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A Message from your President

Alan S. Herford, DDS, MD



As my time on the Board is ending, I wish to thank all of you who have made my time so memorable. It seems like only yesterday that I was a first-year Examiner at the new testing center in Dallas, Texas. It has been an honor to represent you, and I have given my best effort to continue the legacy of those who were before me. I continue to be amazed by those I have been blessed to travel this journey with. The Board is in great hands as we navigate the upcoming years.

It is paramount that the Board continues to adapt, change, and lead. Inherent in this process is both strategic and long-range planning. It is important that the Board continues to strive to improve our process, especially in the current healthcare environment. It is also important that we ensure value of Board Certification to our Diplomates as well as our patients.

One of the changes for the Oral Examination is a change in venue. Much care and deliberation has gone into determining what our direction going forward should be. We are excited to begin a new era and will be conducting our annual OCE in Raleigh, North Carolina. It will be at the American Society of Anesthesiology's testing center. A big thank you to those who have served as Board Examiners over the years in Chicago and Dallas and those who will begin a new chapter in Raleigh. Because of you our examination certification is the best in the world.

There have been considerable changes to the Certification Maintenance (CM) process, and we are looking forward to full implementation of the process starting in 2020. We have had much deliberation and are excited about the process going forward. You will receive more information later this year regarding what you need to do for the CM process. As always, we are ready to answer your questions and assist you in this transition.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you for supporting me and for your friendship along the way. My participation with the ABOMS is and will remain the highlight of my professional career. Thank you for giving me so many memories; I am truly grateful. I will be sad to leave the Board, but I have no doubt that the current staff and Board members will take the Board Certification process to new, higher levels. My only advice for those who follow me is to enjoy the journey along the way. "Life is a long journey, with problems to solve, lessons to learn, but most of all, experiences to enjoy"—Unknown

Alan S. Herford, DDS, MD
ABOMS President

Join Us in Welcoming . . .

As every Diplomat knows, the ABOMS certification program is a rigorous and thorough process. The individuals listed below successfully completed the certification process by passing the Oral Certifying Examination at the beginning of this year. Please join us in giving a warm welcome to our newest ABOMS Diplomates!

