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A Message from Your President

Vincent J. Perciaccante, DDS



The 2022 OCE. By the Numb3rs.

In 1964, Oldsmobile released the 4-4-2 option package on the Oldsmobile Cutlass. Some mistakenly believe this refers to the size of the engine, but it signifies a four-barrel carburetor, four speed manual transmission and dual exhausts. It was offered as an option package, or its own model, off and on through 1991, with the earlier models considered classics.

In 2022, 464 candidates registered for the ABOMS Oral Certifying Examination, with 442 ultimately taking the exam. The largest administration in the history of our specialty. This was partially due to 2021 Candidates who postponed taking the examination due to COVID-19 and partially due to the larger number of Candidates taking the written Qualifying Examination in 2021 with our Fast-Track option for senior residents. Preparing for 464 registrants meant scaling up our normal process by over 40%. This presented significant challenges to the Board.

We had exceptional staff, with 4 staff members on site, 4 staff members working at headquarters and 2 representatives from our data and analytics company (4-4-2!). There were 107 examiners administering the test. This included 3 Past Presidents, and 4 sitting Directors. There were 20 examiners testing for their 10th time or greater. We brought on 17 new OCE examiners, after a two-year hiatus with the creation of the item writing committee in 2020. In the previous 2 years, these new examiners added 1250 questions to our item bank for the computer-based examinations, prior to their ascension to the OCE. There were 115 candidates taking the examination who had completed their training just 7 months before, with a pass rate notably higher than the general population of the exam. With the oddities of COVID-19's impact on the registration for and delivery of the exam, we consider the 2021 and 2022 administrations of the exam as 1 cohort and as such, saw an overall pass rate for the 2 combined administrations that was in-line with past OCEs.

The exam was given over 5 days, with 2 administrations on most days, but also included days with 3 administrations of the exam. When all was said and done, we added 306 new Diplomates to our ranks.

I still want to call it the 4-4-2, but since that is taken by a classic car, we will just refer to it as the MOAB (Mother of All Boards). Thank you to everyone who made the 2022 OCE go off without a hitch. Thank you all for allowing me to serve as President of the ABOMS. It has been a great ride!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Perciaccante'. The signature is stylized and fluid.

Vincent J. Perciaccante, DDS, FACS
ABOMS President

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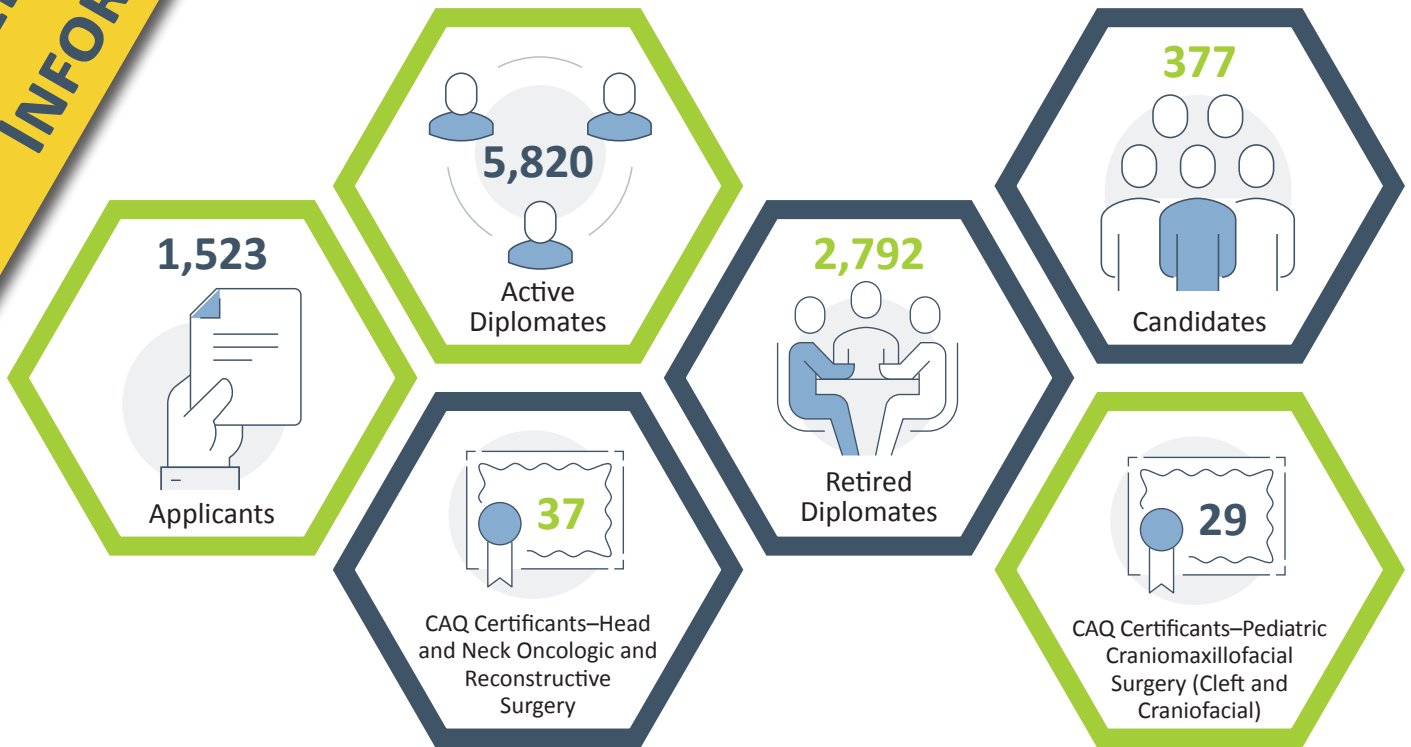
The ABOMS certification program is a rigorous and thorough process, as every Diplomat knows. The individuals listed below successfully completed the certification process by passing the Oral Certifying Examination at the beginning of this year. Please join us in giving a warm welcome to our newest ABOMS Diplomates!

