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A Message from your President

Larry L. Cunningham Jr., DDS, MD



2020 has been an interesting year indeed:

- *A year relatively devoid of travel,*
- *A year of online meetings and exams,*
- *A year of working from home.*

But through all the unrest and difficulty 2020 brought upon us, your ABOMS staff, Examination Committee, and Directors maintained professionalism and a positive attitude as they have worked to meet the challenges of maintaining the high standards of our specialty. Our Immediate Past President deserves our gratitude and thanks. Navigating the unknown during this time has not been easy, but Dr. David Bitonti showed timely and effective leadership, allowing ABOMS staff to stay engaged in their important work and to be creative in dealing with the ever-changing landscape of our examinations this year. Having presided over the Board's recent IT upgrades, particularly in web design and in our testing platform, Dr. Bitonti helped pave the way for the high degree of success we have had this year. Thank you, David; here's to the dream of more normalcy in 2021!

Don't you wish you had a crystal ball for 2021? If I could make predictions about Diplomate and Candidate interactions with ABOMS for this coming year, I would predict continued excellence in the Oral Certifying Examinations, refined ability for residents to take the OMSITE from home, and smooth interface with Certification Maintenance. I would anticipate immediate, significant contributions from our newest Director, my friend and contemporary, Dr. Paul Tiwana. I would project continued leadership of ABOMS among the dental specialty board organizations. Finally, I would communicate with confidence that the letters "ABOMS" and the insignia will continue to signify excellence, and that Diplomates will display them proudly in offices and on professional materials with pride.

I sincerely believe this to be a critical time for our specialty. As our profession of dentistry has been under fire this year during the pandemic, it will be important for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons to provide strong leadership in their practices and communities. We need to persist in the important work of keeping people safe, supporting those with whom we live and work, and providing healing and relief to our patients. You, ABOMS Diplomates, are among our Nation's Healthcare Heroes. We at ABOMS are honored to stand beside you, supporting our specialty and profession.

Come on 2021! We are ready



A Message from your New Director

Paul S. Tiwana, DDS, MD



I am extremely humbled and honored by my election as the new ABOMS director. To be given the opportunity to be of unique service to our specialty in this way will undoubtedly be the highlight of my professional career. I fully understand the tremendous privilege I have been given, to walk in the footsteps of the previous directors of the Board, while being fully cognizant that I will indeed have very large shoes to fill. I would like to sincerely thank the surgeons who educated me, the countless colleagues in our specialty who have supported me over the years, and my family who have always stood by my side and allowed me to reach this singular honor in our specialty.

This has been an unprecedented year of challenge for our entire specialty because of the pandemic, including ABOMS. I am truly proud of the tremendous diligence and hard work my fellow directors and the always excellent ABOMS staff have already undertaken to prepare for our certification as well as Certification Maintenance processes to continue during this difficult time. In spite of the pandemic, no effort will be spared to maintain the excellence of our specialty as well as the high standards required to achieve and maintain Diplomate status of the ABOMS. As the examination editor, I am especially delighted to note that the first CAQ examination in Pediatric Craniomaxillofacial Surgery was recently delivered successfully by ABOMS.

As a director, I will work tirelessly in implementing the new initiatives that ABOMS has planned for the coming years. With vigor, I look forward to maintaining and fostering the relevancy of ABOMS certification in the daily lives of the surgeons in our specialty. Lastly, it truly is a great privilege to be entrusted with leading ABOMS alongside my fellow directors over the coming years into an always uncertain future. Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery is the specialty that I firmly believe represents the very best in healthcare today, and one I am deeply honored to continue serving.

2020-2021

Examination Committee

The Board recognizes the time and commitment spent as an ABOMS Examiner and thanks our dedicated members in advancing the specialty. In 2020 alone, our Committee members have written over 650 exam questions for our computer-based examinations!

Below is a listing of our 2020-2021 Examination Committee, including our Junior Examiners, marked with an asterisk below.