Saif Abdulateef	Stephanie Dalton	Patrick Kelly	Michael Nagai	Kipp Slocum
Joshua Abrahams	Michael D'Amico	Max Kernizan	Parshan Namiranian	Kevin Smith
Nicholas Alcorn	Kamran Dastoury	Baber Khatib	Nader Nasserri Nosar	Susan Snyder
Dhafer Alsuwied	Karin Davis	Roderick Kim	John Nesiba	David Sobarzo
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Spencer Anderson	Austin Eckard	Mikhail Kobakov	Sami Nizam	George Soung
Chase Andreanon	Siavash Eftekhari	Jessica Koh	Derek Nykiel	Nick Spanel
Ludmils Antonos	Kyle Ettinger	Paul Koshgerian	Neil Oishi	Tudor Stiharu
Scott Arceneaux	Brian Evans	Ryan Kriwanek	Justin Olsen	Jason Straw
Benjamin Archer	Zaid Faraji	Philipp Kupfer	Eli Oppenheimer	Sarah Summers
Varun Arya	Avi Feygin	Benjamin Lago	Yirae Ort	Timothy Surber
Mark Auble	Adam Flack	Robert Lambert	Ariel Otero-Rodriguez	Sajal Swaroop
Pierre-Luc Aubry	Whitney Florin	Robert Lampert	Antonio Parameswaran	Kevin Sweeney
Michael Awadallah	Gary Forgach	Daniel Leach	Earl Park	Aldrich Sy
Deeba Azhar	Danielle Freburg-	Jay Lee	Jorge Perez Santos	James Tagoni
Michael Babston	Hoffmeister	Daniel Lee	Chad Petersen	Jeremy Tarver
Robert Bacigalupo	Kevin Gams	Zachary Legan	Donald Pitcher	Gregory Tentindo
Ben Adam Bailey	Jeffrey Garcia	Philip Lin	Matthew Popp	Leslee Timm
Eric Baker	Rodolfo Garza	Justin Liska	Ryan Pryor	Joseph Tingey
Vinela Bakllamaja	Scott Goldberg	Jeffrey Litman	Lyann Puig Quinones	Saeed Tofigh
Michael Barber	Veronica Gonzalez	Samuel Liu	Alaaaldin Radwan	Andrea Torroni
Benjamin Barbetta	Jorge Gonzalez-Ocasio	Sapna Lohiya	Kevin Rasmussen	Karen Tucker
Nicholaus Barbosa	Austin Gray	Christy Lottinger	Jose Ravelo	Kathryn Vorwald
Lauren Basile	James Griffith	Hani Mahgoub	Andrew Read-Fuller	Harshiv Vyas
Jonathan Bean	Trevor Griffiths	Blake Maida	Joseph Reardon	Cameron Walker
Samuel Beck	Anish Gupta	Sirish Makan	Esther Rhee	Jeffrey Wallis
Robert Beech	Shivane Gupta	Michael Malmquist	Rhae Anna Riegel	Alicia Wang
Nicholas Bennetts	Andrew Gutierrez	Martin Mardirosian	Nathan Ringer	Bo Wang
Steven Best	Travis Hamilton	Jason Marrazzo	Scott Roemer	Justin Weaver
Timothy Betita	Daniel Hammer	Hunter Martin	James Roger	Sean Welander
Daniel Bienstock	Richard Hammond	Joshua Matonak	Mathew Ruggles	Gregory White
Joseph Boice	Jeremy Hanlon	Adam Matthias	Nariman Saadat	Andrew Wicke
Aaron Brinster	Preston Hansen	Jeremy May	Negin Saghafi	Tyler Wildey
Cecilia Brown	Justin Hastings	William May	Sohail Saghezchi	Paul Wilkinson
Nicholas Callahan	Derek Havas	Jonathan McCabe	David Salomon	Nathaniel Williams
John Chae	Thomas Heidenreich	Tyler McDonald	Brad Schafer	Rieger Wood
Christopher Chafin	Paul Hinchey	Matthew McKnight	Michael Schiffman	Thomas Wright
Bryan Chai	Tuan Hoang	Justin Messina	Brett Schow	Allan Wun
Amir Chalak	Duc Tuan Hoang	Brett Miles	Geoffrey Schreiber	Robert Wunderle
Anish Chavda	Curtis Holmes	David Minto	Todd Schultz	Andrew Yampolsky
Arian Chehrehisa	Michael Huang	John Mizukawa	Garrett Seghi	Yavuz Yildirim
Jerry Chiu	Bradford Huffman	Justine Moe	James Shaner	Robert Yong
Brandon Christensen	Joshua Hyatt	Naveen Mohan	Alan Shaw	Tae Lim Youn
Heng-Ying Chu	Peter Ingoldsby	Jade-Lin Morton	Christopher Shearen	Shaun Young
Michael Cofer	Keith Jackson	Andrew Mueller	Jared Shelton	Steve Yusupov
William Cone	Wilson Jing	Eduard Munarov	Benjamin Shimel	Kirollos Zakhary
Paul Covello	Amber Johnson	M Timothy Murphy	Robert Shumate	Shahrouz Zarrabi
Thomas Curiel	Benjamin Johnson	Alexander Musser	Raymond Shupak	Derrick Zech
Jonathan Czerepak	Arshad Kaleem	Matthew Myers	Quinton Slaughter	

Congratulations

Certification Maintenance (CM) is a comprehensive program instituted by ABOMS in 2005. In order to maintain certification, Diplomates who hold time-limited certificates are required to participate in this program. The Diplomate names listed below are individuals whose certificates expired on December 31, 2018, and successfully met all four components of the CM process: Professional Standing, Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment, Cognitive Expertise, and Evaluation of Performance in Practice. Although the process will be changing next year, certificates will still run on a 10-year cycle as long as the yearly requirements are met.