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| Michael Abraham | Jonathan Cohen | Matthew Hamedani | Steven Lohmeier | Michael Pace | Albana Simoni |
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| Ahmed Almuzayyen | Jeffrey Crowley | Daniel Hawkins | Ricardo Lugo | Neel Patel | Brett Sterling |
| Sulaiman Alshaar | Tomasz Czechura | Benjamin Heggstad | Harshdeep Mangat | Jeffrey Paxman | Bradley Storrs |
| Bentley Anderson | Michael Daetwyler | Brandyn Herman | Lee Maniscalco | Ryan Payne | Matthew Streeleman |
| Spencer Armuth | Austin Daly | Nicole Hernandez | Wendall Mascarenhas | Michelle Peters | Sean Stringer |
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| Douglas Baasch | David Davis | Tyler Holley | Christopher McDaniel | Shouvik Ponnusamy | Ahmed Tamim |
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| Blake Ballenger | Ian Day | Allen Huang | Matthew McLaughlin | Eric Rabey | Ashley Tankersley |
| Phillip Barbee | Joshua Deuel | Omar Hussain | Alexander McMahan | Matthew Radant | Jeffrey Tanner |
| Suzanne Barnes | Milan Dhanani | Greggory Irving | Travis McMaine | Aarathi Rao | Andrew Thomas |
| Brittney Barrow | Donald Dickinson III | Cory Jameson II | Julie McNeish | David Raper | Christopher Thompson |
| Joshua Bednar | Samantha Dubin | Chelsea Johnson | Michael McQuinn | Christopher Ray | Lance Thompson |
| William Bell | Colten Ducote | Marcus Joy | Nicholas Mechas | Michael Rechtin | Dan Tran |
| Bradley Belous | Martin Duplantier | Michael Jungwirth | Andrew Megison | Jonathan Redditt | Chris Trippel |
| Travis Bennett | Jeffrey Dyke | Tyler Kalmuck | Eric Mejia | Daniel Reece | Bhavin Trivedi |
| Bryan Benton | Brittany Ecker | Balraj Kang | Mirela Memic | Daniel Reid | Mitchell Troyer |
| Daniel Berenstein | Mohamed El-Rabbany | Lauren Kaplan | Sebastian Mendoza | Eric Reimer | Derek Vajda |
| Paul Bermudez | Adam Fagin | Abdul Karim | James Mergelmeyer | Jesse Ricciuti | Jeffrey Valenti |
| Anthony Bianchi | Ryan Falke | Maria Karras | Jonathan Michel | Jeremy Rice | Rabecca Vanevenhoven |
| Gregory Biron | Joseph Fanti Jr. | David Keenan | Brian Mitchell | Justin Richer | Margarita Varer |
| Rachel Bishop | Thomas Farrell IV | James Kellogg | William Moll | Luisa Rios | Thomas Vaughan III |
| William Boggess | Farzin Farshidi | Nicholas Kenning | Mohmedvasim Momin | Fabio Ritto | Devin Wahlstrom |
| Jonathan Bonnet | Charles Felts IV | Benjamin Keyser | Hwi Sean Moon | Christopher Rivers | Brett Waite |
| Michael Border | Alexandra Forest | Sang Woo Kim | Scott Morgan | Brian Rowan | Gregory Way |
| Nicholas Broccoli | Kevin Furmanek | Shin Kim | Andrew Morrow | Matthew Ryskalczyk | Ryan Weber |
| Zachary Brown | Logan Gano | Emily King | Walter Moses | John Salek-Raham | Bert Wendling |
| Akeyla Brown | Caroline Garcia | Jay Kirchofer | Junaid Mundiya | Daniel Sanovich | David Whiting |
| Kiara Brown | Mark Gardner | Tarun Kirpalani | Eric Murnan | Chhama Sarawagi | Steven Wiemer |
| Jacob Buhler | Ilya Garibyan | James Koehler Jr. | Bryan Nack | Caleb Schadel | James Williams |
| Charles Burchfield | Blake Garrett | Yianne Kritzas | Nicholas Nagaki | Carter Schmidt | Danielle Williams |
| Evan Busby | Corbin Gatlin | Sergei Kuznetsov | Stacey Nedrud | Adam Schmidt | Walter Wilson |
| Adam Bussell | Alexander Geiger | Ibrahim Lakkis | Steven Nelson | Bryan Schoolman | Gordon Wong |
| Michael Capp | Ryan George | Nguyen Lam | Marshall Newman | Jason Schultz | Eric Wood |
| Justin Carl | Jordan Gigliotti | Andre LaMothe | Albert Newsome III | Eric Scotland | Michael Woodbeck |
| Francisco Carrillo Morales | Jason Goldberg | Michael Laschuk | Alvin Ngai | Shakasha Scruggs-Williams | Joshua Woodward |
| Karen Carver | Brian Goo | Jason Lee | Siu Hang Ngan | Matthew Setliff | Adarsh Yagnik |
| Nathan Cary | Jason Gordon | Michael Lee | Phillip Nguyen | Gregory Shank | Thomas Yamamoto |
| Rachel Chapa | Seth Greenberg | Brian Lee | Rodney Nishimoto | Michael Shemkus | Daniel Yang |
| Xun Chen | Neha Grewal | Jason Leet | Benjamin Noblitt | Colin Sherwood | Luke Zambetti |
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| Matthew Chroust | Jeffrey Hajibandeh | David Lillian | Brendan O'Rourke | Oz Simel | Matthew Ziemann |
| Matthew Clark | Christopher Hambrook | Sheng Chuan Lin | James Owen | Or Simel | Michelle Zoccolillo |

