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# A Message from Your President



***“Being a soldier is more than courage; it is sacrificing yourself for something greater than yourself.” –Anonymous***

*As I write this message over Memorial Day weekend, I find myself filled with two profound emotions: gratitude and reflection. Gratitude—for the countless sacrifices made by the brave men and women of our armed forces. Sacrifices that have safeguarded our freedoms and shaped the world in which we live and practice. Reflection—as I ask myself the hard but necessary question: Am I living a life worthy of their sacrifice? Am I honoring their legacy not only through remembrance, but through ongoing service—by striving each day to improve the lives of my family, my community, my patients, and our specialty?*

*This holiday has always carried deep personal meaning for me. During my career in the United States military, I have borne witness to moments of extraordinary courage—and devastating loss. I have stood beside warriors at the hour of their final breath. To be physically present at the moment of such profound sacrifice leaves a mark that never fades. It shapes how one understands words like duty, service, and sacrifice. And it continues to influence who I strive to be as a husband, father, surgeon, and leader.*

*While these experiences represent the most visceral expressions of sacrifice, they are not the only ones that merit our reflection. Gratitude and service are not reserved for the battlefield alone. They are woven throughout our journey as oral and maxillofacial surgeons. Ours is a profession that offers deep personal fulfillment and a lifestyle that is the envy of many across the healthcare spectrum. But how often do we pause to express genuine appreciation for all that this specialty has given us? And more importantly—how do we give back? Yes, we have all made sacrifices to complete our rigorous training, but have we fully recognized the sacrifices made by others on our behalf?*

*Think back to your first sedation, your first trauma case, your first complex patient. Do you remember the patient who became, perhaps unknowingly, your teacher? Do you recall the residents, the faculty, the mentors who invested in your education—often at great personal or financial cost—so that you might succeed? These are not rhetorical questions. They touch the very core of pressing challenges facing our profession: a decline in applicants motivated for residency training within our specialty and a growing disengagement from hospital-based practice. These trends threaten the vitality and legacy of oral and maxillofacial surgery.*

*We must ask ourselves: Have we failed to share the remarkable rewards and purpose of our profession with the next generation? Have we grown too focused on individual enrichment at the expense of collective responsibility?*



Arlington National Cemetery

*Some in our specialty have elected to diminish the perceived scope of their practice, relinquishing hospital credentials altogether or distancing themselves even from foundational responsibilities such as infection management and fracture care. I speak from experience—as someone still actively engaged in over twenty weeks of trauma call annually—that the personal sacrifices associated with call are real. They demand time, energy, and personal compromise. But I must ask: Does stepping away serve our communities or protect the integrity of our scope? Does it honor the Canons of Ethics to which we commit ourselves upon board certification and recertification—specifically, the tenet requiring us to “maintain continuous hospital privileges that permit the OMS to perform core procedures in oral and maxillofacial surgery”?*

*As leaders, educators, and practitioners, we must do more. We must reclaim the narrative of our profession—one grounded in excellence, service, and enduring impact. We must honor the countless surgeons who came before us—those who built, nurtured, and elevated this specialty. And we must model gratitude and purpose in our daily actions, investing in those who will inherit this mantle. To that end, our Board, in collaboration with the Officers and Board of Trustees of AAOMS, has undertaken a significant step: the formation of a Task Force dedicated to addressing the decline in residency interest and engagement. This is not a symbolic gesture—it is a call to action. But meaningful change cannot come from committees alone. It must come from each of us. I urge you: mentor a student. Invite a young observer into your operating room. Speak authentically about the profound rewards of your work. Stay connected to your local hospital. Demonstrate—through your presence and your passion—what this specialty truly represents. By doing so, we not only honor those who shaped our path, but also ensure that the future of oral and maxillofacial surgery remains strong, ethical, and resilient—worthy of the sacrifices made by those before us.*

*As we reflect this Memorial Day, let us not only remember the fallen, but recommit ourselves to the ideals they died defending. Let us live lives of service, gratitude, and purpose—for our families, our communities, our patients, and our profession.*

*In service,*



David B. Powers, DMD, MD, FACS, FRCS (Ed)  
President, American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery



US Air Force Memorial



# A Letter from Your New CEO



*Dear ABOMS Diplomates:*

*I am thrilled to introduce myself as the new Chief Executive Officer of ABOMS. It is both an honor and a privilege to step into this role and serve such an esteemed community of dedicated OMS professionals.*

*From my first interactions with the Board of Directors, I have been consistently impressed by their unwavering commitment to our mission and genuine passion for supporting our Diplomates. Their leadership has created a strong foundation that positions ABOMS for continued growth and success. I am grateful for their confidence in me and look forward to working closely with them to achieve our shared goals.*

