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Message from the President



Fellow Diplomates, Colleagues, and Friends,

Summer is my favorite season—a time of warmth, vitality and an opportunity to recharge. Although this is often the busiest time of the year for our specialty, I hope you are able to set aside time with your loved ones to relax and renew. As I think ahead, I am inspired by the words of Mahatma Gandhi: "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." These words are a meaningful reminder about the importance of dedication, compassion, and service in our profession.

To serve others through meaningful work is a great privilege. The path we have chosen as surgeons requires years of relentless commitment and carries the profound responsibility entrusted to us by our patients, families, and communities. Every day, we aim to relieve suffering, restore function, offer hope, and improve lives. The greatest reward of this life's work is not prestige, recognition, or title. It is purpose.

Serving the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (ABOMS) is among the greatest honors of my career. I humbly thank each of you for placing your trust in me to lead this incredible organization as President. I have just returned from the AAOMS Board of Trustees meeting in Big Sky, Montana, where leadership convened from ABOMS, AAOMS and OMSNIC. Together we shared insights and coordinated efforts to advance our specialty to new levels of excellence. Now more than ever, we are united by the belief that our specialty must continue to evolve, lead, and serve at the highest level.

Achieving and maintaining Board Certification remains the gold standard of professional accomplishment in our specialty and affirms a commitment to lifelong learning. In February, the Board, along with our exceptional Examination Committee, successfully administered another OCE in Raleigh, North Carolina. We are delighted to welcome 270 new Diplomates as Board-Certified Surgeons and congratulate them all on this milestone in their professional careers.

The ABOMS Board has been hard at work on several initiatives over the past few months. Most notably, we continue to work with ACGME and CODA to explore dual accreditation for our specialty. At the present time ACGME has convened a task force to specifically examine the pathway forward. We look forward to continuing to work with both groups to facilitate this in the future. To address the issue of unmatched residency positions, this year the ABOMS Board elected to support dental students interested in OMS by providing vouchers to cover the expense of CBSE preparation. We received an overwhelmingly positive response with many applications received from eligible dental students.

Message from the President

Additionally, we are modernizing the Certificates of Added Qualifications programs in Oral/Head and Neck Oncologic and Reconstructive Surgery and Cleft and Craniomaxillofacial Surgery to represent a recognition of a subspeciality area of practice. In April, we underwent a Strategic Planning process with input from our Diplomates, past and current examiners, and several key stakeholders including AAOMS and ADA to inform and align the Board's strategic priorities for our future. We are working on the final stages of our strategic plan which will be made available to our Diplomates in the near future.

The future of our specialty will depend on the willingness of talented individuals to step forward and serve. It will depend on leaders who are willing to contribute their expertise, engage in thoughtful discourse, and make difficult decisions for the betterment of the profession and the protection of the public. To those who currently serve on our Examination Committee and in leadership roles, I offer my deepest gratitude. Your work matters, and your contributions have lasting impact. To those considering service, I encourage you to answer that call. Bring your experience, your judgment, your integrity, and your very best efforts. And, encourage your most talented colleagues to do the same. From my earliest days as an examiner to the privilege of serving in leadership, I have witnessed the extraordinary dedication of those who give their time, talent, and wisdom in service to our specialty and the public we are entrusted to protect.

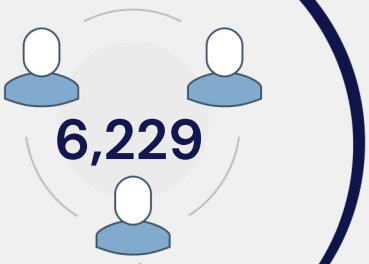
Thank you for your commitment to our patients, to our specialty, and to one another.

Yours in service,



Deepak Kademani DMD MD FACS
President, American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

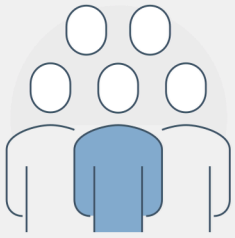
Community Overview



Active Diplomates



Retired Diplomates



Candidates



CAQ Certificants: Head & Neck Oncologic and Reconstructive Surgery



CAQ Certificants: Pediatric Craniomaxillofacial Surgery (Cleft and Craniofacial)



Applicants

Diplomate Reminders

Annual Requirements

Certification Maintenance Audit

All Diplomates are eligible for selection in the audit process for ABOMS Certification Maintenance. If selected, the Diplomate must submit documentation demonstrating compliance with the requirements to maintain Diplomate status.

Certification Maintenance Due December 31, 2026

Don't wait until the end of the year! Get started on your 2026 Certification Maintenance requirements. These online modules help keep your knowledge current and are required to maintain your certification status.

Update Your Profile!

ABOMS communicates with Diplomate by email, phone and mail regarding your yearly requirements. For this reason, it is important to maintain up to date contact information.

Review your contact information at aboms.org under "Update Profile" on the lefthand side of your Diplomate account.

Display Your Board Certification

Visit the ABOMS store in your Diplomate profile to order extra certificates and a Diplomate lapel pin! We also offer a complimentary digital badge that can be featured on your website, email signature and social media. Visit our website for more information and start showcasing your achievement today!

Diplomates Making a Difference



Dr. Jeffrey Brooks

Advancing OMS Through Service, Mentorship, and Compassion

Dr. Jeffrey Brooks is a private-practice oral and maxillofacial surgeon located in Western Michigan. His interest in the specialty began in dental school after witnessing a patient's transformative outcome following orthognathic surgery. He was drawn to the specialty for its unique integration of complex human anatomy, an area he previously taught as a college anatomy tutor, and the opportunity to make a meaningful impact on patients' lives. That sense of purpose has remained a defining theme throughout his career, leading to his nomination for Diplomates Making a Difference by a patient whose experience left a profound impact.