Congrats 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, 2021, 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.

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| Keyvan Abbaszadeh | Jason Chandler | James Gift | Kevin Kempers | James Moore | James Reed | Larry Tabatchnick |
| Mark Abel | Clay Chandler | David Gilbert | Nima Khorassani | Nick Morrow | Daniel Richardson | Nojan Talebzadeh |
| Khaled Abughazaleh | Robert Chang | Mark Glasgow | Peter Kim | Brent Mortenson | Samuel Rickman | Gregory Tate |
| Jeff Alford | Howard Chi | Stephen Glawson | Sejoon Kim | David Moyer | Michael Rollert | Gregory Taylor |
| Luis Alicea | Kai-zu Chi | Joseph Gliksman | Myung Kim | John Nale | Richard Rosato | Gregory Thomas |
| Mazen Almasri | Mark Chishom | Steven Green | David Kimberly | Frank Newman | Christian Rouleau | Ronald Thompson |
| Dale Alto | Peter Cho | Lance Grenevicki | James King | David Nicholls | David Rubin | Todd Timko |
| Gregory Anderson | Carl Choi | Michael Gress | Jan Kippax | Sanil Nigalye | Robert Russell | Yan Trokel |
| Bruce Anderson | Joli Chou | John Griffin | James Klemens | Michael Noffze | Michael Ryhn | Judith Tuchman |
| Alexander Antipov | Robert Christiansen | Francis Grzejka | Mark Knibbe | Craig Norbutt | Benjamin Saleh | David Tucker |
| Charalabos | Stephen Christiansen | Robert Guyette | Heamo Koo | Scott Noren | Frank Scarbrough | Todd Tucker |
| Apostolidis | Janet Chun | Spencer Haley | Timothy Koob | Andrew Norkin | Curtis Schmidt | David Tuggle |
| James Arnold | Alan Chun | Brenda Hall | Armond Kotikian | Gabriela Oana | Brian Schmidt | Stephen Turella |
| Paul Arnold | Marianne Cifelli | Christopher Hanhila | Michael Koury | Mark Ochs | Todd Shock | James Vaiana |
| Adam Arnoldt | Michael Coleman | Issa Hanna | Kierian Kuklok | Angelo Ostuni | Michael Schwartz | John Vakkas |
| Blendi Babameto | James Condry | David Hanson | David Kung | Larry Otte | Jeffery Schwarzkopf | Emily Van Heukelom |
| Alex Bachoura | Gregory Conner | Michael Harris | Victoria Laor | Wayne Ozaki | Steve Sedaros | Patrick Vaughan |
| Richard Bakeman | Daniel Convey | Brad Harris | Joshua Leal | Dave Pak | Gregory Segraves | Curtis Vendetti |
| Kathy Banks | Mark Crane | Brian Harris | Marci Levine | Michael Palma | Maikel Segui | David Verschueren |
| Shant Baran | Thomas Curran | Alan Haspel | Donald Liberty | Antoine Panossian | Adam Serlo | Christopher Viozzi |
| Shannon Barnhart | Alessandro Cusano | Mark Haverkorn | William Lippisch | Kim Pansegrau | Xue Yu Shen | Steven Vukas |
| Richard Bartling | Frank Dal Santo | David Haynes | Carlo Lo | Willie Parks | Steven Silverman | Eric Wachs |
| Douglas Beals | Jane Daly | Thomas Helfst | James Loeser | Joseph Paskill | Matthew Simmons | Theron Waisath |