Julia Abend	Robert Crittenden	John Hammen	Richard Laing	Marlice Patam	Tim Silegy
Hussein Ads	Christopher Cuomo	Bradley Hammond	Kristin Leis	Nilesh Patel	Perry Silva
Badr Aljandan	Shadi Daher	Christopher Harris	Russell Linman	Sandeep Pathak	Lance Smagalski
John Allen	Edwin Del Valle-	Gregory Hatzis	Thuan Loi	Anthony Pavone	James Solomon
Leonard Allen	Sepulveda	Creed Haymond	Bradley Lutchka	Russell Peck	Cassandra Stacy
Craig Alpha	Donald DeLisi	Sean Healy	Stephen MacLeod	Ajit Pillai	David Stanton
George Anastassov	Sarah DeMarco Davies	Andrew Heise	Dennis Mahan	Daniel Pituch	John Stewart
Michael Andrews	Timothy Devitt	Victor Ho	Louis Manna	George Pollock	Hugo St-Hilaire
Kevin Andrus	Manuel Diaz	Donald Hofheins	Steve Manzon	Jason Potter	Edward Strauss
Eshansh Arora	Jose Diaz-Abascal	Grant Hogan	Amir Marashi	Daron Praetzel	Sudheer Surpure
Daniel Atallah	Douglas Ditty	Eric Holmgren	Monte Masonbrink	Steven Press	Walter Tatch
Bethany Awalt	James Domin	Douglas Hong	Nicholas Massoth	Philip Prickett	Asif Taufiq
Moris Aynechi	Matthew Dudziak	Cathy Hung-Orlando	Richard Mayo	Mark Ranschaert	Mark Thurgood
Timothy Bandrowsky	William Dymon	Ali Iranmanesh	Gregory Mcgee	Gary Raska	Kiiri Tietjens
Adam Bateman	James Eckstein	Mykle Jacobs	Robert McGhee	Rick Rawson	Nathaniel Tricker
Thomas Beckman	Patrick Edmunds	William Jenkins	Mark McIlwain	John Michael Ray	Thomas Trowbridge
Gregory Benson	Moustafa El-Ghareeb	Shawn Jepsen	Christopher Medley	Anthony Rega	Gregory Tull
Mark Billy	Erik Evans	D. Johnson	Michael Meer	Erik Reitter	Gregory Urfrig
Scott Blyer	Stevan Fairburn	Dexter Johnson	Mehran Mehrabi	Brad Richman	Tasios Vakkas
Gary Bouloux	Bart Farrell	David Jurman	Thomas Melendrez	Kevin Rieck	Tate Viehweg
Matthew Brandt	Amerigo Fedeli	Lawrence Juvet	Leo Menendez	Marjorie Risser	Robert Wagoner
Rhys Branman	Erik Feider	Nora Kahenasa	Michael Mistretta	Brian Robinson	Serv Wahan
Michaelanne Briggs	Michael Ferguson	Boris Kalika	Timothy Andrew Mitchell	Henry Rowshan	Eric Wallace
Matthew Brown	Trent Filler	Christopher Kang	Shelley Miyasaki	Aaron Ruskin	Jeffrey Wallen
Henry Bryan	Deborah Finegold	Richard Kapitan	Douglas Monasebian	Mary Ann Sabino	Jeffrey Wasielewski
Mark Bufalini	Steven Fontana	Bryan Keegan	Matthew Monesmith	Jon Sabol	Vivian Wasmuht-Perroud
Monte Butler	Eric Fox	John Keene	David Montes	Regina Saenz	Jerome Wees
Christopher Buttner	Gary Fries	Paul Kelly	Michael Moody	Parimal Sapovadia	Paul Weinstein
Jeffrey Byram	Michael Fuentes	Ardavan Kheradpir	David Moose	Aaron Sarathy	David Wise
Michelle Cabret-Carlotti	Daniel Gesek	Kevin Kiely	Anne Elizabeth Morgan	Todd Sawisch	Robert Wood
Luis Cardenas-Lugo	Paul Geunes	Phil Kim	Kevin Morse	Robert Schaedel	Clarence Worley
Michael Casadaban	Rami Ghurani	Thomas King	George Nail	Brian Schneider	Michael Wright
John Cataudella	Michael Gissell	Christopher Kirkup	Eduardo Nicolaievsky	William Schneider	Ronald Wright
I-Ling Chen	Andrew Glenn	Winai Kittidumkerng	Mark Nissenbaum	Michael Schuh	David Yarmand
Barry Cherny	Laurie Goldenberg	Eric Knox	Afolabi Ogunleye	Zev Schulhof	Thomas Ying
Andrew Cheung	Mark Gregory	Martin Koop	Frank Orr	Ashraf Sedhom	Dean Younce
Daniel Chin	John Guariglia	Andrew Kramer	Christopher Pace	Douglas Seeger	S. Lyle Zuck
Joseph Cillo	Fred Haim	David Krigbaum	Joseph Park	John Seidel	
Micheal Connor	David Hall	Benjamin Kur	Judd Partridge	Brian Shah	
Frank Cornella	Sandra Halterman	Brett Laggan	Larry Parworth	Arshiya Sharafi	
Jay Cowan	Mariam Hamidi	Edward Lahey	John Pasqual	Steven Sherry	