*Equally impressive is our Professional Team, whose expertise, dedication and collaborative spirit have made my transition seamless. Their deep understanding of our members' needs and their commitment to operational excellence demonstrate why our organization continues to thrive. I am excited to build upon the outstanding work they have already accomplished.*

*My career spans three decades across diverse industries including healthcare, education and consulting, with the majority of my experience focused on nonprofit organizations. Most recently, I served in a leadership role with the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine (AOSSM), where I built enduring relationships, collaborated with multidisciplinary professional teams, ensured compliance with best practices and regulations, and aligned strategies to achieve organizational objectives. I was drawn to this new role with ABOMS because it offers the opportunity to leverage these experiences at the next level while serving a community that shares my commitment to professional excellence.*

*ABOMS has a rich history of supporting Diplomates' professional development, advancing standards of practice, and fostering innovation within our field. I am committed to building upon this legacy while exploring new ways to enhance our specialty.*

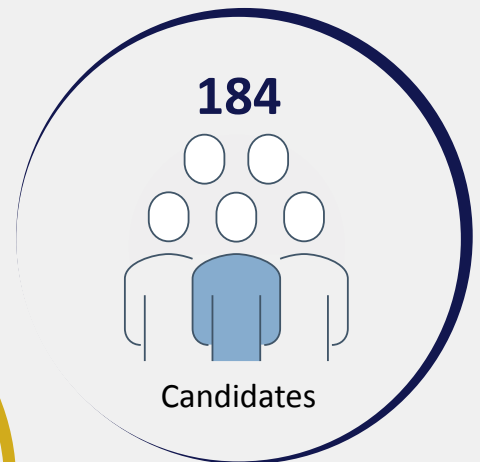
*In the coming months, I look forward to connecting with many of you personally, whether at upcoming events or via other opportunities for engagement.*

*Thank you for the warm welcome I have already received and thank you for your continued dedication to our profession.*

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christina Tomaso".

Christina Tomaso, CAE  
Chief Executive Officer

# Keeping Informed





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## We Need Your Expertise— Become an ABOMS Examiner!

Help with our core mission by becoming an ABOMS Board Examiner for candidate surgeons. Examiners bring additional value to our board by providing guidance and oversight to the newest qualified surgeons interested in joining the ranks.

### Why serve as an Examiner?

- Uphold our central purpose as the only certifying board for the specialty of oral and maxillofacial surgery in the United States
- Share your expertise & influence the next generation of oral and maxillofacial surgeons
- Strengthen our organization and help maintain ABOMS standards

Applications will open in August through Diplomat profiles. Applicants will be notified next spring for the 2026-2027 year. More information will be posted soon at [www.aboms.org/diplomates/examination-committee](http://www.aboms.org/diplomates/examination-committee).

## Reminders

**Certification Maintenance (CM):** If you have not yet completed your 2025 CM, you have until December 31, 2025. This is required for all Diplomates (with the exception of those with an Unlimited Certificate). Visit your Diplomat profile to view and complete your requirements.

**Annual Registration (AR):** Annual Registration runs on a calendar-year basis, from January to December, with payments being collected January through March. You will not be able to pay 2026 AR if you have not yet completed your 2025 Certification Maintenance requirements, so please be sure to complete those by the end of the year.

# Keeping Informed

## Display your Digital Badge!

ABOMS recently launched its digital badge program! What is a digital badge? It's more than just a certificate—it's a digital representation of your achievement that you can share easily online. With your badge, you can:

- Highlight your accomplishment on LinkedIn and other professional networks.
- Showcase your skills in email signatures or digital resumes.
- Securely verify your expertise with potential employers or colleagues.  
(Please note this will not replace official verification letters)



If you have not yet done so, you can claim your digital badge in the email from Credly sent on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Email [info@aboms.org](mailto:info@aboms.org) if you need this resent to you. For more information about the digital badge program, visit <https://www.aboms.org/diplomates/digital-badge>.

## Diplomate Digest

Last year, we launched our quarterly email. Stay up-to-date on the latest advancements in the OMS specialty and learn how we are advocating for the highest standards of patient care and outcomes. These updates are also designed to support our current and future Diplomates with important updates, reminders, volunteer roles, and professional development opportunities. If you have not yet subscribed and are interested in receiving these emails, [click here](#).



# Congratulations on Another 10 Years

Certification Maintenance (CM) is a continuous process of learning, self-assessment and testing that proceeds over a 10-year period, during which Diplomates with time-limited certificates must fulfill specified requirements in certain years of the cycle. Once the 10-year cycle is complete, Diplomates receive a new certificate and begin the 10-year cycle again. The Diplomate names listed below are individuals who completed their 10-year certificate cycle on December 31, 2024, 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.