2020-2021 Examination Committee Members

Edward Adlesic	Eugene D'Amico	Doug Johnson	Suzanne McCormick	Joshua Segal*
Tara Aghaloo*	David Dattilo	Robert Julian	Edward Miller	John Shroyer
John Allen	Valmont Desa	Karen Keith	Gayle Miranda	Constantine Simos*
John Alonge	Robert Diecidue	Kevin Kempers	Brian Murphy*	Paul Smith
Suganya Appugounder*	Jasjit Dillon	Kelly Kennedy	Greg Ness	Roger Spampata
Michael Beckley	Donita Dyalram*	Greg Kewitt	Brandon Newell*	Randall Stastny
Mark Beehner*	Jeffrey Elo	David Kim	Robert Nustad	Marty Steed
Richard Berger	David Fallah*	King Kim	Chan Park*	Larry Stigall
Gary Bouloux	Elie Ferneini*	David Kirkpatrick*	Daniel Perez*	Richard Szumita
Sidney Bourgeois	Luis Ferrer-Nuin*	JD Kisella	Leonel Perez*	Richard Tannyhill*
Tuan Bui*	Bud Fidler	Alia Koch*	Julia Plevnia	Daniel Taub
Todd Brandt	Elda Fisher*	Antonia Kolokythas	Lee Pollan	Thomas Teenier
Curt Cain	Steve Fletcher	Deepak Krishnan	Jason Portnof*	Jayson Terres
Ronald Caloss	Pedro Franco	Carl Labella*	Kathlyn Powell*	Tibebu Tsegga*
Lionel Candelaria	Michael Gentile	Edward Lahey	John Ray*	Ashok Veeranki*
Vincent Carrao	Tamer Goksel	Janice Lee	Charlie Repa	Chris Viozzi
Angelle Casagrande*	Christopher Haggerty	Jesse Lee	Cory Resnick*	Brent Ward
Paul Casmedes	Earl Hasegawa	Susie Lin*	Ramon Ruiz	James Ward*
Guillermo Chacon	James Henderson*	John Lupori*	Sara Runnels*	Tom Weil
Radhika Chigurupati	Jon Holmes	Killian MacCarthy	Michael Safian*	Dean Whitman*
Nam Cho*	David Hunter	Stephen MacLeod	Salam Salman*	Melvyn Yeoh*
Joseph Cillo	Raza Hussain*	Amir Marashi	Thomas Schlieve*	
Paul Ciuci	Courtney Jatana*	Glenn Maron	Nathan Schroeder	

* Junior Examiners

Leadership Positions

Examination Committee members are selected by the Board to serve in leadership roles through the development and administration for both our CBT examinations and OCE. The individuals listed exude the highest level of professionalism and exceptional knowledge in the specialty. The Board of Directors graciously thanks each of these individuals for their time and commitment to the specialty.

2020–2021 Co-Chairs

Surgery Section I

Kelly Kennedy
Killian MacCarthy

Surgery Section II

Nathan Schroeder
Jayson Terres

Surgery Section III

Joseph Cillo
Tamer Goksel

2020–2021 Section Editors

Surgery Section I

Michael Gentile

Surgery Section II

Kevin Kempers

Surgery Section III

Deepak Krishnan

2020–2021 Content Experts

Gary Bouloux
Todd Brandt
Curt Cain

Jasjit Dillon
Luis Ferrer-Nuin
Pedro Franco

Tamer Goksel
Antonia Kolokythas
Robert Nustad

Certification Maintenance

CM Co-Chairs

Sydney Bourgeois
Suzanne McCormick

CM Section Editor

Todd Brandt

2020-2021 CAQ Committee

The following Diplomates are members of the ABOMS Certificate of Added Qualification (CAQ) Examination Committees, including for a new CAQ given this year in Pediatric Craniomaxillofacial Surgery. We thank them for their work this year and next year in building our exams in preparation for the next administration in 2022.

CAQ in Head and Neck Oncologic and Reconstructive Surgery

Kevin Arce
Allen Cheng
David Kang

Ashish Patel
Brian Schmidt
Ramzey Tursun

Fayette Williams
Brian Woo

CAQ in Pediatric Craniomaxillofacial Surgery

Sean Edwards
Michael Gentile

G.E. Ghali
Bonnie Padwa

Ramon Ruiz
Kevin Smith

CAQ Item Editors

Brian Schmidt—Head and Neck Oncologic and Reconstructive Surgery
Ramon Ruiz—Pediatric Craniomaxillofacial Surgery



2020 Examination Statistics

Data from each of our examinations is collected and listed on the ABOMS website. Below are the statistics from our latest examinations.

