

THE DIPLOMATE

AMERICAN BOARD OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY



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A Message from your President

Everything Old is New Again . . . Our Board in Changing Times



In the early 20th century, medical education and practice lacked significant regulation and oversight. Many apprentice-trained physicians advertised their “special skills” with little scientific didactic or clinical training. The Flexner report in 1910 brought sweeping changes to medical education, laying the foundation for science-based education, affiliation of medical

schools with hospitals, and the closure of scores of “proprietary” schools that sought nothing more than profit. Around this time, the formation of specialty boards began, first with Ophthalmology in 1916, followed by Otolaryngology in 1924 and Obstetrics and Gynecology in 1930.

These specialty boards were formed to distinguish content areas and training that separated practitioners from others who laid claim to special knowledge or ability but lacked such a formal background. Key to their formation was the independence from their specialty associations which focused on membership and advocacy. The boards, on the other hand, saw the public as their primary constituency, which still holds true today. This independence allows the boards to maintain and elevate standards of practice to ensure the public safety.

The American Dental Association (ADA) currently recognizes nine dental specialties including ABOMS, chartered in 1946. Each specialty has an independent certifying board that tests and grants diplomate status to those who meet the criteria set, including specified core educational and training prerequisites. Central to granting this status is the psychometric evaluation of the testing, ensuring a high level of quality, consistency, and validity to the results. In other words, a high confidence exists in that those who should pass do, and those who should not pass do not.

The ABOMS takes this responsibility seriously and continues to adapt and serve as the gold standard in certification in dentistry. Examples of this leadership include the mandating of hospital privileges for Diplomates, adoption of a Canon of Ethics, development of a Certificate of Added Qualifications (CAQ) in Head and Neck Oncologic and Reconstructive Surgery, and creation of an entirely new Certification Maintenance program beginning in 2020.

*Our education, training, and certification as oral and maxillofacial surgeons set our Board apart from the others, both real and imagined. While political advocacy is not within the mission of the Board, we understand that times are changing in every community with regards to specialty recognition. As seen before, others may offer themselves to the public as board certified or specialists in one area or another, but rest assured that **your** status as a Diplomate of ABOMS will always serve as the leading beacon for others to aspire to, but only the truly qualified can obtain.*

I humbly thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president this year, and I look forward to the continuum of positive changes that lie before us. We truly practice the best specialty in all of healthcare, and know that all of our efforts together as Diplomates help to improve the lives of our patients on a daily basis.



Congratulations on Another 10 Years!

Certification Maintenance (CM) is a comprehensive program instituted by ABOMS in 2005. In order to maintain certification, Diplomates who hold time-limited certificates are required to participate in this program. The Diplomate names listed below are individuals whose certificates expired on 12/31/2017 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.