Congratulations on Your Added Qualifications!

Last fall in Chicago, ABOMS administered the Certificate of Added Qualifications (CAQ) examination in Head and Neck Oncologic and Reconstructive Surgery. This examination is designed for oral and maxillofacial surgeons certified by ABOMS who have demonstrated significant qualifications in this specialized area and who conduct a practice with emphasis on this focused component of oral and maxillofacial surgery. The following individuals have completed additional specialty education and have successfully passed this examination process. Congratulations!

Anthony Bunnell

Srinivasa Chandra

Todd Hanna

Ketan Patel

Brett Shirley

Othman Altuwairgi, DMD, MD, PhD



I graduated from Tufts University OMFS Residency Program in 1995. My 1996 was a fruitful one—I had acquired my American Board Certification in OMFS and finalized my Masters Degree in Science. In 1995, I had two prestigious awards from the AAOMFS for best Resident scientific paper and the Cormack award by Tufts University. Furthermore, I got involved in research on the effect of Chemotherapy as a pre-surgical treatment for facial Osteosarcoma that leads to the early work named Neoadjuvant chemotherapy for the treatment of Osteosarcoma. This followed by acquiring my doctorate degree from Harvard University in the Genetic background of Osteosarcoma.

Since 2001, I have been practicing the full scope of the specialty in my country (Saudi Arabia) as well as involved in the academic field. Starting in 2015 I got involved in frequent trips to Syrian borders where we dedicate time to help the war-injured patient. This included facial trauma cases by exposure to varieties of arms. About 60% or more were children; some with facial tissue loss (up to 30% of the facial structure). We spend ten days per visit, (an average of 15 cases are surgically managed). Last year we got involved in visiting Yemen to help with similar cases. It really brings joy to my heart that what I had learned and acquired of surgical skill was put into caring for the treatments of those less fortunate human beings. Witnessing those people suffering and the desperation to have someone help them is sad and heartbreaking. At the same time, witnessing how they behave in those situations is a different story—how they offer their assigned bed for one another is humbling to me, to say the least.

Marshall Wade, DDS

I've been leading dental teams to Ukraine since 1994 with our non-profit group, Shepherd's Foundation. Initially we worked in the "Polyclinic" which is a multispecialty clinic in Zolotonosha, Ukraine, a town of about 35,000 persons. The country was newly independent and the economy was in shambles. Just obtaining a radiograph was difficult for our dental colleagues. Returning to the U.S., we raised funds to purchase a single dental radiographic unit that became the resource for the entire town.

We work in close contact with our Ukrainian colleagues, known there as stomotologists, with one-on-one teaching and instruction during patient treatment, as well as continuing education seminars. Once we provided the needed supplies, they learned advanced techniques quickly and have become excellent clinicians.