| Jennifer Beaudin | Volong Dao | Peter Hertz | Juan Luque | Chirag Patel | Sunil Sinha | Lee Walker |
| Barry Beck | Jeffrey Dean | Joseph Hildebrand | James Lussier | Charles Payerle | Mark Slabbekoorn | James Ward |
| Gregory Bell | Michael Del Rosario | Lubor Hlousek | Frank Mac | Alan Pearce | David Smeltzer | Paul Warden |
| David Bender | Dikran Deragopian | Lyell Hogg | James Mack | Carl Peoples | Brian Smith | Edward Weideman |
| Francisco Bermudez | Maria Dipasquale | Robert Hou | John Malloy | Dennis Perkins | David Smith | Michael Whelan |
| Thomas Berry | Jeffrey Doss | Thomas Hueser | Steven Mantegari | Samuel Petersen | David Smith | Dean Whitman |
| Sanjeev Bhatia | Ingrid Dowrich | James Hughes | Raffi Margossian | Elisabeth Peterson | Jennifer Smith- | Andrew Wightman |
| Michael Bianchi | Jacob Duke | Cang Huynh | Christopher Marsh | Gilman Peterson | Williams | Micheal Williams |
| John Birbe | Mark DuVernois | Kathleen Isdith | Harold Marshall | Dieu Pham | Timothy Snyder | Darren Williams |
| Amy Bogardus | Thomas Eschenroeder | Slavko Ivankovic | Daniel Martin | Aidan Phan | Dean Spingola | Monty Wilson |
| Craig Brandner | Daniel Esposito | Malini Iyer | Kurt Martin | Lynn Philippe | Jason Stamboulieh | Tyler Wilson |
| Rebekah Brevard | Brock Evans | Matthew Jacobsen | Gene Martin | Mark Pledger | Brian Stapp | Robert Wolf |
| Paul Brooks | Wen Fan | Ahmed Jan | Nima Massoomi | Scott Podlesh | Mark Stivers | Brian Woo |
| Regan Brown | James Fang | Scott Jensen | Charles Maxwell | Mark Pogue | David Stoker | Scott Woodbury |
| Robert Bryan | Frank Farbod | Mark Johnson | Jeffrey McClain | Matthew Poore | Alan Stoll | Donal Woodward |
| John Buehler | Bridget Ferguson | Tyran Johnson | Thomas McDonald | Kevin Porter | P. Stopperich | Sumitra Yalamanchili |
| Peter Bui | Scott Fimbres | Susan Johnson | John McPhillips | Bradford Porter | Frank Strickland | Arturo Ydrach |
| Michael Burnham | George Fisher | Samer Joudeh | Jacob Mendenhall | Richard Poupard | Eydey Sturgill | Robert Yudell |
| Michael Cahoon | Jonathan Frederick | Todd Juhlin | Walter Michajlenko | Benaifer Preziosi | Pramod Subash | Mark Zajkowski |
| Jeffrey Caputo | R. Freimuth | Lori Jurgens | Lisa Miller | Anil Punjabi | Steven Sullivan | David Zelig |
| Orson Cardon | Timothy Frey | Philip Kaiser | Edward Miller | Richard Quigg | Todd Svane | Steve Zent |
| Vincent Carey | Gabriel Fritz | Leroy Kamelchuk | Charles Milton | Steven Quinn | Eric Swanson | William Zwack |
| Eric Carlson | Thomas Fuqua | Herman Kao | Robert Miner | Kamran Raja | David Swiderski | |
| Michael Caruso | John Gagnon | Takehiro Kasahara | Diego Miron | Scott Rake | Brian Szakaly | |
| Vincent Cavaretta | Jess Gardner | Richard Keim | Parvaz Mizrahi | Victor Raposo | Eli Tabariai | |