Nazeeh Abunasra	Philip Echo	Carolyn John	Donald McLaurin	Stephen Sammons
Ronald Achong	David Efaw	Jay Johnson	Leonard Merlo	Payam Samouhi
Maxwell Adams	Jeffrey Elbaum	An-Louise Johnson	Paul Metz	Ross Sanfilippo
Andrew Afshar	John Emmett	Brendan Johnson	Gregory Michaels	Yoh Sawatari
Vincent Albert	Kirk Engel	Donald Johnson	Ivo Miller	Steven Saxe
Anthony Alessi	Brant Erbenbraut	Michael Johnson	Jason Miller	Ignatius Scalia
Ben Almerico	Neal Ezra	Scott Johnson	M. Drew Millington	Wade Schultz
Ala Al-musawi	Steven Fallon	Gary Jones	Linda Miyatake	Patricia Scott
John Amato	Joseph Fantuzzo	Robert Julian	Vito Modugno	David Seago
David Anderson	Brian Farrell	Perrin Jungbluth	Maneesh Mohan	John Shillingburg
Boonjira Anukul	John Fidler	Christopher Kane	David Molen	Michael Singer
Jason Baker	Amy Field	Solon Kao	Kevin Monteleone	Somsak Sittitavornwong
Paul Baker	Craig Fountain	Lina Karam	Jackson Morgan	Harry Sleet
Philip Banghart	Eric Fried	Ronald Katz	James Morgan	Kevin Smith
James Barton	Godfrey Funari	Hamid Kazemi	Steven Moss	Ronald Staples
F Bauer	Roy Gaines	Jennifer Keyser	Anup Muduli	William Starck
Ronald Berry	Douglas Galen	Husain Khan	David Mueller	Brian Stern
Robert Bessey	Louis Gallia	Andrew Kim	Christopher Noonan	Michael Stern
Roland Biron	Hamlet Garabedian	Brent Kincaid	Kurt Notarnicola	Eric Stich
Kenneth Blankstein	Carl Gassmann	Steven Kishter	John Otten	Jason Strange
Slim Bouchoucha	Bret Gelder	Antonia Kolokythas	Stephen Paoletta	Richard Sundheimer
Scott Bowen	John Gillis	Paul Korb	David Park	Lance Svoboda
Curtis Bowman	Jeffrey Goetz	Michael Kraemer	Piyushkumar Patel	Richard Szumita
John Bozich	George Goffas	Bryan Krey	Brijesh Patel	Roberto Taglione
Vishtasb Broumand	Kim Goldman	Brian Krost	Sergio Pausa	Jayson Terres
Lionel Bulford	Scott Goodove	Christopher Lane	Jeffrey Payne	David Todd
Jonathan Burton	Robert Gramins	Timothy Lang	Ramon Peleaux	William Tom
Domenic Caprice	Richard Gray	Mark Larusso	Gustavo Pena-Velasco	David Trigg
Todd Carter	Mark Grecco	Julie Laverdiere Beck	Kenneth Peskin	Bradley Turner
Thomas Chiodo	Paul Greenawalt	George Lee	Mark Plant	Mark Urata
David Chung	Emily Halpern	Benn Lieberman	James Pledger	Steven Verveniotis
Rex Cockrell	Christine Hamilton-Hall	Stuart Lieblich*	Stjepan Podstreleny	Clyde Waggoner
Jeffrey Collins	Jeffrey Hammoudeh	Robert Lincoln	Christopher Potee	Kingsley Wang
Deborah Cooper-	Michael Harris	Jeffrey Lindhout	Pierpaolo Preceruti	John Ward
Newland	Frederick Hartman	Todd Liston	John Pruitt	Geoffrey Warda
Jay Crossland	Matthew Hearn	Mark Lonergan	L. Eric Pulver	Richard Weber
Mark Davis	John Hillgen	Larry Long	Robert Queale	Timothy Weber
Michael De Salvo	David Hiranaka	John Lovoi	Patricia Rake	Scott Wenk
Daniel De Tolla	David Hirsch	Teresa Lozano	Khaldoon Rammo	Christopher Williams
Joseph Deatherage	Matthew Hlavacek	Jason Lustig	Prashant Reddy	James Wimsatt
Nagi Demian	Mark Hochberg	Luke MacMenamin	Christopher Reilly	Kenneth Wong
Chirag Desai	Martin Hoff	Didier-David Malis	Jay Reznick	Robert Wunderle
Marcos Diaz	Alexander Hoghooghi	Thomas Maring	Erik Richmond	Robert Wygonski
Michael Doherty	Gabriel Hostalet	Chadwick Marshall	Daniel Riggs	Eddy Yang
Anthony Dohse	Scott Hoyer	Shahram Mashhadian	John Robinson	Carl Young
Brian Dorfman	John Hultquist	Peter Mayer	Jeffrey Rockacy	Vincent Ziccardi
Wayne Dudley	Steven Hyten	Brian McAndrew	Steven Rodgers	Albert Zickmann
Leo Dumanis	Anthony Indovina	Colin McCartney	Thomas Rollar	
Neil Dunbar	Thomas Jacks	David McDonald	Gregory Romanow	
William Dunlap	D. Carl Jackson	Tracy McIntire	Samuel Roy	
Huyen-Chau Dunn	Chris Jo	Richard McLain	David Salehani	

*examination was taken voluntarily

Join Us in Welcoming

As every Diplomate knows, the ABOMS Certification program is a rigorous and thorough process. The names listed below successfully completed the Certification program at the beginning of this year. Please join us in giving a warm welcome to our newest ABOMS Diplomates.