Jarred Abel	Paul Calat	Adam Fettig	Haroon Ismaili	Gregory Lynam	Petros Panagos	Kirk Scott
Nathan Adams	Gregory Caldwell	Derrick Flint	Majid Jamali	Michelle Maak	Franklin Pancko	Scott Searcey
Ravi Agarwal	Colonya Calhoun	Pedro Franco	Jeremy Jannuzzi	Zain Manji	Marieange Panossian	Clint Shelley
Arsalan Ahani	Ronald Caloss	John Freeman	Maurice Jenkins	Victor Manon	Gregoire Panossian	Jonathan Shum
Nazir Ahmad	Anthony Camillo	Luke Freml	Mark Jesin	Laurie Manthos	Niral Parikh	Hessam Siavash
Lee Akin	Daniel Cannon	Earl Freymiller	Amritpal Johar	Jose Marchena	Julie Park	Charles Simpson
Peter Albanese	Jack Capodice	Scott Fross	Antoine Johnson	Jason Margolis	Nam Park	Jan Slapnicka
David Alfi	Aaron Card	Emily Frye	Ankur Johri	Pedram Marhabi	Michael Parsons	Paul Smith
Mohammed Alkindi	Kenneth Carey	Robert Fuentes	Byung Joo	Ivan Marks	Suketu Patel	Joshua Smith
Samuel Allen	Albert Carlotti	Richard Fugler	Vivian Jui	Manuel Matos	Tejal Patel	Dennis Song
Riccardo Ambrogio	Steven Carney	Joseph Fullmer	Young Jun	Fredric Mazza	James Paul	Christian Steffey
Kenneth Anderson	Evan Chalk	Joseph Funderburk	Christopher Kahn	William McBee	Robert Pellecchia	Michael Steinle
Taite Anderson	Michael Chan	David Gailey	Jordan Kaltman	John McCabe	Kimberley Perkins	Eric Stine
Paul Anderson	Radhika Chigurupati	James Garrett	David Kang	Mark McConnell	Dennis Pettit	Marwood Stout
Mark Anderson	Christopher Choi	Jose Garri	Richard Kaplan	Christopher McDaniel	Lee Pham	Jaime Suárez
Simona Arcan	Bryan Christensen	Shauna Gauthier	Vasiliki Karlis	Cabel McDonald	Mau Pham	Jonathan Sudol
Kevin Arce	Scott Cohen	Matthew Gauthier	Anthony Kasper	Alex McDonald	Rawle Philbert	Bradley Sundick
Mark Armanious	Christine Coke	Louis George	Firas Katabi	James McDonald	Kimberly Pingel	R. Dennis Swann
George Arquitt	Nicholas Coles	Gary Geracci	Eric Katch	Jeffery McFadden	Raymond Plona	Jay Swanson
Lynn Ascher	Matthew Conquest	Todd Gerlach	Keith Kealey	Andrea McPhillips	Kelly Podlosky	Jason Swantek
Gabriel Aslanian	Richard Cordero	Paul German	Joseph Kern	James Melville	David Powers	Bradley Szutz
Shahid Aziz	Harold Cox	G.E. Ghali	Shachika Khanna	Nelson Mercado-Castro	John Prather	Imad Tamimi
Scott Baird	Robert Cronyn	Ryan Gibson	Ashoo Khanuja	Wayne Michael	Peter Protzel	David Telles
Mark Baker	Darren Cross	Jason Gile	Sami Khayat	David Miller	David Pulsipher	Gregory Thomas
David Baker	John Crowder	Michael Gladwell	Sam Khoury	Mark Miller	Aaron Quitmeyer	Gregory Thomas
Krystin Bandola	Brian Cutright	Tamer Goksel	Sang Kim	Patrick Moore	Susan Redinger	Jonathan Threadgill
David Barnett	Michael DaBell	Ronen Gold	Jone Kim	Ofilio Morales	Scott Redlinger	William Tom
Steven Barney	Steven D'Abundo	Matthew Goldschmidt	Chi-Young Kim	David Morgan	Lucas Reed	Angel Torio
