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# A Message from Your President



## Bernard J. Costello DMD, MD, FACS

*"Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing." – Theodore Roosevelt*

*We work hard. Surgeons commit to unusually difficult training and emerge to challenges that require an uncommon amount of commitment. We work for the greater good of our patients, families, and communities. For most, it is more than a job, or even a profession—it is a calling. And it provides one of the most valuable rewards in life—doing meaningful work. Doing work that matters provides purpose beyond material rewards. Life is full of axioms like "nothing good worth doing is not hard," "do not squander time, for that is the stuff that life is made of", or my favorite on this topic, the Rough Rider's quote above.*

*Meaningful work gives us real purpose. Daily, I try to list the many reasons I should be grateful, and doing the work of a surgeon is one. True, we are afforded quite a lot for what we do. The compensation is good. However, any happy person will tell you that life is not about the material things, but about the hard work, impact, and meaning that comes from contributing.*

*Serving the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery has been some of the most meaningful hard work that I have had the opportunity to do, and I have felt that way since my first year as an examiner. It is an extraordinary opportunity to give back, shape the future, protect the public, and work with colleagues that share a very special kind of mutual respect. I have been so incredibly proud to serve and be a part of ABOMS. This group is one with a camaraderie that is rarely found these days as our technocratic society becomes less community oriented.*

*We still have so much more work to do so that we may be better and do better for those that we serve. My plea today is not only a reminder to take stock in what you have been afforded, but to encourage those with talents to serve. This is not about just simply gathering as professionals with a common interest, but rather about the careful and sometimes difficult discernment that is required to move our specialty forward, create impact that matters, and be better tomorrow than we are today.*

*If you are a part of our examination committee, I thank you. If not, I encourage you to consider applying or encouraging the most talented colleagues you know to apply. Join us and bring your best. I think you will find that hard work is indeed the best reward.*

*Yours in service,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bernard J. Costello". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Bernard J. Costello DMD, MD, FACS  
President