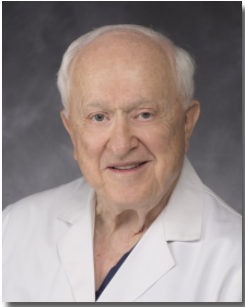
Timothy Adams	Jesse Falk	Shawn Lynn	Chad Rebhun
Payam Afzali	Anthony Fasi	James MacDowell	Brandon Reddinger
Imran Ahson	Aaron Figueroa	Christopher Maly	Brandon Rehrer
Jay Albanese	Daniel Fleischman	Ashley Manlove	Amy Respondek
Matthew Alleman	D'Vano Forbes	Brian Mannari	Armando Retana
Chad Allen	Jordan Fried	Scott Marshall	Bradley Robinson
Mohammed Al-Obaidi	Colin Galbraith	Scott Martyna	Catherine Rode
Fahad Alsaad	Christopher Galea	Hisham Marwan	Donald Roland
Yahya Alyahya	Ajay Ganti	Mehdi Matin	Christopher Sanker
Bouali Amoli	Jeffrey Garcia	Jason May	Daniel Schwartz
Cole Anderson	Matthew Gayheart	David McAninch	Russell Searle
Alfredo Arribas	Jeremy Gies	Thomas McDonald	Michael Semidey
Franklin Awah	Jenna Godwin	William McKenzie	Navid Senehi
Michael Backer	Jesus Gonzalez	Luke McMahan	Chad Seubert
Carrie Baldwin	Nicholas Gregory	Matthew McShane	Rabie Shanti
Christopher Ban	Prabhdeep Grewal	Andrew Meram	Robert Sharobiem
Veronica Barreto	Carlo Guevara	Jamison Metcalf	Ehab Shehata
Meena Bhatti	Abhishek Gupta	Derek Miller	Matthew Sherban
Michael Bingham	Rishi Gupta	David Miller	Hasnain Shinwari
Eric Bischoff	Rania Habib	Andrew Miller	Samir Singh
John Bloom	Majd Haddad	Mark Miller	Christopher Smith
Thomas Bolten	Kevin Hall	Rita Mizrahi	Kyle Smith
Justin Bonner	James Han	Ryan Montgomery	Jesse Snow
Shadi Boutros	Matthew Hanchett	Michael Moody	Brittany Sonnichsen
Christopher Brown	Andrew Hanna	Evan Moody	Drew Steel
Edna Buckle	Bradley Harrelson	Dominic Morel-Maynard	Mark Stephens
Anthony Bunnell	Curtiss Haskins	Robert Morris	Jonathan Stephens
Eric Burgon	Dustin Haupt	Melissa Moutray	Beth Stirling
Ryan Calvi	Anastasia Haupt	James Nall	Collin Stutz
Courtney Caplin	Nicholas Hill	Phillip Newton	Matthew Swanson
Jacob Carroll	David Hoffman	Jeffrey Nguyen	Mohammed Tabel
Lauren Castro	Matthew Holman	Brady Nielsen	Anis Tebyanian
Karl Chandler	Richard Hompesch	Sumit Nijhawan	Blair Thomas
Ray Cheng	John Hornberger	Levon Nikoyan	Jason Thompson
Kien Chibayere	Maher Jandali Rifai	Drew Nunziata	Claire Towning
Daniel Choi	Patrick Kelly	James O'Brien	Lisa Tran
Kyunghoon Chung	Lance Keyes	Sampeter Odera	Daniel Tylka
Paul Clark	Eugene Kim	Jennifer Okhiria	Christopher Vogel
Jev Clark	Somi Kim	Ricardo Ortiz-Rodriguez	Odin Waite
Daniel Cummins	John Kim	Victoria Palermo	Christopher Wallis
Corey Decoteau	Katrina Kontaxis	Celso Palmieri	Russell Walther
Adriana Del Llano Torres	Oxana Korj	James Parelli	Russell Warburton
Isabelle DeMatteis	Fadi Kosa	Stavan Patel	Erik Warren
Niloofer Deyhim	Joseph Lee	Prem Patel	Nathaniel Wells
Italo Di Prisco	Allan Leung	Dhaval Patel	Andrew Wetterlind
Eliza Drobny	Tony Li	Joseph Perrone	Graham Wilson
Andrew Dullnig	Stanley Yung Liu	Garren Petree	Brian Wong
TJ Dyer	Nicholas Livingston	Garth Porter	Yedeh Ying
Elise Ehland	Paul Lopez	Howard Price	Felix Yip
Edious Elliot	Lauren Lunday	Mihai Radulescu	Behnam Zanjani
Michael English	Jamie Luria	Andrew Ray	