Become an ABOMS Examiner!

Interested in joining the ABOMS Examination Committee? Applications open August 2 through Diplomat profiles and will remain open until October 4. You may be eligible to apply if you have been an active Diplomat in good standing for at least three years. Along with your application, you will be required to submit a referral form from two current or previous Examination Committee members, excluding current Board members. Applicants will be notified next spring for the 2023-2024 year. Newly appointed Examiners, also known as Junior Examiners, serve as item writers for the ABOMS computer-based examinations and Certification Maintenance processes. A Diplomat must serve as a Junior Examiner for a minimum of two years before being considered to serve as an OCE Examiner. Visit www.aboms.org/diplomates/examination-committee for more information.

Display your Board Certification!

Want patients to know you're Board Certified by ABOMS? Visit the online store in your Diplomate profile to order a **customized press release, certificate, brochures, or Diplomate 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 Diplomate of ABOMS, feel free to link this on your website to inform others of the value of your Certification.

Reminders

Certification Maintenance (CM): If you have not yet completed your 2022 CM, you have until December 31, 2022. This is required for all Diplomates, regardless of when you last took the Recertification Examination. Visit your Diplomate 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 2023 AR if you have not yet completed your 2022 Certification Maintenance requirements, so please be sure to complete those by the end of the year.



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Diplomates Making a Difference

Gurinder Wadhwa, DDS

Gurinder Wadhwa, DDS, an oral surgeon who practices at Hometown Health Centers (HHC) in Schenectady, N.Y., is a champion of community health centers, the primary medical home for more than 30 million Americans.

Dr. Wadhwa believes these community-based “family doctors,” which can be found in 13,000 rural and urban communities, are an integral piece of the U.S. healthcare system, since they partner with hospitals, local and state governments, social, health and business organizations to improve health outcomes for the medically vulnerable.



Dr. Wadhwa with Tadele Demisse, DMD, and Megan Vats, a second-year resident

After spending four decades as an oral surgeon in private practice both downstate and upstate, Dr. Wadhwa retired in 2017. However, in the fall of 2019, while teaching at New York's Mount Sinai Beth Israel, he was lured out of retirement with a tempting offer.

"HHC's CEO Joe Gambino, who oversees one of the region's top-rated community health centers, contacted me to see if I could help them out," said Dr. Wadhwa.

"Schenectady's Ellis Hospital had one oral maxillofacial surgeon, but he was retiring and the hospital planned to close its department. Joe asked if I could establish an oral and maxillofacial surgery care center within HHC's busy dental department. The opportunity to impact the lives of inner-city residents was very appealing to me!"

Over the past three years, Dr. Wadhwa has focused his attention on turning the center into an asset for the region's medically underserved. He has created two surgery suites within the dental department. He has also trained several staff members as surgical and anesthesia assistants.

"It took about a year to fully develop an oral surgery program from the ground," explained HHC Dental Director Rory Schmit. "We were the first federally qualified health center in New York to have an oral surgeon, so a lot of development and coordination with New York State Department of Health was needed. Since then, we've continued to grow the program and services we can provide."

Dr. Wadhwa and HHC have big plans for expanding the dental practice, which provides 17,000 patients annually with everything from primary and preventative dental services to surgical extractions and implant placement. This fall, the department will move into a vacant, nearby pharmacy.

"The new, state-of-the-art site will enable us to provide expanded oral maxillofacial surgery services to patients in Schenectady and surrounding communities," said Dr. Wadhwa. "It will feature two main surgical suites and additional recovery rooms. We'll also have more trained doctors with expertise in oral surgery."

