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A Message from your President

David A. Bitonti, DMD



Thank you for the honor and privilege to serve you as the President of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (ABOMS) for the 2019-2020 term. I look forward to and am very excited about the opportunities we have before us as ABOMS grows, advances, and matures to better serve our Diplomates, Candidates, the public, and our specialty.

As I begin my term, I'd like to begin by recognizing and thanking our Immediate Past President, Dr. Alan Herford. His wisdom, commitment, dedication, and significant contributions to ABOMS are profound. Dr. Herford was the motivation for important ABOMS changes. Under his leadership, the 2019 Oral Certifying Examination (OCE) has undergone a significant transformation to a 3-section examination, focused on critical thinking, while encompassing the full scope of the practice of Oral and Maxillofacial

Surgery. Dr. Herford led the modernization of the ABOMS Certification Maintenance (CM) process. January of 2020 will signal the CM process transformation to the new format. His legacy and vision will benefit the Board, ABOMS, our Diplomates, Candidates, and our specialty, and well position us for years to come.

Additionally, on behalf of the Board and ABOMS, I'd like to thank our outgoing Immediate Past President, Dr. Mark Zajkowski, for his leadership and many contributions. Mark was the catalyst for many of the initiatives and advances we have made. His wisdom, guidance, and vision will be missed on the Board.

I am proud to welcome our newest Director, Dr. Deepak Kademani. Dr. Kademani is a well-respected surgeon and leader in our specialty, and ABOMS is fortunate to have him join the leadership team. We know that his contributions to ABOMS will be lasting and significant. Welcome aboard, Deepak!

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't recognize and thank our amazing ABOMS staff, led by our Executive Vice President, Erin Killeen. There is no better administrative staff support team than Erin, Adrianna Lagunas, Courtney Walsh, Katie Moore, Raquel Kalfus, Edith Addo, and Linh Vo. They work extremely hard, every day, to support you and the needs of ABOMS. Our success and effectiveness are due, in no small part, to their efforts and dedication.

We begin 2020 with one of the most significant changes in ABOMS history, modernization of our CM process. Our new process is more interactive and engaging for you, our Diplomates, and better serves you by providing necessary tools for life-long learning, regular and continued Diplomate engagement, flexibility, ease of use, and pertinence. The new CM process partners with our Diplomates in their professional development and serves as an example of a well-formulated CM process.

I want to thank our Diplomates for your continued dedication to our specialty. We, as a Board, recognize the effort and resources you put forth into becoming Board Certified and maintaining your certification. Our constant goal is to remain contemporary and relevant to you and the specialty.

Thank you for this wonderful and amazing opportunity. I look forward to building upon the positive advancements that have improved the process of ABOMS Board Certification and Certification Maintenance. I am humbled to serve you, our Diplomates, the public, and our specialty, in my role as your ABOMS President. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out and contact me.

Deepak Kademani, DMD, MD, FACS



I am honored and humbled to have been elected by the ABOMS Examination Committee and the AAOMS House of Delegates in Boston as the newest Director for the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (ABOMS). This is the highest professional honor and one I will always cherish. I am grateful to all those who have supported me and in particular those who have unselfishly invested in my education and career.

As we look to the future, healthcare and our specialty will face a number of unique challenges. I know the exceptional and talented staff at ABOMS will work tirelessly together to ensure that our specialty is protected and promoted at all times. As ABOMS embarks upon several new initiatives in the coming years, the ABOMS Directors will work to ensure the highest standards are maintained and provide a steady hand of leadership on behalf of the specialty.

I look forward to my tenure as a Director of ABOMS and working with the staff, Examination Committee and other Directors. I hope to play a small part of shaping ABOMS and our specialty for the next generation of surgeons.



Introducing the New CAQ—Pediatric Craniofacial Surgery

A BOMS is now offering a second Certificate of Added Qualifications (CAQ)! In addition to the Head and Neck Oncologic and Reconstructive Surgery (H&N), the Board will also be administering a CAQ in Pediatric Craniofacial Surgery.

Pediatric Craniofacial Surgery (Cleft and Craniofacial Surgery) represents a clinical area within the specialty of oral and maxillofacial surgery that focuses on the diagnosis, surgical repair, and adjunctive treatment of congenital, developmental, and acquired deformities involving the craniofacial structures.

The purpose of this CAQ is to inform the public and professional colleagues that a qualified oral and maxillofacial surgeon who holds this certificate of added qualification has completed additional specialty education and an examination process and is qualified to practice within this focused specialty area.

The possession of this CAQ does not imply exclusion of other practitioners. This CAQ certification process will contribute to high standards of training and education as well as complete and ethical information for the public regarding surgeons who conduct a practice with an emphasis, and commitment to, this focused area of the specialty.