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Diplomates Making a Difference

Featuring Past President, James E. Bertz, DDS, MD, FACS



James E. Bertz, DDS, MD, FACS, is an oral maxillofacial surgeon in private practice in Scottsdale, Arizona. Dr. Bertz has worked with numerous international surgical missions over the past 45 years. He has participated in more than 80 missions in 14 countries, including; Mexico, Colombia, Philippines, Peru, Nicaragua, Ukraine, Pakistan,

India, Nepal, El Salvador, China, and Cambodia. He has performed more than 1200 procedures during this time. Dr. Bertz's first mission was to Ometepec, Mexico, with a Presbyterian Mission led by Dr. Roger Hehn from Jacksonville, Florida. The work was in a small hospital staffed by an American Doctor from Tennessee, who was an "American Dr. Sweitzer." Multiple trips were made to this hospital because of a large number of cleft patients who populated the area.

Mother Teresa said "One has not lived until they have done something for someone who can never repay them." A mother's tears after seeing her baby with their lip repaired always pays you more than you deserve. These experiences are very rewarding and, in fact, addicting.

In the 1980's in Peshawar, Pakistan, as a result of the Russian Invasion of Afghanistan, there were many patients treated at the "Afghan Surgical Hospital" with injuries to the head, face, neck and extremities. If a patient was struck in the chest

or abdomen, they perished because of the travel time to "Afghan Surgical Hospital".

We helped build an intensive care unit in the Children's Hospital of Guayaquil, which allowed us to do craniofacial surgery. In addition, we had neurosurgery support from the University of Texas Medical School at Houston, which helped make this type of surgery possible in both Lima and Guayaquil.

Cambodia has a large need for surgical help. The American College of Surgeons, lead by Dr. Elliott Brender, has been very helpful in developing programs in Cambodia.

Many people and organizations who have been helpful in providing opportunities to participate in medical missions include Doctors: Martin Dunn, Bruce MacIntosh, Jerry Capoot, Elliott Brender, and many more. Rotary Club International is very helpful and supportive of medical missions. Other great organizations like Uplift Internationale, Por Cristo, Smile, Healing Hands, and Healing the Children have made surgical missions possible.

One last thought: The people who work with you become fast and faithful friends. It is a lifetime bond. Mother Teresa is proud of all these people and organizations and she is smiling.



What You Need to Know About the OCE

The format of the Oral Certifying Examination (OCE) will change beginning with the 2019 examination. The Board's goal in reviewing its Certification processes is to create a more meaningful and comprehensive program.

The OCE's purpose is to evaluate the critical thought process of a Candidate and to demonstrate on-the-fly thinking, synthesizing core knowledge and applying this to realistic, mainstream office and hospital-based scenarios.

Section I

Pathology

Infections

TMJ

Orthognathic Surgery

Section II

Dentoalveolar Surgery

Trauma

Implants

Reconstruction

Section III

Adult Medical Assessment/Anesthesia

Office Based Emergency Management

Pediatric Medical Assessment/Anesthesia

Focused Short Topics

The February examination will be presented in three sections, each with four twelve-minute cases. The examination will total 144 minutes.

It's important to remember that all content covered in the Board certification process is unchanged, with topics covered in a slightly different fashion. The OCE section topics are:

If you are a Candidate of the Board and are interested in joining a study group, please reach out to the ABOMS headquarters to receive more information.

Second Administration of the CAQ

The CAQ in Head & Neck Oncologic and Reconstructive Surgery is designed for Diplomates who have demonstrated significant qualifications in this specialized area and who conduct a practice with emphasis on, and commitment to, this focused component of oral and maxillofacial surgery.

The examination is offered every other year. The first CAQ was administered in 2016 to 17 test takers with a pass rate of 94%. The examination took place in Las Vegas during the AAOMS Annual Meeting.