David Basi	Patrick Dalton	Steven Gollehon	Steven King	Rickey Morlen	Stephanie Reeder	Antwan Treadway
Jairo Bastidas	Jeremiah D'Anna	James Gossett	Christopher King	Robert Mower	Glenn Regenye	David Turbyfill
Erik Belinfante	James Davies	Stephen Goth	Russell Kirk	Daniel Muff	Bradley Renehan	Nathan Turley
Ronald Berube	Michael Demo	Ann Marie Grady	Craig Knell	Serafim Reppas	John Richard	Ramtin Vahadi
Amar Bhandari	Hardeep Dhaliwal	Michael Grau	James Koehler	Matthew Murray	Odes Robertson	Scott Varland
George Blakey	Ruchi Dhameja	James Green	Gary Koterwas	Joseph Nawrocki	Christian Robin	Amogh Velangi
William Blood	Jason Diamond	Tony Greer	Mark Kuo	Craig Neal	Christopher Rochford	John Villano
Jeffrey Bobst	Ryan Diepenbrock	Bradley Gregory	Fabian La Tocha	Tyler Nelson	Gerardo Romeo	George Visnich
Gregory Bohle	Thomas Dietrich	Jennifer Griffin	Carl Labella	Howard Nelson	Luis Rosario	David Walls
Michael Borenstein	David Dieu	Mark Grubb	David Lairmore	Khashayar Neshat	Jason Rosetti	Joy Wang
Val Boudreau	Therese DiFlorio	Gregory Hailey	Asif Lala	Gregory Ness	Mark Roszkowski	Terry Wang
Sidney Bourgeois	Brennan	Adam Hairr	Jeremy Lassetter	Michael Newton	Marc Rothman	Charles Weber
Thomas Bowers	Ryan Dobbs	Farryn Harrison	Sarah Lawson	Wai Pong Ng	Salvatore Ruggiero	David Wells
J Boyd	Michael Downie	Holly Hatt	Jason Le Moine	Michael Nichols	Sharon Russell	William West
James Boyle	David Dugan	Peyman Hedayati	Andrew Lee	Matthew Nichols	Manaf Saker	Jeffery Wheaton
Patrick Brain	Christopher Durham	Scott Heitzmann	Andrew Lee	Donald Nikchevich	Harlene Sandler	Daniel Whitney
Christopher Brown	Donita Dyalram	Robert Henderson	Kristopher Lee	Patrick Nolan	Miraj Sanghvi	Michael Wilkinson
Desmon Brown	David Ehsan	Charles Henry	Mimi Lee	Aaron Noordmans	Michael Saumur	Shane Williams
Jared Brown	Ali Elyassi	Michael Hoffman	Janice Lee	Mark Oghalai	Daniel Saunders	Jordan Williams
Lawrence Brown	Daniel Escalante	Richard Holtzen	Ryan Leonhart	Brian Oglander	Stephen Schacht	Grant Wiswell
James Bruno	Justin Evanson	Michael Horan	Lawrence Levin	James Olsen	Eric Schlesinger	Daniel Witcher
Vernon Burke	Steven Evelhoch	Benjamin Howard	Fulton Lewis	Alexis Olsson	Thomas Schlieve	Jennifer Woerner
Hugh Burnett	Stephen Fairchild	Kacey Howell	Thomas Ligon	Kyle O'Neal	Timothy Schmackel	Mark Wohlford
Robert Burns	Babak Farzaneh	Steve Huang	Daniel Loggi	Sharon Ornstein	Bruce Schneider	Jenny Wong
Jeffrey Burstein	Jalal Fatehi	Gregory Hueller	Gregg Lombardo	Michael O'Shell	Keith Schneider	Mark Yafai
Kamal Busaidy	David Fenton	Joe Huss	David Lui	Todd Owsley	Gary Schween	Samuel Young
Jason Buschman	Luis Ferrer-Nuin	Adam Irvine	Trevann Lyn	Carlo Pagni		Neal Zabiegalski