The CAQ in Pediatric Craniofacial Surgery will be a written examination covering broad but comprehensive topics related to the diagnosis, surgical and medical treatment, and management of complications of conditions treated commonly within the scope of Cleft and Craniofacial Surgery. The first administration will be at the 2020 Annual Meeting in San Antonio alongside the H&N CAQ. Applications for this examination open on our website beginning April 1, 2020, and will close on June 1, 2020. More information can be found at www.aboms.org/diplomates/caq.

2020 Annual Registration

2020 Annual Registration opened on October 15, 2019.

To submit your Annual Registration, please visit www.aboms.org and log in to your Diplomate profile. The deadline for Annual Registration is December 31, 2019. Late fees will apply beginning January 1, 2020.

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Examination Committee

Each spring the Board of Directors selects a group of Examiners to serve on its current year's Examination Committee. These exceptional individuals play a vital role in the development of the ABOMS computer-based testing (CBT) examinations, Certification Maintenance (CM), and Oral Certifying Examination (OCE).

Our Junior Examiners are marked with an asterisk below, and we thank them for their work they've already put in this year. We would also like to congratulate the individuals marked in bold text below, indicating they have been on the Committee for at least 6 years. Thank you to all of our Examiners for all of their hard work and dedication to the specialty!

2019-2020 Examination Committee Members

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

Important deadline approaching!

Applications for the 2020-2021 Examination Committee will close on December 1st. You must be Board Certified for a minimum of 3 years and submit an evaluation form from 2 current or previous Examiners as references (no current ABOMS Directors). The application, including evaluation form, can be submitted using your Diplomate profile online.

Leadership Positions

Examination Committee members are selected by the Board to serve in leadership roles through the development and administration for both our CBT examinations and OCE. The individuals listed exude the highest level of professionalism and exceptional knowledge in the specialty. The Board of Directors graciously thanks each of these individuals for their time and commitment to the specialty.

2019–2020 Co-Chairs

Surgery Section I

Matt Jacks
Kelly Kennedy

Surgery Section II

Jayson Terres
Paul Tiwana

Surgery Section III

Jeffrey Elo
Tamer Goksel

2019–2020 Section Editors

Surgery Section I

Killian MacCarthy

Surgery Section II

Kevin Kempers

Surgery Section III

Deepak Krishnan

2019–2020 Content Experts

Gary Bouloux
Todd Brandt
Curt Cain
Jasjit Dillon

Pedro Franco
Tamer Goksel
Antonia Kolokythas

Robert Nustad
Alexis Olsson
Paul Tiwana

Certification Maintenance

CM Co-Chairs

Ronald Caloss
Sydney Bourgeois

CM Section Editor

Suzanne McCormick

Past Presidents' Brunch and the Annual Gala

Each year, we look forward to our annual brunch, honoring our past presidents and their spouses, as well as ABOMS Directors. We love the tradition of catching up and hearing what everyone has been up to over the past year. And what better way to end our week than with the annual gala, honoring our outgoing president, Dr. Alan Herford, and the Examination Committee. Thank you, everyone, for a great week in Boston!



Dr. Alan Herford makes a toast to some of the ABOMS past presidents and their spouses.



Dr. Mark Wong greets longtime friends at the annual brunch.



Dr. Paul Danielson and Dr. Leon Davis catch up before brunch begins.



Dr. James Swift takes his turn giving the crowd an update on life, work, and family during the annual brunch.



Guests mingle at the Boston Harbor Hotel during cocktail hour before the gala reception begins.



New Examiners, Dr. Raza Hussain and Dr. Thomas Schlieve, stop to say hello before sitting down to dinner.



Dr. Herford catches up with other guests before officially handing over his presidential medallion.



Dr. Rawle Philbert accepts his award from Dr. Herford for having had 6 years of service on the Examination Committee. He was one of 10 Diplomates to receive this award this year. Congratulations!



Dr. Lee Pollan poses with Dr. Herford with his award for having 9 years of service on the Examination Committee. There was a total of 5 recipients for the award this year. Congratulations!



After receiving his official presidential medallion, our new ABOMS President, Dr. David Bitonti, stops for a photograph with his wife, Lisa.



The girls from the Boston Academy of Irish Dance are all smiles before taking the stage.



Dancers from the Boston Academy of Irish Dance impress and entertain our gala guests.

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

2019 Recertification Examination

Time Taken	Total Taking Examination	Total Passing Examination	Pass Rate
First Time Candidates	84	81	96%
Repeat Candidates	14	10	71%
Total/Overall	98	91	93%

2019 Oral Certifying Examination

Time Taken	Total Taking Examination	Total Passing Examination	Pass Rate
First Time Candidates	247	217	88%
Repeat Candidates	55	32	58%
Total/Overall	302	249	82%

2019 Qualifying Examination

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

2020 Qualifying Examination

January 4–11, 2020

2020 Oral Certifying Examination

February 3–7, 2020

Raleigh, NC

2020 Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery In-service Training Examination

March 16–30, 2020

2020 Certification Maintenance (required for all active Diplomates)

Once open, log in to your Diplomate profile to view your requirements

Opens January 6, 2020 and closes December 31, 2020