Registration for the 2018 CAQ is now closed. The application was open to all qualifying Diplomates through the ABOMS portal during the month of May. The examination will be administered in Chicago on Monday, October 8, 2018, in conjunction with the AAOMS Annual Meeting.

Certification Maintenance of the Future

During its meetings in 2016, the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (ABOMS) reviewed the Certification Maintenance (CM) process for relevance and consistency. ABOMS has adopted objectives designed to improve the CM process by creating a more meaningful and engaging program. With the aim of developing a CM process that is both contemporary and educational, the ABOMS is **eliminating** the high stakes exam currently required every 10 years and increasing touchpoints with its Diplomates throughout their CM cycle. The following principles are integral to Certification Maintenance.

1. Evidence of Professional Standing
2. Evidence of Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment
3. Evaluation of Performance in Practice
4. Evidence of Cognitive Expertise

The individual user profiles within the new ABOMS website will be the platform for all CM activities. Website improvements will modernize the CM process and bring value to maintaining an *active* Diplomate status. Beginning in January of 2020, the Board will launch this new process for Diplomates who hold time-limited certificates. The last administration of the Recertification Examination will be in 2019.

In 2020, all Diplomates with time-limited certificates will be required to:

- verify credentialing;
- attest to continuing education requirements (audit enforced);
- review two recommended articles and answer five questions based on the reading assignment;

- complete case-based Cognitive Expertise reviews once every 3 years;
- attest to fulfilling the clinical practice-related quality improvement requirements once every 5 years (audit enforced).

Certification Maintenance is important for a number of reasons, not the least of which is maintaining the *relevance* of one's certification. Board Certification indicates to the public that the certified provider espouses the values of professionalism, lifelong learning, and quality improvement to offer high quality patient care. The Board understands this new CM program will necessitate an adjustment for our Diplomates, but the new CM also eliminates the high stakes exam and offers an ongoing, educational and edifying relationship with the Board. Our dedicated ABOMS staff will focus their efforts on keeping Diplomates informed. We encourage any Diplomates who have not yet logged into our new web portal to do so and update addresses and profile information.

News – Continuity of Care Plan

You've met a gold standard and the Board is working to ensure Diplomates uphold its status. The Board is determined to act on certificates where Diplomates cannot meet the continuity of care plan or alternative pathway. The Board's staff will be contacting five Diplomates who cannot meet the new criteria. ABOMS Headquarters can answer questions regarding the new policy.

2018-2019

Examination Committee

Each spring the Board of Directors selects a group of Examiners to serve on its current year's Examination Committee. This group of exceptional individuals aid in the development of the ABOMS Computer Based Testing (CBT) examinations and Oral Certifying Examination (OCE). Committee members are responsible for submitting questions and cases for specific examinations and, at times, assigned to leadership positions within the committee. The Board recognizes the time and commitment spent as an ABOMS Examiner and thanks our dedicated members in advancing the specialty.

2018-2019 Examination Committee Members

John Allen	Eugene D'Amico	David Kim	Milan Pastuovic
John Alonge	David Dattilo	King Kim	Rawle Philbert
Jonathan Bailey	Valmont Desa	JD Kisella	Julia Plevnia
Michael Beckley	Jasjit Dillon	Antonia Kolokythas	Lee Pollan
Richard Berger	Jeffrey Elo	Deepak Krishnan	Ramon Ruiz
Gary Bouloux	Brian Farrell	Edward Lahey	Nathan Shroeder
Sidney Bourgeois	Bud Fidler	Janice Lee	Paul Smith
Todd Brandt	Pedro Franco	Jesse Lee	Roger Spampata
John Caccamese	Tamer Goksel	Killian MacCarthy	David Stanton
Curt Cain	Earl Hasegawa	Thomas MacKenzie	Larry Stigall
Ronald Caloss	Robert Hinkle	Stephen MacLeod	Robert Strauss
Lionel Candelaria	Jon Holmes	Amir Marashi	Richard Szumita
Paul Casmedes	David Hunter	Glenn Maron	Daniel Taub
Guillermo Chacon	Matt Jacks	Suzanne McCormick	Thomas Teenier
Joseph Cillo	Douglas Johnson	Edward Miller	Jayson Terres
Paul Ciuci	Deepak Kademani	Gayle Miranda	Paul Tiwana
Robert Clark	Kevin Kempers	Robert Nustad	Christopher Viozzi
David Cummings	Kelly Kennedy	Alexis Olsson	

ABOMS Welcomes our New Examiners!