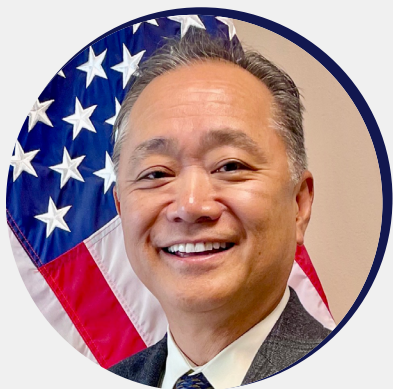
# Join Us in Welcoming

The ABOMS certification program is a rigorous and thorough process, as every Diplomat knows. 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!

Asher Adamec	Sam Reiser Caruso	Robert Grasso	Warren Maharrey	Sean Rathburn
Chad Spencer Adams	Daniel Phillip Caruso	Weston C. Grimes	Mitchell Mamorsky	Andrew Tyler Ray
Paul Addamo	Rachna Casteel	Michael Gross	Alyssa Gail Manski	Daniel John Ripperger
Alex Ali Afshar	Louis Cesteley	Jiasheng David Guo	Ahmad Masri	Cesar Rivera
Hannah Afwerke Lynch	Dominique Chagniot	Sebastian Gutierrez de	John Maxwell McCullum	Paul Rossetti
Kristi M. Agari	Ryan Chaliff	Pineres	Amy McFarling	Christopher Everett Rosson
Michael A. Aguirre	Matthew Chavarria	Souren Hajjar	Caitlyn McGue	Andrew W. Ruble
Jared Akers	Anthony Chen	Steven G. Halepas Jr	Kara McLaughlin	Matthew Russ
Hamza Al Atassi	Eric Chiccone	Michael Hanna	Kale McMillan	Alfonso Salcines
Akber Ali	Kelly Chuang	Elisa Hannan	Dane McMillan	Elliot Saleh
Ali Alkola	Benjamin Coenen	Craig Edward Harrison II	Tyler William Mealy	Matthew Sansevere
Ali Al-Sammak	Joshua Coffey	Charles Allen Hauge	Kyle Mecca	Ethan Santore
Yousef Saad Alshamrani	Zachariah Cole	Kimberly Hawrylyshyn	Carter Melendez-Christensen	Anne Scruggs
Omar Alzarooni	Katelyn Conley	Peter Henein	Tarek Nabil Metwally	Justin Jonathan Sedaghat
Erik Anderson	Andrew Cook	Michael Scott Henriksen	Radislav Meylikh	Indrajit Sehbi
Amanda Andre Fernandez	Jessica Renee Croxton	Abdulrahman Hesham	Jason Middleton	Michael Siew
Nikole Ankrom	Stephen Scott Davis	Tyler B. Hill	Christopher Stephen Midtling	Eric Silver
Nnamdi L. Anosike	Vincent Debitetto	Samantha Hirt	Meagan Miller	Chad S. Sloan
Vincent M. Aquino	Andrew Deek	Derek Holecek	Robert Ivan Miskimen III	Richard Tyler Smith
Peter Arvanitis	Taylor L. DeLaura	Jonathan Hsiao	Ramiz Mogannam	Andre Smith
Syed Asghar	Maria A. DeLeonibus	Raphael Huntley	Thomas Patrick Monahan Jr	Evan Reed Sobiesk
Jorge Autrán Martínez	Allison J. DeRenzi	Thomas Inman	Issac D. Morton	Samuel Song
Sejin Bae	Daili Diaz	Danielle Jaul	Paula Munoz	Louis Lawrence Spear
Sara Bahmanyar	Sarina Dodhia	Yisi D. Ji	Cole Murbach	Ross Stanley
Michael Bailly	Jennifer Marie Dolan	Jared Johnson	Andrew Naden	Ryane Staples
Kyle Baird	Nathan C. Dombrowski	Jessica Marion Jurovich	Keyur Naik	Austin Starr
Andrew M. Baker	Dasha Donado	Thomas Keith	Daniel S. Nassimi	Matthew Stratton
Richard B. Baker	Lorenza A. Donnelly	Bryan T. Kendricks	John Nathan	Benjamin J. Subtelny
Marissa Bergthold	Peter Dorf	Abraham Khaleghi	Anju Jacob Nellissery	Megan Sullivan
Sasha Jane Betz	Natalie Dunlop	Hadi Adnan Khazaal	Andre Huunhan Nguyen	William Summey
Andrew M. Bhagyam	Marawan El Naboulsy	Ali Khodadad-Hossaini	Tri Minh Nguyen	Samuel Tack
Arsalan Bhatti	Andrew R. Emery	Mohammad Amin	Nicholas T. Nikchevich	Jacob T. Taylor
Spencer L. Blumberg	Edwin Eshaghzadeh	Khoshnevisan	Grant Nishimura	Jason Tepper
Shawn Boehm	Omar Faraj	Jeanne A. Kiernan	Amir Nojourni	Grant David Hartwell Tippet
Daniela Boldikova	Marie-Chantale Farhat	Jaegak Kim	David Omole	Christopher Treinen
Mina Boulos	Jassel J. Fernandez	Jason Kim	Benjamin Palla	Steven Tucker
Shelby Bowman	Elizabeth Floodeen	Min Kyoung Kim	Kanvar S. Panesar	David Reed Turpin
Thomas Brader	Joseph Foote	Soo-Keun Sean Kim	Robinpreet Pannu	Seyedeh F. Valaei
Meaghan Bradley	Makenzie R. Fortney	Samuel Eungook Kim	Paul Jungmin Park	Patrick T. Vaughn
Nicholas Branham	Samuel Fowler	Juan Kim	Ryan Park	Jonathan Martin Voge
Tara Powers Brantley	Kevin Francois	Tyler R. King	Mehul J. Patel	Riley James Wedlake
Matthew Breglio	Karan Ganjawalla	Tzvi Menachem Krupka	David Pencarinha	Charles Evan Williams
Karah L. Brown	Ricardo Garza Jr.	Gloria Ha-young Kwon	Nguyen Phan	Skyler Williams
Scott Bueno	Ross Gemmill	Paul Lee	Danielle Ploussard	Jordan Willner
Daniel Bui	Michael Ginzburg	Alexander P. Lee	Brian R. Poore	Jodi Wolf
Matthew Bures	Mark Goodenough	Kevin Lee	Kipley Powell	Patrick Wong
Sergio Fabian Calleja Blanco	Sebastian Graca	Steven Licht	Oleg Prokopenko	Tyler C. Woodling
Conor Campbell	Eric Grant	Brandon M. Locke	Jose Ramos Bartolomei	