# 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!

Omar Samy AbdelBaky	Jennifer Dean	Zainabbas Hassam	Claire Leewing	Corey Paul Yamashita	Rachel H. Strait
Emad Abdou	Nima Deljavan	Johanna Marie Hauer	Greyson Leftwich	Paulino	Andrew Sugar
Adam R. Abel	Naman Desai	Jiean Joseph Heifetz-Li	Ian Shaun Lehrer	James P. Pezzollo	Pooja Sukumar
Charles Abraham	Jeffrey T. DeYoung	Michael Hironaka	Matthew Loeb	Matthew Pham	Janet Sung
Barima S. Adjei	Prince Dhillon	Nam Hoang	Li Hsing Joseph Loh	Blake C. Porter	Rahul Tandon
Kimiko Agari	Kyle DiLuzio	Colleen Holewa	Gregory Dean Lohr	Guillermo Puig Arroyo	Bhushan Thakkar
Maryam Akbari	Furkan Dogan	Adam Lee Holton	David Carl Ludwig	Ivan Quintana Hijano	Michael Theiss
Naeem Ali	Monika Kunder Ducharme	Ashley N. Houle	Minou Luo	Yotom Rabinowitz	Igor N. Tikhonov
Lior Aljadeff	Sebastian M. East	Kyle Houston	Simon Lucas Mack	Blair Racker	Pasquale Giacomo
Trevor Paul Allen	Sean Eccles	Kyle Hresko	Laila Malaki	Geoffrey Rintel	Tolomeo
Mohammed O. Almandalawi	Pasquale Eckert	Brian Hui	Alexander Margolis	Irelsy Alexandra Rivera	Charles C. Tomeo
Aaron Altman	Jonathan C. Elmore	Lauren Hum	Camille E. Marquis	Velazquez	Corey Toscano
Felix Jose Amarista Rojas	Mohamed El-Ounsi	Philip J. Hurst	Stephen Joseph Martin	Andrew Rockafellow	Alexander R. Toth
Avraham Amsalem	Max R. Emmerling	Giovanni Ibrahim	Taras Martyniuk	Christopher Rohe	Lauren R. Trager
MaryJane Anderson	Ashley Eugenio	Hans Igou	Dexter Witherington	Paul Rollins	Khoa Tran
Sara H. Anderson	Mina David Fahmy	Owen S. Insel	Mattox	Adam Lee Rose	Chia-Lin Michael Tsai
Azaz Awan	Alexander Faigen	Gino Inverso	Michael McAdams	Jonathan Rosenstein	Kyle B. Tyler
Joel Ayon	Camron Michael Fakhar	Kendra Marie Irizarry	Ryan McCloy	Jared Matthew	Pouya Mostafa Vakilian
Joshua Barclay	Dimitrios Fakitsas	Pagan	Eric Mencarelli	Rosenstock	Troy Van der Groen
Mohamed Bayoumy	Raymond Fan	Amir Itani	Emma Meyer	Mark Rowan	Matthew D. Van Hoof
Dharma Ivonne Bayron-Vazquez	Ariel Michael Farahi	James Brian Jackson	Megan Milder	Dominik Rudecki	William C. Verlinden
Puja J. Bhakta	Alena M. Fear	Todd Michael Jacobs	Derek Miller	Sepideh Sabooree	Payal Verma
Jonathan S. Bishop	Scott Feigenbaum	Douglas Russell Jacobus	Francis Mir	Nicholas Paul Saggese	Nicole Viola
Mohamed Ali Boukheir	Andrew Ferraro	Theodore S. James	Sarah L. Moles	Paramjeet K. Sagoo	Jonathan Volland
Alexander Bouneff	Michael Forman	Jonathan Jelmini	Tony Montgomery	Pasha Sanders	Giao Long Vu
Tyler Nicholas Boyd	Harrison Fryberg	James T. Jeong	Anna Gilreath Moorhead	Robert M. Sansevere	Neilson Lane Wagley
Ross David Brockman	Heather Fugazy	Darin Johnston	Stephen Moreno	Thomas R. Santacroce III	Robert Walsh
Chad Brownsberger	John Arthur Full	Jason P. Jones	Nabil Moussa	Azin Sayah	Christopher Kevin Bluhm
Paul M. Bucking	Tylor Lawrence Gauger	Guntas Singh Kakar	Matthew Moy	Kelly S. Sayre	Ward
Timothy Justin Bunnell	Abdulkader Ghadiali	Ouzhan B. Kalantari	Colleen Ellen Mulholland	Matthew Schiavone	Jeremy Evan Warn
Briana June Burris	Ehssan Ghassemi	Mohammad Hadi	Cody Mumma	Mark Schibler	Nicholas Wegner
Jordan M. Campbell	Jared Murphy Gilliland	Kamalpour-Ansari	Brannon Myrick	Stefan Schneider	Matthew Wendahl
Matthew R. Cannavo	Kristine Gleason	Neeraja Nina Karwowska	Wendell Wayne Neeley II	David Serratelli	Brittany Howell Williams
Christopher James Capua	Joshua Gregory	Harleen Kaur	John Nguyen	Sneha Mihir Shah	Michael Winstead
Lucio Antontio Cardoso Jr.	Gabriel Leonard Grisham	Eric Kelly	Vincent Nguyen-Cao	Jordan Harris Shapiro	Connor W. Witty
Macey Brooke Cartrite	Elizabeth Casey Guadagni	Sagar Khanna	Matthew Charles	Justin Sheinbaum	Joshua Wohlgemuth
Christopher D. Carvalho	Gilbert Troy Guajardo	Omar Kholaki	Nimmich	William Duncan Shepard	Brian Daniel Wolf
Christopher Rylan Cason	John Ernest Guenther	Hether Khosa	Kevin Michael Nowins	Casey Russell Shepherd	Yakov Yakubov
Christopher Chan	Ryan D. Haig	Justin Kierce	Michael Minsuk Oh	Conner James Sherwood	Kyle Yamamoto
Christopher Chan	Daniel K. Han	Courtney Kilkuts	Petra Olivieri	Christine Dougherty	Nathan Yang
Paul Chang	Sung Yong Han	Jeffrey Robert Knittel	Mark Oppenheim	Shurley	Robert Yau
Prashant Charugundla	Jesse T. Han	Cree A. Kofford	Daniel Ormeni	James Anthony Singer	Abigail C. Yazbak
Jai-ik Cho	Robert Hanna	Mark Kogan	Kyle S. Orr	Charles Smith	Anna Young
Joseph Sung Cho	Michael Hansen	William Konicki	Cristina Ortiz-Diaz	Luke C. Soletic	Wenli Yu
Jung Hwa Choi	Lauren Redditi Hanzlik	Tiffany Kuang	Kristopher D. Paik	Sohaib Hamdy Soliman	Joseph Zacharias
Patrick Christopher	Erik J Harriman	Kenneth Kufta	Christopher Robert Paolino	Alexander Sonesson	Valentina Zahran
Ashley Coffey	Alaina Christine Harrington	Troy Lam	Joseph Park	Michael Vito Spatafora	Karen Zemplenyi
Atijah Collins	Marion Harris	Kyle A. Land	Dallin C. Parkinson	Michael Peter Spoelstra	
John Reed Combs	Michael Harrison	Jean Kim Lau	Justin C. Partridge	Ashley Renee Stansbury	
	Bryce Hartman	Paul Youngsik Lee	Rinil Patel	Andrew Stiles	
		Won Jong Lee		Aaron J. Stoker	

# Congratulations!

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, 2022, 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.