Edward Adlesic	Michael Gentile	David Kirkpatrick
Vincent Carrao	Christopher Haggerty	Randall Stastny
Radhika Chigurupati	Mark Johnson	
Steve Fletcher	Robert Julian	

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.

Leadership Roles

2018-2019 OCE Co-Chairs

Surgery Section I

John Caccamese
Matt Jacks

Surgery Section II

Brian Farrell
Jayson Terres

Surgery Section III

Christopher Viozzi
Jeffrey Elo

2018-2019 Section Editors

Surgery Section I

Kelly Kennedy

Surgery Section II

Kevin Kempers

Surgery Section III

Joseph Cillo

CM Co-Chairs

David Dattilo
Ronald Caloss

CM Section Editor

Suzanne McCormick

Join the Examination Committee

ABOMS is always looking for excellent candidates to apply to become an ABOMS Examiner! If you are interested in joining, please visit our website to submit your application for the 2019-2020 Examination Committee. Applications are now available through your Diplomat portal. Simply login to your profile and select 2019-2020 Examination Committee on your Diplomat dashboard.

Qualified candidates should meet the following criteria:

- Be a Diplomat in good standing;
- Be an active Diplomat for at least 5 years;
- Pledge to maintain confidentiality;
- Demonstrate contemporary knowledge of oral and maxillofacial surgery;
- Submit two letters of recommendation from active Diplomates;
- Submit a current Curriculum Vitae (CV);
- And have no former or pending actions against any dental or medical license.

Applications from previous years do not have to re-submit an online application, but should reach out to the ABOMS headquarters to express continued interest in joining the committee. ABOMS staff will keep your application active and let you know if further information is required.

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

2017 Recertification Examination

Time Taken	Total Taking Examination	Total Passing Examination	Pass Rate
First Time Candidates	265	257	97%
Repeat Candidates	5	5	100%
Total/Overall	270	262	97%

2018 Qualifying Examination

Time Taken	Total Taking Examination	Total Passing Examination	Pass Rate
First Time Candidates	221	191	86%
Repeat Candidates	82	35	42%
Total/Overall	303	226	74%

2018 Oral Certifying Examination

Time Taken	Total Taking Examination	Total Passing Examination	Pass Rate
First Time Candidates	223	171	76%
Repeat Candidates	63	32	51%
Total/Overall	286	203	71%

Upcoming Examinations

2018 Recertification Examination

September 22-29, 2018

Important Dates: Scheduling begins July 30, 2018 and goes through September 3, 2018

2018 Certificate of Added Qualifications in Head and Neck Oncologic and Reconstructive Surgery

October 8, 2018 at AAOMS Annual Meeting

2019 Qualifying Examination

January 5-12, 2019

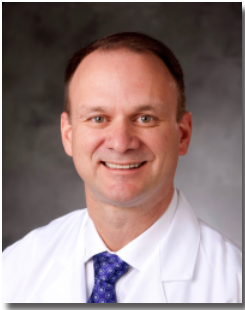
Important Dates: Applications open June 12, 2018 and due no later than September 6, 2018

2019 Oral Certifying Examination

February 4-8, 2019

Important Dates: Applications open June 12, 2018 and due no later than September 6, 2018

David Powers, DMD, MD



I am humbled, and honored, to have once again been nominated by my peers for consideration as an ABOMS Director. I am deeply appreciative of the confidence in my abilities expressed by the members of the Examination Committee, and congratulate my co-nominees, Drs. Brent Ward and Marty Steed.

My involvement in our specialty includes a 21-year military career in the United States Air Force, a period of time in private practice as a trauma specialist, and my ultimate return to full-time academic medicine in my current position at Duke University Medical Center. I have held a variety of leadership positions within OMFS: Program Director of the Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center residency-training program, Commander of the Air Force Center for Sustainment of Trauma and Readiness Skills, co-located within the educational platforms of the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center and Johns Hopkins Hospital, and my recent appointment to the North Carolina Committee on Trauma. My exposure to the three aspects of our specialty (military/government, private practice and academic medicine) uniquely affords me the opportunity to understand, and advocate, for all components of the ABOMS constituency.