# Diplomates Making a Difference



## Peter Tan, DDS

I am currently the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army (3 Star Protocol) and serve the Secretary at the highest levels of the DOD and Legislative branches, overseeing Army Recruitment and Retention; support Active Duty, Reserve, and National Guard soldiers and their families; and support those that are transitioning or have retired with the Soldier for Life Program. I received this appointment 2 years after I retired from the US Army after 36 years in uniform. Having served as a clinician, office-in-charge, department chair, Consultant, DIMA Regional Commander for the Pacific Region, DIMA Regional Commander for Europe, the DIMA Dental Corps Chief at the Office of the Surgeon General/Pentagon, a Task

Force Commander, A Fight Tonight Commander for the largest Dental Company in the world, and a Commander for the Medical Readiness Training Command, I was chosen by the 25<sup>th</sup> Secretary of the Army, the Hon. Christine Wormuth after a rigorous selection process.

My family has served our nation for four generations to include my two sons, one who is an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon who trained at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (Dr. Peter M. Tan, Jr.). Both of my parents were WWII veterans, my cousin and niece are members of the Long Gray Line at West Point, and my uncle and grandfather were Bataan Death March Survivors and POW's. Our family was awarded 4 Congressional Gold Medals for WWII.

I also am the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, HCA Florida Oak Hill Hospital, a 350-bed acute care hospital treating patients in Hernando, Pasco, Citrus counties. I have a Board of senior leadership to include the CEO/President, senior Vice-Presidents, medical staff department chairs, and community leaders that provide guidance and governance for this Leapfrog A, US News and World Report Top 5% in the nation teaching hospital. The Emergency Department sees approximately 60,000 patients each year and admits approximately 20,00 patients per year. I oversee the hospital's \$3.6 billion annual revenue and have helped promote plans to add a free-standing Emergency Room and Inpatient rehabilitation facility. I provide executive leadership for Medical Staff of -over 700 physicians, hospital employees (approximately 1500), and 138 residents participating in Graduate Medical Education (Oak Hill Hospital is a statutory teaching facility).

I was honored to receive the Humanitarian Award in 2023 by the American College of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. This truly is a Lifetime Achievement award recognized by my surgery community.

I am honored to have been selected for the 2025 class of the US Veterans Hall of Fame, induction to be held in Virginia Beach, Saturday November 8, 2025 at 6:00 pm. This selection is a lifetime culmination by those that supported my journey along the way, for it could never have been accomplished without my family, my colleagues, and friends.

I thank God and everyone who supported and groomed me for greater professional challenges! Thank you ABOMS for the selection! Who would have predicted this 35 years ago!



# Diplomate Making a Difference

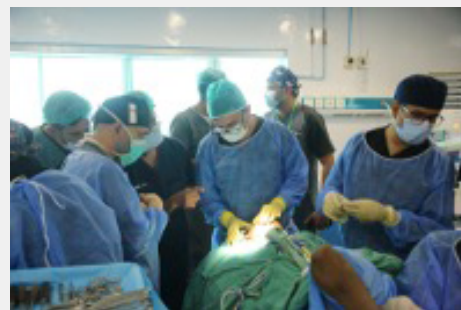
## Arshad Kaleem DMD, MD, FACS

Every year, I find myself boarding a plane to various places—not for vacation, but for a mission that gives my profession its deepest meaning. As a surgeon, I’ve always believed that the skills we are blessed with are not just tools for a career but also skills that we use in service of others.