Qualifying Examination

Time Taken	Total Taking Examination	Total Passing Examination	Pass Rate
First Time Candidates	254	245	96%
Repeat Candidates	72	36	50%
Total/Overall	326	281	86%

Oral Certifying Examination

Time Taken	Total Taking Examination	Total Passing Examination	Pass Rate
First Time Candidates	260	212	81%
Repeat Candidates	62	32	51%
Total/Overall	322	244	75%



Upcoming Examinations and Processes

2021 Certification Maintenance (CM)

Opens January 5, 2021 on Diplomate profiles and
closes December 31, 2021

*Note: If you have not yet completed your 2020 CM,
you have until December 31, 2020, to complete.*

2021 Qualifying Examination (QE)

January 9–16, 2021
Prometric testing centers

2021 Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery In-service Training Examination (OMSITE)

March 13–27, 2021
Prometric testing centers

2021 Oral Certifying Examination (OCE)

Postponed due to Covid-19. NEW DATES are August 23-27, 2021
Raleigh, NC

*Note: Applications for this exam are now closed.
Candidates will receive their test date information in June of 2021*

2021 Annual Registration

2021 Annual Registration (AR) will open on Diplomate profiles on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, and will remain open through March 31, 2021.

The AR timeline changed from previous years in order to more closely align with Certification Maintenance (CM) timelines. Rather than doing October to December renewals for the following year, ABOMS will now have AR renewals run from January to March.

IMPORTANT!

You will not be able to pay 2021 Annual Registration if you have not yet completed your 2020 Certification Maintenance requirements, so please be sure to complete those by December 31, 2020, via your Diplomate profile.

Certification Maintenance

This year we introduced the new Certification Maintenance (CM) process, and we thank all our Diplomates for adjusting and providing a smooth transition. Having eliminated the 10-year Recertification Examination after the 2019 administration, we have received great feedback and are confident that this new process is not only easier on our Diplomates but also ensures our Diplomates are up-to-date with maintaining their education in the field of oral and maxillofacial surgery.

If you have not yet completed your 2020 CM requirements, be sure to do so by December 31, 2020.

2021 CM will begin on January 5, 2021.

Senior Fast Track for QE

This year ABOMS introduced a new Senior Fast Track to the 2021 Qualifying Examination application. This allows senior residents who are on track to graduate in the spring or summer of 2021 to take the QE while still in their last year of residency. We have 439 individuals signed up for the 2021 QE, with 140 of those being residents.

In Memoriam



We have a sense of loss, but also a feeling of warmth and joy when we remember our friend and ABOMS family member, David Stanton, DMD, MD, who passed away on November 13. Dr. Stanton served in many roles with ABOMS in his 13 years as an examiner: surgery section co-chair, regional advisor and recent Director nominee. The Board is better because of the contributions Dr. Stanton made to examination and certification processes. He was a mentor to many of us, and we will miss his presence around the table and during conversations of import, as well as his wit and humor after the meetings have ended. Dr. Stanton offered the following in a recent statement to the Board of Directors: "My time on the Examination Committee has been the most rewarding experience of my career... Year after year, I am awed by the intelligence, thoughtfulness, and skill of my fellow examiners." One of the brightest minds of our specialty, he never missed an opportunity to support and complement others. ABOMS will greatly miss our friend and colleague, Dr. David Stanton.

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Navigating 2020 and Looking Ahead

ABOMS staff would like to thank all of our Diplomates for working under the challenging circumstances of 2020. We acknowledge and appreciate everyone's flexibility while navigating this new virtual world, and we hope we have made any transitions as smooth as possible. We are still alternating our remote and in-office work days to remain as safe and healthy as possible, and we are still available to regularly check email and voice messages as usual.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. And in Dr. Cunningham's words, "Come on 2021! We are ready!"