Andrew Abela	Vincent Carrao	Nadeem Esmail	Matthew Hutchinson	Mitchell Magid	Wade Peers	David Spivey
Karen Ablow	Angelle Casagrande	John Faber	Julius Hyatt	Karl Maloney	Vincent Perciaccante	Richard Stanchina
Shelly Abramowicz	Jaime Cernansky	Murray Fain	Leonard Infranco	Richard Manus	Jonathan Perry	Robert Stanton
Edward Adlesic	Guillermo Chacon	Heshaam Fallah	Marvin Jabero	Robert Martin	Troy Petersen	Craig Stasulis
Neil Agnihotri	Robert Chames	Seth Farren	James Jacobs	Kevin Martin	W Phillips	Robin Steiner
Armando Aguilera	Tina Chang	Denise Flanagan	Stephen Jagielo	Alan Martinez	Jakub Pietrowski	Siobhan Stephen
Andrew Aiken	Brian Chang	Steven Fletcher	Joyce Jeffries	George May	Adam Pitts	Rodney Stigall
Jonathan Albilia	Nahla Chaudhary	Mark Fletcher	Jeffrey Jelic	Suzanne McCormick	Jay Platt	Thomas Stone
Saar Amrani	Julie Chavez	Kevin Flynn	Daniel Jeong	David McDonald	Jason Portnof	Mark Streater
Robin Ardoin	Allen Chien	Melvin Ford	Darren Jirsa	Barry McGuire	Kashif Poshni	Peter Subach
Sharon Aronovich	Roger Childress	Kenyon Fort	Kirby Johnson	Bryan Mclelland	Kenneth Press	Leslie Sultan
Bonnie Arroyo	Martin Chin	James Franco	Dennis Johnson	Daniel Meara	Michael Proothi	Todd Sumner
Corey Auch	Brian Chisdak	Gary Funari	James Funari	David Miller	John Provenzano	Stephen Sutley
Blaine Austin	Jayanthi chopra	James Fuselier	Kurt Jones	Geoffrey Mills	Nicholas Psimos	Marcus Tanabe
Normund Auzins	Edward Christensen	Steven Garin	Milan Jugan	Martin Milne	William Purdy	James Tankersley
John Bamonte	Joseph Cieslak	Carmen Gatta	Jae Jun	Craig Misch	Faisal Quereshey	Gabriella Tehrani
Stephen Bankston	Adam Clark	Jasjit Gill	David Junck	Alan Miyake	Abdollah Rahimi	Charles Tentinger
Michael Barbick	Reinaldo Claudio	Bonnie Gitman	Andrew Kabele	Michael Monto	Rajiv Rajagopal	Mary Thomas-Taylor
Matthew Barefoot	Martin Cloutier	Allen Glied	Erh tung Kang	Kent Moore	Jose luis Ramirez	Scott Thomson
John Basile	Neysa Coker	Michael Golding	Eugene Kang	Ryan Morris	Frederick Reinbold	John Tillner
James Bastacky	Luis Gonzalez	Samuel Goodloe	Alexander Katsnelson	Patrick Morris	Greg Rekos	Richard Ting
Dale Bays	Clifford Cook	Mathew Gordon	John Kazwell	Daniel Morris	Paul Renke	Len Tolstunov
Frank Beale	Benjamin	Michael Goulston	Gregory Keiser	Michael Morrisette	Peter Rosa	Daniel Topper
Jason Beck	Cooperband	Bao-Thy Grant	Karen Keith	Robert Moskal	Scott Rothenberg	Daniel Torres
Edmond Bedrossian	Michael Cusatis	Brett Gray	David Kessler	Andrew Mullendore	Christopher Rothman	Leonard Tyko
Robert Bell	Jeffrey Dabell	Roderick Griffith	Adel Khalil	Michael Mundenar	Shad Roundy	Jason Untrauer
John Beninato	Michael Dachowski	Vassos Hajiharis	Eric Kim	Walter Murphy	Robert Rupperecht	Philip Vance
Jeffrey Bennett	Michael Dalton	Richard Hale	David King	Lindsey Nagy	Thaddeus Rusiecki	Bryan VanOven
Todd Berman	Reed Day	David Hall	Richard Kramer	Yuko Nakamura	Christopher Saal	Craig Vangely
James Berwick	Christopher De La	James Hargan	Michael Kuzmik	Grant Nakashima	Martin Salgueiro	Harold Wallin
Norman Betts	Mater	David Harmatz	Craig Lahar	Erich Naumann	Nader Salib	William Walstad
Mark Billman	Richard Deasy	Phillip Harvey	Derek Lamb	John Neary	Curtis Schalit	Brent Ward
Bart Blaeser	Matthew DeFelice	Alan Harvey	Jennifer Lane	John Neely	Brian Schmidt	Michael Warner
Meredith Blitz	Jonathan DeJong	Bryce Heiner	Melanie Lang	Eric Nelson	John Schmidt	Stephen Wat
Eve Bluestein	Antonio Del Valle	Justin Hendi	Christopher Larmour	Gary Nesslein	Richard Schoonmaker	Timothy Welch
Michael Bobo	Edward Delgado	Byron Henry	Bach Le	Timothy Neuner	Patrick Scott	K. Jeff Westlund
Paul Boerman	Neophytos	Alan Herford	Jessica Lee	Greg Nielsen	David Shafer	James Widner
Greg Boice	Demetriades	Petar Hinic	Joyce Lee	Todd Nielsen	Rakesh Shah	Richard Wilkinson
Christopher Bonacci	Nikhil Desai	Robert Hinkle	Raymond Lee	Ned Nix	Basel Sharaf	Bart Williams
Neal Bozentka	Sotirios Diamantis	Ray Holloway	Bryan Lee	Haeman Noori	Ryan Sheppard	Daniel Williams
Dana Brotherton	Christopher DiLeo	Jon Holmes	Albert Lin	Kyle Odom	Amro Shihabi	Dale Willoughby
Steven Brown	Michael Ding	Lawrence Holtzman	James Link	Elizabeth Orsini	Kent Shinozaki	Bernadette Wilson
Larry Bryant	Mary DiPirro	Gregg Hosch	Harrison Linsky	Leslie Orzech-Dib	Boris Sidow	Mauricio Wiltz
Mark Burne	Glen Donnarumma	David Dorfman	Trent Listello	Prashant Pandya	Constantine Simos	Ian Woo
Gregory Burns	Steven Dryden	Daniel Hsu	Charles Locke	Richard Panek	Andrew Skigen	Kyley Wood
Justin Burns	Maurice Edwards	Kevin Hudson	Richard Long	Richard Pape	Scott Sklenicka	Craig Wooten
Robert Busch	Liviu Eftimie	William Hughes	Patrick Louis	Brett Paredes	Thomas Slack	Nathan Wuebbels
Hector Caballero	Husam Elias	Ted Hughes	Mario Lucca	Howard Park	Matthew Smith	Tony Yang
Johanny Caceres	Richard Elias	Donald Hull	David Ludington	David Park	Bruce Smith	Wael Youseff
Kasey Call	Mark Elison	Jason Hullett	Bryan Luna	David Parmer	Miller Smith	Peter Zagursky
John Carey	Charles Ellis	Craig Humber	John Lupori	Ali Pashapour	Ronnie Sorrow	Greg Zoghby
Brent Carmony	Mark Engelstad	Kyle Hunt	David Lustbader	Zachary Peacock	Mark Sosovicka	Timothy Zuck
Joe Carpenter	Mark Erickson	Raza Hussain	Kelley Lybrand	Andrew Pearson	Daniel Spagnoli	
Dennis Carr			John Lytle	Fred Pedroletti	John Spann	