I visit Pakistan regularly and partner with local surgeons to operate on complex and large tumors that have been neglected for years because of



lack of awareness, resources and/or skills. In February 2025, I had the extraordinary privilege of performing the first-ever “Jaw in a Day” procedure in Pakistan. A 20-year-old man had lost much of his upper jaw to a destructive tumor. Using a radial forearm free flap, and custom implant, we were able to reconstruct his maxilla in a single surgery. Everything from the implant to the denture were donated. The smile on his face, when he looked into the mirror for the first time after surgery, reminded me of why I love what I do.

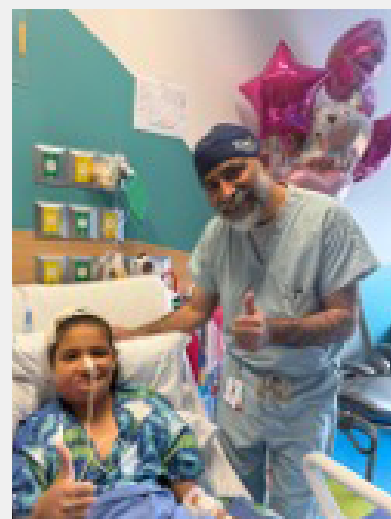


My mission in Pakistan goes beyond the operating room. Since 2022, I’ve been conducting hands-on workshops in microvascular and microneural surgical techniques for oral and maxillofacial surgery residents. I consider it both a duty and an honor to help equip them with advanced skills that are still limited in many parts of the world.

In August 2024, I joined a surgical mission to the West Bank in Palestine. The need there was overwhelming—facial trauma, untreated tumors, and deformities from delayed care. We operated in modest conditions and with limited supplies given the blockades that impact daily life in the region. In fact, one of my vivid memories was operating on a patient and hearing a baby’s cry. Our OR shared space with the incubators for new babies as there was no other space.

Perhaps the most emotional case of my career happened just months ago. A 13-year-old Palestinian girl had suffered a horrific injury from an explosion—losing most of the soft tissue on the right side of her face and part of her mandible. Through a collaborative effort with a humanitarian organization, we were able to bring her to El Paso, Texas. At the Children’s Hospital in El Paso, we rebuilt her face using a fibula free flap and a custom titanium plate—restoring both form and hope, with every part of her care offered freely and without charge.” Her courage, resilience, and smile at the end of the journey will stay with me forever.

I often reflect on these experiences not as personal accomplishments, but as evidence of what can be done when medicine is married with compassion, when global borders do not define the reach of our care. Each scar we mend, each function we restore, and each face we help bring back to life is a testament to the power of service. And in this service, I have found the purest expression of why I chose this path.





# Future Diplomates of America

**W**e asked our current residents, “What are you most looking forward to in becoming a Diplomate of ABOMS?” and/or “Why did you decide to pursue your Board Certification?” Here’s what they had to say!



**Dr. Derrick C. Nelson**

“I am most looking forward to becoming part of a community fundamentally focused on enhancing our specialty. Members of ABOMS have inspired me to become my best as an oral and maxillofacial surgeon both for my patients and community at large. Being part of ABOMS grants me the opportunity to become an expert in our field, while fostering the philosophy of paying it forward. I’m always amazed at ABOMS members’ desire to give back to the specialty.

I sought to pursue board certification in order to accept the challenge of becoming a complete, oral and maxillofacial surgeon. Anyone could consider themselves an expert in the specialty but obtaining that recognition from our board carries weight in the community. Patients should know their surgeon took the time and dedication to receive the stamp of approval from experts that already exist in the field. The success I hope to achieve in my career comes from standing on the shoulders of the giants that have come before me; board certification is the first footstep unto those shoulders.”



**Dr. Angel Wu**

“Becoming a Diplomate of ABOMS represents a milestone of excellence and commitment. It’s a meaningful way to demonstrate competence in our specialty. Many of the surgeons I admire are board certified and I’m excited to join the community that trained and shaped me. It’s a way to honor their influence, uphold the high standards they instilled in me, and eventually pass those values on to the next generation of rising surgeons.”



**Dr. John Bishara**

“I look forward to becoming a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery to join a group of remarkable surgeons who continue to make significant contributions to our field and are dedicated to the advancement of our specialty. It is an attestation of my commitment to the highest standard of patient care, advancement in surgery, and mentorship for future surgeons. It is the culmination of comprehensive training in medicine, dentistry, and surgery, and it affirms my dedication to thoughtful clinical judgment, surgical skill, and professional growth. Becoming a board-certified surgeon

signifies that I have met, and will continue to meet, the gold standard of our specialty set by the pioneers of oral and maxillofacial surgery. I am excited to uphold the high standards of ABOMS certification and continue my pursuit of excellent patient care and dedication to the future generation of surgeons.”