Dr. Brooks' multi-office practice serves the Western Michigan community, including the underserved population, a commitment he attributes to the generous and service-oriented culture of his group practice.



"My partners and I donate a significant amount of care to the low-income dental clinics in town and to the uninsured population. We work in emergencies on an almost daily basis. If the patient is in pain, we do our best to get them in as soon as possible."

In addition to providing full-year oral surgery coverage at the local Level 2 Trauma Center alongside his fellow partners, Dr. Brooks is also invested in shaping the future of dentistry.

His practice hosts dozens of predental students and dental assisting students throughout the year, enabling them to complete their observational requirements while providing experience in the field.

Through his clinical service, community commitment, and mentorship, Dr. Brooks continues to make a meaningful impact on both his patients and the broader field of oral and maxillofacial surgery.





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Dr. Timothy Nguyen

Practicing OMS at Sea Aboard the USS Gerald R. Ford



Dr. Timothy Nguyen, a newly certified ABOMS Diplomate, recently completed an 11-month deployment aboard the *USS Gerald R. Ford*, where he provided care for more than 4,500 warfighters.

As the sole oral and maxillofacial surgeon aboard the ship, he provided full-scope OMS care six days a week, performing procedures such as third molar extractions, implants, and dentoalveolar surgery. In addition to routine surgical care, he maintained constant readiness to manage facial trauma and airway emergencies in the deployed environment.

Dr. Nguyen relied heavily on his comprehensive OMS training which enabled him to contribute beyond dental care including performing an emergent intubation during an acute respiratory deterioration in an injured sailor. Experiences such as these reinforced the importance of preparedness in an ever-changing deployed environment.

Although deployment can be physically, mentally, and emotionally demanding, Dr. Nguyen found the opportunity for surgical independence particularly rewarding. As the only OMS provider aboard the USS Gerald R. Ford, he was able to apply years of rigorous training while caring for patients in a uniquely challenging environment.





"I've gained a deep appreciation for both versatility and preparation. I've been fortunate to train under outstanding mentors whose guidance continues to shape my approach to complex and unpredictable cases. Practicing in the middle of the ocean aboard the world's largest and most advanced aircraft carrier, while traveling globally, has made the experience uniquely formative."

In his next assignment, Dr. Nguyen will serve in Okinawa where he will practice both clinic and hospital-based oral and maxillofacial surgery. Looking ahead, he hopes to return to Austin, Texas and bring his unique experiences and skills gained during his military service to private practice.

Recently Retired Diplomates

Congratulations on Retirement!

ABOMS extends our sincere congratulations to the following recently retired Diplomates. We also want to express our deep appreciation for their years of dedication, service, and contributions to the oral and maxillofacial specialty.

Dr. Timothy Atkinson in Mountain Top, PA
Dr. James Baker in Oklahoma City, OK
Dr. Mark Bennett in Roseburg, OR
Dr. J Boyd in Morristown, TN
Dr. Amy Brooks in Morganton, NC
Dr. Norman Cavanagh in Glastonbury, CT
Dr. Garey Chayra in Austin, TX
Dr. Chris Choukas in Barrington, IL
Dr. James Christian in Memphis, TN
Dr. James Coleman in Universal City, TX
Dr. Philip Conforti in Hamden, CT
Dr. David Dattilo in Pittsburgh, PA
Dr. I E Davis in Lexington, SC
Dr. Frank Falcone Jr. in Rehoboth, DE
Dr. Lawrence Falender in Carmel, IN
Dr. Trent Filler in Horseshoe Bay, TX
Dr. Brent Garrison in Fishers, IN
Dr. John Hackenberger in Grosse Pointe Park, MI
Dr. Michael Hoffman in Stow, OH
Dr. Anthony Immediata in Raleigh, NC
Dr. Paul Iverson in Fargo, ND
Dr. Mark Knibbe in Florence, KY
Dr. Gary Koehl in San Antonio, TX
Dr. Bernard Krupp in Ft Lauderdale, FL
Dr. David Kung in Chevy Chase, MD
Dr. Joyce Lee in Atlanta, GA
Dr. Hal Levine in Orlando, FL
Dr. Steven Levy in Atlanta, GA
Dr. Chawket Mannai in Bayonne, N/A
Dr. E. Steven Moriconi in Pittsburgh, PA
Dr. David Moyer in Poland, ME
Dr. Syamak Nasseri in Potoma, MD
Dr. William Nelson in DePere, WI
Dr. Carl Peoples in Winston Salem, NC
Dr. Jay Schulhof in Pittsburgh, PA
Dr. Alan Schwimmer in Piermont, NY
Dr. David Seago in Jackson, MS
Dr. Scott Searcey in okc, OK
Dr. Andrew Slavin in West Palm Beach, FL
Dr. Harvey Wank in Malvern, PA
Dr. Donald Woehling in Delavan, WI
Dr. Terry Wood in Visalia, CA

Have you recently retired?

Please contact the ABOMS office so we can update your status to ***retired*** in our system. This status honors your distinguished career and lasting impact on both your patients and the specialty as a whole.

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Upcoming Events & Deadlines

ABOMS OCE and QE Applications
June 10 - September 23, 2026

ABOMS Exam Committee Applications
August 11- October 8, 2026

AAOMS Annual Meeting
September 28 - October 3, 2026 in Seattle, WA

ABOMS Certification Maintenance Deadline
December 31, 2026