# Congratulations!

## Congratulations to our CAQ Certificants!

The Board offers two Certificates of Added Qualifications (CAQ) for Diplomates who demonstrate significant skills in specialized areas, and who conduct a practice with emphasis on, and commitment to, these focused components of OMS. The two CAQs offered by ABOMS are Head and Neck Oncologic and Reconstructive Surgery and Pediatric Craniomaxillofacial Surgery (Cleft and Craniofacial). These examinations are administered every other year, with the last ones offered in November of 2022. Here are lists of all of our Diplomates who hold these Certificates.

### Head and Neck Oncologic and Reconstructive Surgery

Fawaz Alotaibi  
Dhafer Alsuwied  
Kevin Arce  
Anthony Bunnell  
Eric Carlson  
Srinivasa Chandra  
Allen Cheng

Kyle Ettinger  
Rui Fernandes  
James Gates  
G.E. Ghali  
Daniel Hammer  
Todd Hanna  
Jon Holmes

Robert Julian  
Deepak Kademani  
Arshad Kaleem  
David Kang  
Beomjune Kim  
Dongsoo Kim  
Roderick Kim

Hisham Marwan  
Andrew Meram  
Ashish Patel  
Ketan Patel  
Daniel Petrisor  
Phillip Pargousis  
Matthew Radant

Benjamin Schlott  
Brian Schmidt  
Brett Shirley  
Ramzey Tursun  
Ignacio Velasco  
Martinez  
Brent Ward

Fayette Williams  
Brian Woo  
Andrew Yampolsky  
Melvyn Yeoh  
Jacob Yetzer  
Waleed Zaid

### Pediatric Craniomaxillofacial Surgery (Cleft and Craniofacial)

Richard Bevilacqua  
Rachel Bishop  
John Caccamese  
Joli Chou  
Kyunghoon Chung  
Bernard Costello

Jason Dashow  
Sean Edwards  
David Gailey  
Christopher Galea  
Michael Gentile  
G.E. Ghali

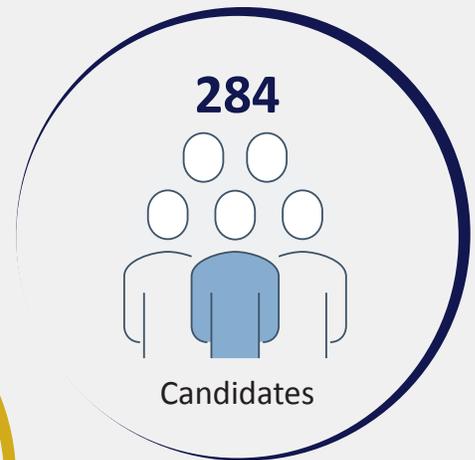
Brent Golden  
Carlo Guevara  
Richard Kapitan  
Jessica Lee  
Caitlin Magraw  
Nicholas Mechas

Mark Miller  
Marshall Newman  
Bonnie Padwa  
Victoria Palermo  
Michael Perrino  
Mihai Radulescu

Cory Resnick  
Fabio Ritto  
Reynaldo Rivera  
Gerardo Romeo  
Ramon Ruiz  
Curtis Schmidt

Kevin Smith  
Derek Steinbacher  
Joshua Stone  
Paul Tiwana  
David Wilson  
Jennifer Woerner

# 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

### Criteria for becoming an Examiner:

- Be an active Diplomate in good standing for at least 3 years
- Pledge to maintain confidentiality
- Demonstrate contemporary knowledge of oral and maxillofacial surgery
- Submit an application with referral form from 2 current or previous Examination Committee members (no current Board members)
- Have no former or pending actions against any dental or medical license

Applications open August 2 through Diplomate profiles and will remain open until October 2. Applicants will be notified next spring for the 2024-2025 year. More information can be found at [www.aboms.org/diplomates/examination-committee](http://www.aboms.org/diplomates/examination-committee).

# Keeping Informed

## Reminders

**Certification Maintenance (CM):** If you have not yet completed your 2023 CM, you have until December 31, 2023. This is required for all Diplomates, regardless of when you last took the Recertification Examination. 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 2024 AR if you have not yet completed your 2023 Certification Maintenance requirements, so please be sure to complete those by the end of the year.

## Display your Board Certification!

Want patients to know you're Board Certified by ABOMS? Visit the online store in your Diplomat profile to order a **customized press release, certificate, brochures, or Diplomat pin**. You can view samples and more information, as well as instructions for logo requests, in your "Resources" tab of your profile.

