will offer the same content as our hard copy directories but will be as current as the information provided by each of you.

Please be sure to inform the ABOMS Administrative Office of your change of address, telephone, fax, or email address at (312) 642-0070.

## Certification Maintenance

The American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (ABOMS) certification process assures the public that certified oral and maxillofacial surgeons have successfully completed a rigorous peer evaluation process. It requires that surgeons present and maintain appropriate professional credentials, and demonstrate the requisite training, experience and knowledge. Successful completion of both a thorough qualifying examination and a comprehensive oral certifying examination is mandatory. Certified oral and maxillofacial surgeons are expected to maintain current competence through ongoing professional education provided through national meetings, seminars, lectures, special courses, panels, symposia, and self-assessment tools.

Many attributes are necessary to be a competent oral and maxillofacial surgeon, and many of these factors cannot be quantified. Therefore, it is important to state that ABOMS board certification does not necessarily guarantee that an oral and maxillofacial surgeon is “competent.” Recognizing this fact, and that certification is merely a “point in time” when the qualifications of an oral and maxillofacial surgeon are examined, in 1990 the ABOMS instituted a recertification process. Diplomates certified after this time were issued a “time-limited” certificate in effect for a ten year period. A computer-administered Recertification Examination is required every ten years to maintain certification, along with Annual Registration and verification of practice status.

Since then, it has become even more critical that oral and maxillofacial surgeons maintain the requisite skills and knowledge to provide state-of-the-art patient care. To that end, in 2005, the ABOMS instituted a comprehensive program to provide verification that board-certified oral and maxillofacial surgeons are engaged in a continual process to maintain their skill, knowledge, and competence. This process moves the concept of recertification from an examination conducted every 7-10 years to an ongoing process of assessment, known as Certification Maintenance (CM). These changes represent a response to the quality-of-care movement and the related concerns of the public. Additionally, the ABOMS acted to restructure OMS board certification in response to activities of other groups that set practice standards – the American Board of Medical Specialties, the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Hospital Organizations, and the National Committee for Quality Assurance. The Board understands that this is a dynamic process and anticipates modifications over time. The information included in this handbook represents the ABOMS’ current plan for the CM process. Only Diplomates with time-limited certificates that expire in the year 2011 and after will be integrated into this process, although voluntary participation for all Diplomates is encouraged.

More detailed information regarding the Certification Maintenance process can be found at [www.aboms.org](http://www.aboms.org). A revised version of the Certification Maintenance Handbook will be available at the website in January 2010.

**COMSSAT Registration will be open from 3-4-2010 to 4-29-2010**  
**COMSSAT will be available to take online from 3-5-2010 to 5-13-2010**  
**Recertification Registration will be open from 4-1-2010 to 6-10-2010**

## Diplomates who Recertified in 2009

Khaled M. Abughazaleh	Peter H. Hertz	Jeffrey E. Persico	Jerry Lee Wang
Jay L. Arlick	Joseph M. Hildebrand	Sharon S. Peterson	Caroline M. Webber
Tomas J. Barrios	Donald P. Holzhauer	Anthony R. Petito	Marston T. Westbrook
Mark R. Baus	K. Marcus Hopkins	James L. Pincock	Darren R. Williams
David R. Beanland	Mehran Hossaini-zadeh	Mark L. Pledger	Scott C. Woodbury
Mark D. Berman	James R. Hughes	Hugo F. Quinones	James Yanney
Thomas D. Berry	R. Beryl Hunter	Anthony L. Ragonese	Mark D. Zajkowski
John Birbe	Robert J. Huvar	Eric H. Reed	
Lawrence D. Bossong	Kathleen E. Isdith	Robert J. Riggs	
Perry L. Brooks	Scott M. Jensen	Keith C. Rogerson	
Michael A. Burnham	Mark W. Johnson	David M. Rombach	
Orson P. Cardon	Craig R. Jonov	David M. Rubin	
Eric R. Carlson	Keith H. Kaner	Benjamin Saleh	
Jeffrey L. Casperson	Katherine Keeley	Sarah J. Satow	
William L. Cecere III	Michael W. Kessler	Debra M. Schardt-Sacco	
Gregory C. Chotkowski	Myung Kim	Steven R. Schimmele	
Alan P. Chun	Peter H. Kim	Bryan M. Scott	
Mark C. Clayton	Michael H. Kirsch	John J. Shank	
David P. DeWitt	Mark A. Knibbe	Kimberly A. Silloway	
Steve S. Dorsch	Bradley S. Koch	Charles P. Silvia	
Jeffrey B. Doss	Anna Kornbrot	Matthew E. Simmons	
Michael J. Dugan	Jeffrey W. Kosman	Mark Slabbekoorn	
Mark F. DuVernois	Jeffrey M. Kratky	David Smeltzer	
Gregory P. Edmonds	Romeo N. Laureano	Brian K. Smith	
Ngozi N. Etufugh	Hal J. Levine	David H. Smith	
James M. Eyre Jr.	Michael P. Logue	Anthony M. Spina	
Rickey E. Felton	Weiguang Ma	Russell P. Spinazze	
Maxwell D. Finn	Thomas S. MacKenzie	Dean B. Spingola	
Robert L. Flint	Gene J. Martin	Randall W. Stettler	
R.M. Freimuth	Jeffrey R. McClain	Alan M. Stoll	
Timothy J. Frey	John M. McElroy	Todd J. Svane	
Jess A. Gardner III	Richard D. Meister	Nojan Talebzadeh	
James H. Gherardini	Michael A. Menis	Gregory S. Tate	
Jeffrey Glosser	Edward Miller Jr.	Christopher K. Templeton	
Lawrence Gorzelnik	D. Jason Mohorn	Ronald A. Thompson Jr.	
John E. Griffin Jr.	Andre H. Montazem	Maria J. Troulis	
Raymond Haigney II	Jeff E. Moxley	Judith C. Tuchman	
Leslie R. Halpern	David J. Moyer	James Vaiana	
Dennis Hannon	R. Anthony Murray	Ernesto A. Valiente	
David H. Hanson	Edward A. Neupert III	Baker K. Vinci	
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Terrance L. Hauck	Wayne H. Ozaki	Eric A. Wachs	
Thomas E. Helfst	Willie J. Parks Jr.	Lee R. Walker	
Kathleen E. Herb	Kevin M. Patterson		

## Examination Dates

### 2010

Oral Certifying Examination	2-14-2010 to 2-19-2010
COMSSAT	3-5-2010 to 5-13-2010
OMSITE	4-10-2010 to 4-10-2010
Recertification Examination	10-4-2010 to 10-15-2010

### 2011

Qualifying Examination	1-11-2011 to 1-23-2011
Oral Certifying Examination	2-13-2011 to 2-17-2011

## 2010 Annual Registration

Form and \$125.00 fee plus \$100.00 late fee	1-4 to 1-31-2010
Form and \$125.00 fee plus \$200.00 late fee	2-1 to 2-28-2010
<b>Certificate resigned</b>	<b>3-1-2010</b>
Form and \$125.00 fee plus \$300.00 late fee	3-1 to 3-31-2010
Form and \$125.00 fee plus \$400.00 late fee	4-1 to 4-30-2010
<b>Certificate revoked</b>	<b>11-1-2010</b>

If you require assistance please call **(866) 880-3201** or email **[annual.registration@aboms.org](mailto:annual.registration@aboms.org)**.