After 10 years in the Polyclinic, we moved our base of operations to Kropyvna Orphanage allowing us to impact a grossly underserved community of children. In Ukraine orphans were not a high priority for care. Our team set up four general dental operatories, 2 hygiene units and an oral surgery area in a classroom to provide comprehensive care to the children living there and their staff. Our Ukrainian colleagues continued to travel to the orphanage to work with us, greatly increasing our continuity of care. These children previously had their dental work done without anesthesia, including extractions, so it was an incredible gift to them to receive the injections prior to treatment.

Reflecting on 23 years of oral surgical care in Ukraine, I realize there are many more stories than room to write them and just as many challenges ahead. But the skills that we value as Diplomates—knowledge, service, compassion and leadership—establish the base for wise decision-making and the continued improvement of the lives of the people we serve.

David Nicholls, DDS



OMS group practice can provide opportunities for broad surgical practice and for service professionally and in the community. Our practice has been fortunate in this respect and has moved the specialty forward in our area. Dr. Rex Moody started the tradition of being a key member of the hospital trauma team in 1978 and was also active doing orthognathic surgery. The practice grew, and I joined in 1989. Dr. Moody and I served on Mission Hospital Surgery Executive Committee. I added to the practice independent hospital privileges for H and P, iliac crest bone harvest, TMJ and obstructive sleep apnea surgery. Dr. David Cummings joined the practice in 1997 and cultivated his interest in teaching, maintaining a part-time faculty position at the USC School of Dentistry. He became a CPR instructor, regularly recertifying the staffs of referring offices. The practice became known for its commitment to taking care of reconstructive surgery, trauma, dental implant, dentoalveolar, TMJ, and non-cancer pathology patients, and has treated hundreds, perhaps thousands, of hospital patients. Dr. Moody has an interest in biblical archeology and led several trips to the Middle East. Dr. Cummings and I served in the Boy Scouts of America, leading several youth trips. Our Diplomates have participated in medical mission trips and free clinics. The practice continued to grow and was joined by Dr. Edward Balasanian in 2007 and Dr. Jeff Caputo in 2009. Dr. Balasanian is serving on the Surgery Executive Committee at Mission Hospital and the Children's Hospital, as well as serving in the Orange County Dental Association and in California Dental Association. Dr. Caputo and Dr. Balasanian are both teaching CPR. Dr. Cummings served as an Examiner for ABOMS and is now serving on the board of CALAOMS. Dr. Caputo coordinates a regular lecture series. Trauma call still rotates a week at a time, with a partner always willing to come and help on a challenging case. We are grateful and realize that the capacity to do these things is because the group pulls together to advance the specialty, serve in medicine, dentistry, and community, and provide a good life for our families.

Interested in being featured in our next Diplomates Making a Difference section? We'd love to hear from you! If you would like to be featured or if you know of somebody who you'd like to nominate to be featured, email kmoore@aboms.org for details.

Certification Maintenance FAQ

A BOMS Diplomates are informed of the changes to Certification Maintenance (CM) approaching in 2020, but there are a few common questions that we hope to answer for anyone asking themselves the same questions.

Q: *When will I receive information regarding what to expect in 2020?*

A: *ABOMS staff will send an email in August to all Diplomates with what is required in January 2020. Each certificate with a different expiration date is required to complete a slightly different portion of CM each year. The August email will personally notify each Diplomate of his/her requirements for the 2020 year.*

Q: *Is there a fee associated with the new CM program?*

A: *There are no fees associated with the new CM process.*

Q: *How do I access the CM questions?*

A: *Everything that is required in the new CM program will be accessible on Diplomate profiles.*

Q: *If I completed my Recertification Examination within the last 10 years, when do I start the new program?*

A: *All Diplomates with time-limited certificates will begin the new process on January 1, 2020. Each person will have 12 months to complete what is required of the CM program for that year.*

Q: *Is there anything I need to do now to prepare?*

A: *There's a presentation available in the blog section of the ABOMS website that provides more detailed information of the program. This presentation was given at the AAOMS Annual Meeting in Chicago and received good feedback from its meeting.*

Any additional questions can be directed to the ABOMS headquarters at 312-642-0070 or info@aboms.org.