We also have a **Patient Information** page (<https://www.aboms.org/who-we-are/patient-information>) that explains the importance of Board Certification and what it means. As long as you are an active Diplomat of ABOMS, feel free to link this on your website to inform others of the value of your Certification.

## "ABOMS Portal" Mobile App Released

ABOMS recently released its first-ever mobile app for everyone from residents to Diplomates to provide resources right at their fingertips. Compatible with a range of smartphones and tablets, we invite you to download this app in Apple's App Store or Google Play.

Here are just some of the capabilities of this new app:

- Apply for Board Certification and check the status of your application
- Track the status of your certification
- Complete assessments and modules for Certification Maintenance
- Pay Annual Registration

# Diplomates Making a Difference

## David Yates, DMD, MD, FACS



While long being identified as a region producing high levels of live birth-associated craniofacial anomalies, the affected population in the Texas-New Mexico Borderland was also long underserved. Dr. David Yates, a partner of High Desert Oral and Facial Surgery and Medical Director of Cleft & Craniofacial Surgery at El Paso Children's Hospital in El Paso, Texas, has established the first two permanent and comprehensive clinics treating pediatric craniofacial anomalies in the region. One clinic is based out of El Paso Children's Hospital and the other is in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico at the Hospital de la Familia.

Both clinics provide comprehensive care to children with facial and cranial deformities. Affiliated specialties, in addition to Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, include providers in pediatric neurosurgery, otolaryngology, neonatology, audiology, ophthalmology, advanced practitioner nursing, speech and language pathology, pediatrics, orthodontics, pediatric dentistry, psychology, and prosthodontics. This coordinated approach is especially needed in the Texas-New Mexico-Mexico Border region where distances are great and large population centers are few, as it minimizes repetitive visits, cumbersome travel arrangements and eliminates complicated border crossings for patients and families. Working out of the clinic in Mexico, the team is able to operate and provide children with life-changing surgeries at a fraction of the cost of other facilities; even those also located in Mexico. Indeed, patients are now coming to this craniofacial clinic from all over northern Mexico to receive this life-changing care.

The El Paso Clinic has become an epicenter for Craniosynostosis surgery and now sees patients from all over the country and world. When correcting craniosynostosis, Dr. Yates promotes the pioneering technique of minimally invasive, endoscopic-assisted synostosis repair, which was designed and developed by Yates' former beloved colleague and partner, El Paso Clinic staff Pediatric Neurosurgeon, David Jimenez, MD FACS. Yates states that this revolutionary approach shortens surgical times, reduces blood loss, and greatly improves the cosmetic and functional outcomes in these young, compromised patients.

The affiliations between the two Craniofacial Clinics and their sponsoring organizations have changed the face of craniofacial care in West Texas, Southern New Mexico, and Northern Mexico while accomplishing the mission of 'Changing lives by changing faces'.

Yates, along with Craniofacial-Cleft Fellowship-trained Maxillofacial Surgeon, Natasha Fürchtgott, DDS, MS, FACS, and Vernon Burke DMD, MD, FACS, both with High Desert, is using his expertise, experience, commitment and compassion to not only treat these childhood conditions, but to ensure the sub-specialty for the future. Together these three have created and serve as faculty for the El Paso Cleft and Craniofacial Fellowship, now in its fifth year, and one of a mere nine such advanced training programs listed by The American Academy of Craniomaxillofacial Surgeons in the United States.



# Diplomates Making a Difference



## Jason Dashow, DDS, MD

**G** Upon arrival in Anchorage, Alaska in 2017, Dr. Dashow knew there was an absence of craniofacial surgical care and he wanted to fill that void. With particular interest in craniostyosis repair, Dr. Dashow is the only surgeon in Alaska providing these surgeries, many of which are for Alaskan native children, whose families often prefer to stay in-state for medical care. Dr. Dashow runs a large orthognathic surgery practice, and while he is not the only OMFS in Alaska providing this service, he is the only surgeon outside of the Alaska Native Medical Center offering these surgeries to Medicaid beneficiaries as well as Military personnel and their families. Additionally, Dr. Dashow is the only OMFS providing full scope cleft, TMJ and maxillofacial trauma surgery in the state. Dr. Dashow holds appointments at all three Anchorage hospitals, including Alaska Native Medical center, where he provides trauma and cleft surgeries.

In the vein of his practice name, All Alaska Oral & Craniofacial Surgery, Dr. Dashow provides care for ALL Alaskans, regardless of financial means and with his #AlaskaSurgeriesForAlaskans motto, Dr. Dashow has worked with Alaska Medicaid, local hospitals, and Alaska Native care facilities to provide acute care surgery for patients that, in the recent past, would have been required to travel to Seattle, Portland or further for such care. When he is not in the operating room, Dr. Dashow serves as clinical assistant professor for the University Washington WWAMI medical school program through University of Alaska Anchorage. He also enjoys spending time adventuring throughout the amazing last frontier with his family.



# Following Footsteps

## An OMS Story Through Generations

**D**r. Anthony Petrilli got his DDS from Georgetown University where he graduated OKU in 1956 and was co-editor of his yearbook. He married and had his first child, Daria, while in dental school. His love for OMS began when Dr. Gustav Kruger invited him to scrub in and "that did it"—Anthony went on to residency at Bellevue Hospital and loved to practice full scope OMS in New London, Connecticut, until retirement. He lives in Waterford, Connecticut, surrounded by his great/grand/children.