My Examination Committee tenure has included testing in all four Sections, service as Section I Co-Chair and Trauma Content Expert. These experiences reinforced my belief that board certification should be considered the pinnacle of our specialty, but the process should be impartial, comprehensive and professional. Much like our specialty, the upcoming changes to the certification examination and re-certification process will prove to be fluid. If chosen to be your representative on ABOMS, I will be a strong voice for protecting our current scope of practice, and provide guidance for the creation of not only the certifying examination, but verifying the re-certification process reflects the modern practice of maxillofacial surgery, including your current scope of practice.



Martin Steed, DDS



I am incredibly honored to be presented to the HOD by my fellow Examiners on the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery for the position of Director of ABOMS. Active participation within the Board has been one of the most fulfilling endeavors of my professional life. Within the Examination Committee itself, I have had the chance to

experience a number of leadership roles from Content Expert, Horizontal Rotator, Section Co-Chair, to senior mentor for new Board Examiners. As a surgeon educator, I strive each day to prepare our residents for the real world challenges the Board exams replicate. To see them successfully complete the certification process offers persistent assurance that we are introducing another generation of safe, well trained, and thoughtful surgeons into clinical practice.

My view of our unparalleled surgical specialty's scope and import is framed by my involvement across its spectrum nationally. I have served the specialty on AAOMS committees focused on education and training (CRET), the committee on dental accreditation (CODA) as site visitor consultant and now review committee member, as well as leadership roles within the IADR/AADR, AACMFS, ADEA, OMSNIC, and state level society leadership in both Georgia and South Carolina.

This has provided me with insight into the challenges and opportunities facing surgical residents today and emphasized what a vital role the ABOMS plays in maintaining the highest patient care standards.

*I have become a student of the innovative adaptations other surgical boards have implemented through taking an active role in providing educational support for residents beyond just assessment. Imperatives that are driven from the board have far reaching effects. They can build bridges with leading national organizations in both surgery and dentistry to keep our specialty cutting edge. I vow to uphold and further the objective of ABOMS, namely to **elevate** the standards of oral and maxillofacial surgery through a certification and maintenance of certification process that fosters excellence and encourages learning, thus promoting the delivery of superior health care. I hope to have your support in Chicago!*



Brent Ward, DDS, MD



“*M*aking a Difference Every Day” is what I aspire to do as a “change agent” among individuals and organizations. I began my service to ABOMS thirteen years ago as an item writer and then co-section editor for the OMSSAT Committee. I have served on the Examination Committee in sections III and IV including serving as Section Editor

and Co-chair in section III. I also assisted in the creation of the Certificate of Added Qualification. These experiences have inspired profound admiration for the ABOMS and every contributor who is a part of this professional team serving our current and future Diplomates.

I have served within AAOMS for fourteen years including appointments to CRET/CET, the Faculty Section Executive Committee, Research Interest Group chair and co-creator and co-director of the Clinical Trials Methods Course for eight years. At the OMS Foundation, I have served on committees for major gifts and research as well as the chair of the Fellowship Committee.

At my home institution, the University of Michigan, I have had the privilege of serving as program director of the residency and currently as program director of the Oncology Fellowship and as Department Chair.

Everywhere I engage, I promote professionalism, integrity and superior health care mirroring the ideals of ABOMS. I see the Diplomates as a professional family dedicated to upholding the highest values and strongest commitment to patient care. The educational and verification processes assure that the best training, experience, and knowledge are obtained by the surgeons who ultimately represent each of us.

My experiences as a servant leader and my clinical and research expertise give me a solid foundation that will allow me to promote the core values of ABOMS. I am deeply honored by the privilege to have been nominated for consideration as an ABOMS Director.



Save the Dates

ABOMS Open House

October 9th – 10th
Chicago, IL

ABOMS CM Presentation

October 12th
Chicago, IL

ABOMS Open Forum

October 13th
9:30 am
Chicago, IL