OCE Moves to Raleigh

The ABOMS Oral Certifying Examination (OCE) has been administered in Dallas, TX for the past 11 years and, next year, will start its newest venture in Raleigh, NC. The Raleigh test center is equipped with the latest technologies to help the performance of oral examinations. ABOMS is dedicated to optimizing emerging technologies that improve the delivery of its certification programs. While our Dallas test center has been reliable in administering a secure oral examination, Raleigh's test center will elevate the examination to its next level with iPad capabilities and more efficient methods for delivery and test scoring.

The ABOMS OCE has been delivered in Chicago, Dallas and now Raleigh. The Board is excited to begin its next chapter.

Thinking about Becoming an Examiner? The Structure has Changed!

Examiner application requirements were a topic of interest for the Board over the last year. At its spring meeting, the Board approved a new Examination Committee structure that affects the requirements and responsibilities of an Examiner. Here's what you need to know:

- Examiners are eligible to apply for the committee **three** years after becoming Board certified
- The Examiner application **no longer** requires letters of recommendation; however, does include an evaluation form from a current or previous Examiner to serve as the applicant's reference
- Newly selected Examiners are **required** to attend a New Examiner Orientation and Item Writers Workshop during the AAOMS Annual Meeting
- Examiners are responsible for item writing and Certification Maintenance case/question submission during their first **two** years
- After successfully serving as an Examiner for a minimum of two years, members will be considered to examine for the oral boards in Raleigh, NC

The application to become an Examiner will be available on Diplomate profiles from August 5–December 1, 2019. Examiners are selected in the spring and notified by mail if they've been selected to serve on the committee.

Any questions regarding Examiner applications can be directed to the ABOMS headquarters at 312-642-0070 or info@aboms.org.

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Examination Committee

Each spring the Board of Directors selects a group of Examiners to serve on its current year's Examination Committee. This group of exceptional individuals aid in the development of the ABOMS computer-based testing (CBT) examinations and Oral Certifying Examination (OCE).

Committee members are responsible for submitting questions and cases for specific examinations and, at times, assigned to leadership positions within the committee. The Board recognizes the time and commitment spent as an ABOMS Examiner and thanks our dedicated members in advancing the specialty.

2018-2019 Examination Committee Members

Edward Adlesic	Valmont Desa	King Kim	Daniel Perez*
John Allen	Robert Diecidue	David Kirkpatrick*	Julia Plevnia
John Alonge	Jasjit Dillon	JD Kisella	Jason Portnof*
Michael Beckley	Donita Dyalram*	Alia Koch*	Cory Resnick*
Gary Bouloux	Jeffrey Elo	Antonia Kolokythas	Ramon Ruiz
Sidney Bourgeois	Elie Ferneini*	Deepak Krishnan	Sara Runnels*
Tuan Bui*	Luis Ferrer-Nuin*	Carl Labella*	Thomas Schlieve*
Todd Brandt	Steve Fletcher	Edward Lahey	Nathan Schroeder
Curt Cain	Pedro Franco	Janice Lee	Paul Smith
Ronald Caloss	Michael Gentile	Jesse Lee	Roger Spampata
Lionel Candelaria	Tamer Goksel	Susie Lin*	David Stanton
Vincent Carrao	Christopher Haggerty	Killian MacCarthy	Randall Stastny
Angelle Casagrande*	Jon Holmes	Stephen MacLeod	Marty Steed
Paul Casmedes	David Hunter	Amir Marashi	Larry Stigall
Guillermo Chacon	Raza Hussain*	Glenn Maron	Richard Szumita
Radhika Chigurupati	Matt Jacks	Suzanne McCormick	Daniel Taub
Nam Cho*	Douglas Johnson	Edward Miller	Thomas Teenier
Joseph Cillo	Mark Johnson	Brian Murphy*	Jayson Terres
Paul Ciuci	Robert Julian	Robert Nustad	Paul Tiwana
Eugene D'Amico	Kevin Kempers	Alexis Olsson	James Ward*
David Dattilo	Kelly Kennedy	Chan Park*	Melvyn Yeoh*