In the 1970s Dr. Petrilli's daughter, Daria, brought her college boyfriend, Blaise, home for the summer. That's where Dr. Blaise Eckert was first introduced to OMS. While studying chemical engineering, he took night courses to obtain prerequisites for Dental School. He graduated with his DDS from Georgetown Dental in 1980 and went on to complete OMS at Georgetown Hospital in 1983. Drs. Petrilli and Eckert practiced together for two years in New London, Connecticut, enjoying oceanside fish-fries and frappes between surgeries before Blaise moved to Massachusetts where he's been in solo practice for 3 decades and Chief of Oral Surgery at Mount Auburn Hospital Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Over the last three decades Dr. Blaise Eckert's son, Dr. Pasquale Petrilli Eckert went from working part-time at Blaise's office to becoming Tufts University School of Dental Medicine class president. He graduated in 2017, went on to complete OMFS training at Tufts in 2021 and to earn his ABOMS certification. The father and son team have been practicing together for two years, sharing an office and assisting each other's more extensive surgeries. Sometimes they'll even sneak lunch together. Their practice is in Belmont, Massachusetts, and Pasquale is on staff at Mount Auburn Hospital and Tufts Medical Center.



The three surgeons feel fortunate to spend time together, often discussing the specialty and how some procedures have changed over 70 years, and how some things will never change. All three surgeons are proud supporters of our specialty, the board and the AAOMS.

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*Have a similar story of OMS passed through the generations? Let us know! Email Katie Moore at [kmoore@aboms.org](mailto:kmoore@aboms.org).*

Three generations of ABOMS and AAOMS Diplomates together at Easter 2023  
Left to right: Drs. Blaise Eckert, Anthony Petrilli, and Pasquale Petrilli Eckert

# 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. Hamza Al Atassi**

“I am looking forward to working in private practice where I can utilize the oral surgery skills I learned here at TUFTS to their fullest potential. I am also interested in teaching and carrying on our field's message to the next generation. I plan to stay in contact and take call in a hospital where I can fulfill this passion.”

**Dr. Ali Salehpour**

“I believe all residents should strive to obtain board-certification in order to demonstrate competency and proficiency in all core aspects of our specialty. Becoming a distinguished ABOMS board-certified Diplomate would be the highest professional honor. It allows patients, specialists, and referrals to verify that I have achieved the maximum level of academic achievement in our field and that I can practice at the highest professional standards.”



# 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. Joshua Segal**

“So here you are. Congratulate yourself. You were accepted to dental school, where you excelled and matched into a residency program OMFS. Now is the time to look ahead, and consider how to define yourself within this great profession. Whether you pursue a career in private practice, academics, or a combination of the two, the importance of certification by the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery is unmatched in OMFS. I encourage you to take the next step in your career and become ABOMS certified, one of the penultimate accomplishments in the long history of our field.”

**Dr. Mina Fahmy**

“Board certification continues to be validation of the long and arduous training we have had in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Becoming board certified symbolizes the highest level of achievement within our specialty. It is a way to show that you have committed to not only the highest of professional and clinical standards but also lifelong learning. I urge those considering board certification to invest time early, commit to a study group, keep each other accountable and practice as often as possible. Succinctly articulating the how and why of your personal clinical practice is paramount. Congratulations to the 2023 ABOMS Diplomates.”



**Dr. Raza Hussain**

“I would encourage all Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery residents to seek Board Certification. I found the process to be challenging but fair. After passing you will have the honor of calling yourself a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. This makes you part of a select group of individuals recognized and respected across the specialty. I would go one step further and encourage residents to set their sights on joining the examination committee. I have found the experience of being an examiner to be one of the greatest of my professional career to date.”



# Input and Inspiration



**Dr. Luis Ferrer-Nuin**

“Of course board certification is a MUST for every resident completing an OMS training program!

There is no question that in today's rigorous clinical and academic arenas, board certification affirms that diplomates fulfill the required standards of training, knowledge and competence to practice contemporary oral and maxillofacial surgery.

The good news is that Fast-Track offers residents the added convenience to initiate their board certification process in a seamless fashion in their last year of training.”

**Dr. Amit Sethi**

“When we commit ourselves to something and begin the process, what we become and learn along the way is perhaps much more important than what we accomplish in the end. The decision to study for and become board certified shows our commitment to challenge ourselves and to aim for something higher. It shows that we want to do better for our patients and for our residents. It is definitely not easy but nothing worthy was ever!”



**Dr. Jason Dashow**

“Situation OCE: Your heart is racing, palms are sweaty, you're shifting in your chair. The doctor who, “wrote the book” on the topic at hand is eager to hear how you would handle a particular surgical complication. Time is ticking. You gulp and exhale, but then, before terror can set in, you recall all the hard work you've put into your training and the caring hands that have guided you down the halls to this very seat, the position you're in now to answer this question. You are here, you are prepared and everyone is behind you. You've got this!”

# 2023-2024 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.

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 for a role as an OCE Examiner. Junior Examiners are marked with an asterisk on the Examination Committee listing below. Newly appointed Junior Examiners are marked with a double asterisk. Welcome, new Junior Examiners!