# Input and Inspiration

In addition to reaching out to our residents, we looked to our Diplomates for guidance, tips, or words of encouragement they may have for those seeking Board Certification with ABOMS. Here's what they had to say:



## Dr. Mina D. Fahmy

### Preparing for Board Certification: Focus, Resilience, and Growth

To all OMS residents preparing for Board Certification—embrace the journey with confidence. Mastering your craft requires discipline, but don't lose sight of the bigger picture: delivering exceptional patient care. Trust your training, seek mentorship, and approach every challenge as an opportunity to grow. The process is rigorous, but your dedication will define you. Stay

focused, support your colleagues, and remember—you've earned your place here. Keep pushing forward, and success will follow.

## Dr. Luis Ferrer-Nuin

### Ready for the next step of your professional career?

Board certification is the initial commitment to lifelong learning for the benefit of our patients and our specialty. Fast Track offers the added convenience of initiating the process in a seamless fashion during the last year of training.

There is no question that in today's rigorous and rapidly evolving private practice and academic arenas, board certification is a fair process that validates that diplomates fulfill the required current standards of training, knowledge and clinical competence to practice safe contemporary oral and maxillofacial surgery.

As a member of the examination committee, we are a team dedicated to supporting you throughout this most fulfilling and gratifying journey!



# 2025-2026 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 Committee also includes a number of those who have added qualifications and contribute items to our Certificate of Added Qualifications (CAQ) examinations. The Board recognizes the time and commitment spent as an ABOMS Examiner and thanks our dedicated members in advancing the specialty.

Tara Aghaloo	David Cummings	David Haynes	Daniel Meara	Tracey Rosenberg
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Varun Arya	Donita Dyalram	Anku Johri	James Murphy	Brian Schmidt
Normund Auzins	Nathan Eberle	Robert Julian	Brandon Newell	Curtis Schmidt
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Christopher Ban	Hany Emam	Anthony Kasper	Alexis Olsson	Joshua Segal
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Gerard Begley	David Fallah	Brian Kelley	Bonnie Padwa	Syed Adnan Shah
Rachel Bishop	Luis Ferrer-Nuin	Kevin Kempers	Neeraj Panchal	Jonathan Shum
Thomas Bolten	William Fillmore	Douglas Kendrick	Chan Park	Constantine Simos
Hans Brockhoff	Elda Fisher	Christopher Kepros	Ashish Patel	Christopher Smith
Jeffrey Brown	Steven Fletcher	Beomjune Kim	Zachary Peacock	Brittany Sonnichsen
Tuan Bui	Danielle Freburg-	Roderick Kim	Vincent Perciaccante	Imad Tamimi
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Nicholas Callahan	Michael Gentile	Carl Labella	Justin Pisano	Ashok Veeranki
Jennifer Caroline	Tamer Goksel	Edward Lahey	Jason Portnof	Peter Vellis
Vincent Carrao	Jesus Gonzalez	Zahid Lalani	Kathlyn Powell	Chi Viet
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Kyunghoon Chung	Anish Gupta	Caitlin Magraw	Gwendolyn Reeve	Yedeh Ying
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Justin Clemow	Michael Han	Glenn Maron	Cory Resnick	
Reece Cofer	Drew Havard	Hisham Marwan	Fabio Ritto	

# Committee Leadership

**E**xamination 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.

## Co-Chairs

Vincent Carrao  
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Edward Lahey

Sara Runnels  
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## Section Editors

Carl Labella

Michael Ray

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## Certification Maintenance Committee

Tuan Bui

Elda Fisher

Steve Fletcher



# Examination Statistics

## 2025 Qualifying Examination

Time Taken	Total Taking Examination	Total Passing Examination	Pass Rate
Fast Track (Senior Residents)	247	239	97%
First Time Candidates	49	40	82%
Repeat Candidates	35	21	60%
<b>Total/Overall</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>91%</b>

## 2025 Oral Certifying Examination

Time Taken	Total Taking Examination	Total Passing Examination	Pass Rate
Fast Track*	202	173	86%
First Time Candidates	43	28	65%
Repeat Candidates	59	36	61%
<b>Total/Overall</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>78%</b>

\*Fast Track refers to those who had taken the QE while in their last year of residency.

# Upcoming Examinations

## 2026 Qualifying Examination (QE)

January 10–17, 2026, Prometric Testing Centers

## 2026 Oral Certifying Examination (OCE)

February 2–6, 2026, Raleigh, NC

Applications open now through September 25, 2025

## 2026 Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery In-service Training Examination (OMSITE)

February 7–21, 2026, Prometric Testing Centers

Applications open September 24–October 23, 2025