Newly appointed Examiners, also known as Junior Examiners, serve as item writers for the ABOMS CBT examinations and Certification Maintenance processes. Individuals who serve in this role have the opportunity to be appointed as an Examiner to the OCE based on their performance as a Junior Examiner. A Diplomate must serve a minimum of two years as a Junior Examiner to be considered as an OCE Examiner. Junior Examiners are marked with an asterisk on the Examination Committee listing above. Welcome, 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.

2019–2020 Co-Chairs

Surgery Section I

Matt Jacks
Kelly Kennedy

Surgery Section II

Jayson Terres
Paul Tiwana

Surgery Section III

Jeffrey Elo
Tamer Goksel

2019–2020 Section Editors

Surgery Section I

Killian MacCarthy

Surgery Section II

Kevin Kempers

Surgery Section III

Deepak Krishnan

2019–2020 Content Experts

Gary Bouloux
Todd Brandt
Curt Cain
Jasjit Dillon

Tamer Goksel
Pedro Franco
Antonia Kolokythas

Robert Nustad
Alexis Olsson
Paul Tiwana

Certification Maintenance

CM Co-Chairs

Ronald Caloss
Sydney Bourgeois

CM Section Editor

Suzanne McCormick

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

2018 CAQ Examination (Head and Neck Oncologic and Reconstructive Surgery)

Time Taken	Total Taking Examination	Total Passing Examination	Pass Rate
First Time Candidates	5	5	100%
Repeat Candidates	0	0	N/A
Total/Overall	5	5	100%

2018 Recertification Examination

Time Taken	Total Taking Examination	Total Passing Examination	Pass Rate
First Time Candidates	234	221	94%
Repeat Candidates	7	6	86%
Total/Overall	241	227	94%

2019 Qualifying Examination

Time Taken	Total Taking Examination	Total Passing Examination	Pass Rate
First Time Candidates	243	227	93%
Repeat Candidates	71	45	63%
Total/Overall	314	272	87%

2019 Oral Certifying Examination

Time Taken	Total Taking Examination	Total Passing Examination	Pass Rate
First Time Candidates	247	217	87%
Repeat Candidates	55	32	58%
Total/Overall	302	249	82%

Upcoming Examinations

2019 Recertification Examination September 21–28, 2019

Important Dates: Scheduling goes through August 9, 2019

2019 Qualifying Examination January 4–11, 2020

Important Dates: Applications open now through September 5, 2019

2020 Oral Certifying Examination February 3–7, 2020

Important Dates: Applications open now through September 5, 2019

Brian Farrell, DDS, MD



I am humbled to be associated with the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Examination Committee and honored to have overwhelming support with their nomination to the AAOMS House of Delegates for position of ABOMS Director.

My entire life has been spent around the specialty of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery beginning with mowing the lawn outside my father's (Charlie) practice, observation of consultations, surgeries and reflection on his tenure on the Examination Committee (1986-92) to current clinical practice alongside my brother (Bart). My exposure and experience within the specialty has grown from immediate family to an extended one comprised of mentors, peers and those I have become closely acquainted while participating in various committees and societies within our specialty, particularly the ABOMS Examination Committee. Fortunate, to say the least.

I maintain a broad scope of practice that ranges from dentoalveolar procedures in the office setting to surgery within the hospital balanced between private practice at Carolinas Center for Oral and Facial Surgery and academics as an Assistant Clinical Professor with Louisiana State University contributing in resident and fellow training as the director of our fellowship program. I have served as the Department of Surgery and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Chair for our local hospital and sit on a variety of professional committees focused on navigating the constantly changing landscape in healthcare. I continue to author and serve as an editor on articles and book chapters and frequently lecture on advancing innovation and techniques to improve patient outcomes. I participated in the format of AAOMS Parameters of Care and have been appointed to leadership roles within ABOMS including Content Expert for the written examinations and Section Co-Chair during the recent reorganization of the Oral Certifying Exam.