Tara Aghaloo*	Jason Dashow*	Douglas Johnson	Uday Mehta**	Randy Sanovich*
John Allen	Dean DeLuke	Ankur Johri*	James Melville*	Nathan Schroeder
Suganya	Valmont Desa	Robert Julian	Brian Murphy	Joshua Segal
Appugounder*	Donita Dyalram	Arshad Kaleem**	Gregory Ness	Trina Sengupta**
Jon Bailey	Nathan Eberle	Katherine Keeley	Brandon Newell	John Shroyer
Carrie Baldwin**	Jeffrey Elo	Karen Keith	Alexis Olsson	Jonathan Shum
Gerard Begley**	Hany Emam	Brian Kelley	Wayne Ozaki	Constantine Simos
George Blakey	Michael English	Kevin Kempers	Neeraj Panchal	Christopher Smith**
Todd Brandt	David Fallah	JD Kisella	Chan Park	Jim Solomon
Hans Brockhoff**	Elie Ferneini	Alia Koch	Zachary Peacock*	Brittany Sonnichsen**
Tuan Bui	Luis Ferrer-Nuin	Jack Krajekian*	Daniel Perez	Richard Szumita
Anthony Bunnell*	Elda Fisher	Benjamin Kur	Leonel Perez	R. John Tannyhill
Kamal Busaidy	Steven Fletcher	Carl Labela	Jason Portnof	Jayini Thakker*
Curt Cain	Michael Gentile	Edward Lahey	Kathlyn Powell	Tibebu Tsegga
Nicholas Callahan**	Tamer Goksel	Jay Lee**	Michael Ray	Ashok Veeranki
Ronald Caloss	Bradley Gregory**	Susie Lin	Gwendolyn Reeve	Peter Vellis*
Vincent Carrao	Daniel Hammer**	John Lupori	Shravan Kumar	Christopher Viozzi
Angelle Casagrande	Michael Han	Ashley Manlove*	Renapurkar	James Ward
Srinivasa Chandra*	James Henderson	Amir Marashi	Cory Resnick	Dean Whitman
Radhika Chigurupati	Andrew Henry**	Michael Markiewicz*	Tracey Rosenberg*	Monty Wilson*
Joli Chou	Raza Hussain	Glenn Maron	Ramon Ruiz	Melvyn Yeoh
Joseph Cillo	Malini Iyer**	Nima Massoomi*	Sara Runnels	Yedeh Ying**
Paul Ciuci	Matt Jacks	Robert McNeill*	Michael Safian	Waleed Zaid**
Thaer Daifallah*	Courtney Jatana	Daniel Meara*	Salam Salman	

# Committee Leadership

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.

## Co-Chairs

### Surgery Section I

Paul Ciuci  
Michael Gentile  
Ramon Ruiz

### Surgery Section II

Curt Cain  
Kevin Kempers

### Surgery Section III

Radhika Chigurupati  
Steve Fletcher

## Section Editors

### Surgery Section I

Robert Julian

### Surgery Section II

Vincent Carrao

### Surgery Section III

Edward Lahey

## Certification Maintenance

### Co-Chairs

Kamal Busaidy  
Glenn Maron

### Editor

Tuan Bui

# CAQ Committee

The following Diplomates are members of the ABOMS Certificate of Added Qualifications (CAQ) Examination Committees. We thank them for their work in building our past exams and in preparation for the 2024 administration. We also welcome several new members, marked with an asterisk.

## CAQ in Head and Neck Oncologic and Reconstructive Surgery

Kevin Arce  
Allen Cheng  
Daniel Hammer\*

Arshad Kaleem\*  
Roderick Kim\*  
Hisham Marwan\*

Ashish Patel  
Brian Schmidt

## CAQ in Pediatric Craniomaxillofacial Surgery (Cleft and Craniofacial)

Kyunghoon Chung\*  
Michael Gentile  
Carlo Guevara\*

Caitlin Magraw\*  
Mark Miller\*  
Bonnie Padwa

Ramon Ruiz  
David Wilson\*

## CAQ Item Editors

Brian Schmidt—Head and Neck Oncologic and Reconstructive Surgery  
Ramon Ruiz – Pediatric Craniomaxillofacial Surgery (Cleft and Craniofacial)

# Director Nominees

## Joseph E. Cillo Jr., DMD, PhD, FACS



My name is Joseph Cillo, and I am humbled and honored to be selected for your consideration to serve as a Director of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. I have devoted the entirety of my professional career to education, research, and leadership in this magnificent and exceptional profession of oral and maxillofacial surgery. The opportunity to continue to serve at an advanced executive level to uphold and progress the mission and vision of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery as the standard of excellence of the world is the reason why I aspire to this position.

I have an established record of leadership in organized oral and maxillofacial surgery on the local, state, and national levels. These experiences include my current high level administrative and teaching positions as Division Chief and Program Director at a major metropolitan Level I trauma teaching hospital that intertwines with my academic, research, and clinical activities on a daily basis to sharpen the skills required for this position. My past leadership roles have included President of the Pennsylvania Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Chairs of AAOMS Committee on Research Planning and Technology Assessment and Faculty Section Executive Committee, Section Editor for the OMSSCORE national curriculum committee, in addition to serving as ABOMS two-years as Section Editor, Horizontal Rotator, and two-years as Section III Co-Chair.

This sample of my leadership roles illustrates my willingness for teamwork and dedication in high level executive functions, coupled with my great desire to incorporate the skills developed from these experiences, into my passion for involvement of future planning for the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. My goals of employing forward and progressive thinking into avenues as diverse as advanced technology utilization, such as innovative and contemporary techniques of educational assessment, to improve communication, involvement, engagement, and maintenance of quality of skills for both diplomates and candidates.

My proven record of leadership and teamwork is a demonstrated model of abilities that I would provide if chosen as a candidate for ABOMS Director. As the objective of the ABOMS is to ensure that Diplomates meet the standards of training, education, and professionalism through the certification process, individual leadership qualities that emphasize dedication, determination, and ethical character to further this mission is maintained to assure that safe and ideal medical care may be provided for the public needs. It is my intention to provide the type of leadership that, through delegation, determination, and dedication to a forward-thinking direction in a diverse and inclusive environment, utilizes and builds on the core values of this organization and will continue to exemplify it as the standard of the world for excellence in oral and maxillofacial surgery. I would be greatly honored to serve as a Director of ABOMS and hope to earn your vote in San Diego.

# Director Nominees



## Paul Ciuci, DMD, MD, FACS

When I consider the extraordinary people on the exam committee, I am truly humbled to be nominated and to be writing this statement. I have been honored to serve on the oral exam committee for seven years and have held several roles, including examiner in Section 4, 3 and currently Section I. I have been a horizontal rotator and completed the 2023 OCE as Co-Chair of Section I. I serve with the most amazing, dedicated people and it is a true joy to do so.

At home in Milford, Connecticut, I am a private practice oral surgeon. Every day I strive to provide excellent care to each of my patients while serving my team and our community. I also get to work with the residents at Yale as a member of their admissions committee, clinical competency committee and as the director of their simulated anesthesia emergency course. In 2019 I was selected for the AAOMS Committee on Continuing Education and Professional Development. I currently serve as the Dentoalveolar Track Coordinator for our national meeting. The collaboration with such intelligent, committed and caring people makes these experiences incredibly rewarding.

Being blessed with unique surgical talents, just like you, I feel the duty to share my ability with the underserved across the world. In 2018, I help found a non-profit to serve those in need in Africa and I enjoy organizing and serving on mission trips. In all I do, I aim to lead by example and to stay at the forefront of our profession. In the process I am able to fail, to learn, to become a better surgeon and person. My positions with ABOMS and AAOMS have allowed me to do just that. To be able to continue to serve ABOMS and our incredible profession would be the greatest honor, opportunity, and accomplishment.

# Director Nominees



## Nathan Schroeder, DMD, FACS

We are all practicing in an era of rapidly advancing technology, changing referral patterns, and evolving practice ownership models. At a time when savvy social media marketing often masquerades as credentialing, the role of ABOMS has never been more imperative. Ensuring that our diplomates meet the highest standards of training, education, and professionalism allows AAOMS to most effectively promote and advocate for our profession.

I am humbled and honored to be nominated by my colleagues on the ABOMS examination committee to serve as director. Leadership and service are important aspects of my career. I have served as president of my state's district dental society. I am the maxillofacial surgeon for our region's orofacial anomalies team. For the past 15 years I have operated and covered facial trauma call at a Level I trauma center where I also served on the trauma committee. I maintain an adjunct clinical faculty position with the University of Iowa. I currently serve on the planning committee for the 2024 IL Mission of Mercy. I continue to support and assist the philanthropic efforts of St. Jude, where I am involved with fundraising and the annual telethon.

During my service on the ABOMS examination committee I have served as an examiner in two sections, a horizontal rotator, and as Section II co-chair for the past three years. I have been honored with multiple awards for item writing and a best case submission.

Just as the symbiosis of ABOMS and AAOMS is vital to the long-term success and legitimacy of our specialty, the collaboration and unified leadership of surgeons in both academics and private practice is an essential representation of the composition of our great specialty. I'm confident that I have the perspective, experience, and fortitude to serve in this capacity and honor the great legacy of so many directors before me while maintaining a steady forward gaze as we collectively navigate the challenges of present and future.

# Examination Statistics

## 2023 Oral Certifying Examination

Time Taken	Total Taking Examination	Total Passing Examination	Pass Rate
Fast Track	168	134	80%
First Time Candidates	131	88	67%
Repeat Candidates	111	66	59%
<b>Total/Overall</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>70%</b>

## 2023 Qualifying Examination

Time Taken	Total Taking Examination	Total Passing Examination	Pass Rate
Fast Track (Senior Residents)	215	199	93%
First Time Candidates	80	63	79%
Repeat Candidates	36	16	44%
<b>Total/Overall</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>84%</b>

# Examination Statistics

## 2022 CAQ in Head and Neck Oncologic and Reconstructive Surgery

Time Taken	Total Taking Examination	Total Passing Examination	Pass Rate
First Time Candidates	5	4	80%
Repeat Candidates	0	0	N/A
<b>Total/Overall</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>80%</b>

## 2022 CAQ in Pediatric Craniomaxillofacial Surgery (Cleft and Craniofacial)

Time Taken	Total Taking Examination	Total Passing Examination	Pass Rate
First Time Candidates	7	7	100%
Repeat Candidates	0	0	N/A
<b>Total/Overall</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>100%</b>

# Upcoming Examinations

## 2024 Qualifying Examination (QE)

January 6-13, 2024, Prometric Testing Centers

*Important Dates: Applications open now through September 21, 2023*

## 2024 Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery In-service Training Examination (OMSITE)

February 3-17, 2024, Prometric Testing Centers

*Important Dates: Applications open September 26 – October 18, 2023*

## 2024 Oral Certifying Examination (OCE)

February 5-9, 2024, Raleigh, NC

*Important Dates: Applications open now through September 21, 2023*