I have the utmost pride in our coveted profession and want to ensure our constituency remains at the forefront in the disciplines of dentistry and medicine as our specialty continues to evolve. I understand the commitment of ABOMS Director and am committed to support all Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons throughout the specialty whether they be involved in private practice, academic appointment or military/government service through listening, diligence and leadership. I am grateful for the confidence bestowed by the Examination Committee and hope the Delegates confirm that trust when in Boston. Thank you for your support.



Deepak Kademani, DMD, MD



I am honored and humbled as a nominee for the position of Director for the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. The opportunity to serve ABOMS and our specialty would truly be a privilege.

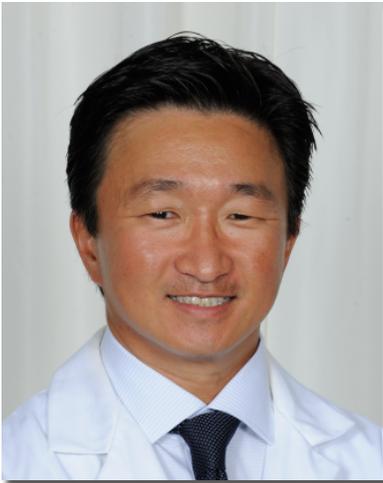
I completed my education along with residency training at the University of Pennsylvania, followed by a fellowship in Head and Neck Surgery. I currently serve as Director of a OMS service, Head and Neck Surgery Fellowship training program and Vice Chief of the Medical Staff at a Level I trauma center. As a former Chief of Surgery, I understand the ever-changing complexities of healthcare. I strive to balance an active surgical practice, administrative roles, teaching and research, while contributing to the literature, including authoring a textbook.

I have served on the examination committee the past nine years, and have valued my roles as a horizontal examiner, content expert, co-chair and mentor for the oral certification process. This experience has provided an intimate understanding and insight into the examination process. Surgeons bestowed with board certification must be contemporaneous and uphold the highest standards of surgical care. I'm grateful to have held numerous roles with AAOMS over my career, seeing many facets of our specialty. As Chair of committees on Research, Planning and Technology, Continuing Professional Education and Development, and Special Committee on Maxillofacial Oncology and Reconstructive Surgery, I have valued AAOMS commitment to further promote and protect our specialty.

I am honored by the nomination to serve as a Director of ABOMS and hope to earn your vote in Boston!



David Kim, DMD, MD



I am truly humbled to be a nominee for Director of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and I would like to congratulate Drs. Kademani and Farrell on their nominations. My time on the Board's Examination Committee has been both an educational experience as well as incredibly rewarding. I served on Section III of the Examination Committee and transitioned to Section II with the re-organization of the exam last year. I am proud to have served as the reconstructive surgery content expert for the past 3 years and served as a horizontal rotator, examining all sections of the exam for two years.

After my residency training at Kings County Hospital Center in Brooklyn, New York, and a fellowship at the University of Maryland, I have been in academic practice at the Louisiana State University Health Science Center Shreveport (LSUHSC-S). I served as the residency program director for 9 years and I am currently the director of our Head and Neck Oncology and Microvascular Reconstruction Fellowship, which I began in 2006. At LSUHSC-S, I serve on numerous committees, which includes serving as the Chair Cancer Committee and successfully overseen two Committee on Cancer site visits. I have been an active AAOMS Fellow for the past 16 years where I have served as the Chair of the Committee on Residency Education and Training and the President of the Faculty Section Executive Committee.

Election to the Board of Directors of ABOMS would be an immense honor and I welcome the challenge and responsibility that accompanies the position. The importance of having a role in shaping our specialty's certifying examinations is obvious to me and I will do my best to maintain the highest level of professionalism and integrity that ABOMS represents while helping to guide the organization in the future.