"Before Dr. Wadhwa worked with us, our patients who needed oral surgery services were put on six-month wait lists or had to travel 40 minutes to the closest oral surgeon that accepted their insurance," said Dr. Schmit. "As a result, patients were in pain for long periods of time or ended up neglecting their care due to frustration on access to care. Dr. Wadhwa allowed us to treat patients in a timely manner and provide services to a community that had minimal to no options. Dr. Wadhwa's passion for helping everyone and anyone is contagious and really empowers all of the providers at Hometown!"



Future Diplomates of America

This year, we decided to include our residents in our distribution list for our newsletter. After all, they are our “Future Diplomates of America”! Here’s a look at what we’ve learned after asking them, “What are you most looking forward to in becoming a Diplomate of ABOMS?” and/or “Why did you decide to pursue your Board Certification?” Thank you for your input, Residents!



Alex Faigen, DMD

“I think board certification is the standard for our careers. It validates the hours of hard work and dedication to the field. It signals to patients that we have the highest level of training and are recognized as such among our peers and the medical community. I look forward to learning from others along the way and throughout my involvement in ABOMS and to help internally when possible.”



Prashant Charugundla, DDS

“I decided to pursue Board Certification to demonstrate to patients, the community, and to myself that I have acquired the knowledge/experience to deliver excellent care. It is a rigorous process that serves as an important milestone. As a Diplomate of ABOMS, I am looking forward to joining many renowned surgeons that together can continue to serve the specialty and the community at large.”



Mark A. Oppenheim, DMD, MD

“Diplomates of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery have shown their commitment to excellence in our field. I am looking forward to becoming a Diplomate in ABOMS to show my patients and providers in my community that I am focused on giving them the highest standard of care.

Becoming a Diplomate of the Board is highly encouraged by my program’s attendings.”

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:



Suzanne U. McCormick, MS, DDS

“Taking the Boards? Great Choice! When finding yourself in the middle of the process, Board certification may seem daunting.

The good news is that access to incredible speakers and their lectures has become easier. By making their libraries of lectures available on line, AAOMS, IAOMS, ACOMS, OsteoScience Foundation, and others have made learning easy and almost limitless. Brilliant idea. The topics reviewed in these lectures are current, on point and will help you to prepare.

ABOMS Board Certification shows commitment to excellence of training, experience and knowledge, now and lifelong, throughout your career.

So, go for it. It's worth it.”



Dhafer Alsuwied, DDS

“Being ABOMS certified among a few people where I practice gives me the confidence to provide all I have learned and get the great trust of all my patients to help them with their needs. In addition, it has helped me stand up on my feet in my early start, remembering such achievements I have reached. With such training and certification, I performed state-of-the-art and complicated surgeries, particularly in my subspecialty of oral/maxillofacial oncologic and microvascular reconstruction in an area with a tremendous need for such specialty.

I believe pursuing the Board certification is the goal to achieve the top of our specialty and great backbone support to all of us through our careers. Therefore, with no reservation, I highly recommend that all the graduates get certified as soon as possible.”



Anish Gupta, DDS

“Board certification, to me, is the mountaintop. The goal we strive for. The completion of the journey. In preparation mode, you focus at the top. You visualize your goals. But take a moment, standing on that mountain face, to turn around. Look at the view behind you. I can't imagine your journey up until this point has been easy. Schooling. Tests. Applications. Interviews. Call hours. Training. Hopefully the view you have is incredible; you've come so far. Take it home—your view is about to become even better.”



Shравan Renapurkar, BDS, DMD, FACS

“Becoming a Diplomate of the ABOMS not only gives a sense of accomplishment but also marks a completion of long series of professional tests. “How do I prepare for the ABOMS”, is a common question asked by my residents each year. In my opinion, preparation for ABOMS QE/OCE starts as an OMS intern. Every patient you see, gives you an opportunity to learn and serve. Questions on QE/OCE only test your ability to take good care of patients while following standard of care. If you practice evidence-based treatment algorithms while you are a resident, Board certification will become a less stressful experience.”



Benjamin Lewis Hechler DDS, MD

“There is a common misconception that preparation for ABOMS certification is necessary drudgery. Unfortunately, it is this mindset itself that in fact makes the preparation drudgery, not the certification process. If board certification is instead seen as an opportunity to expand one’s knowledge—deliberating taking time to explore those aspects of our specialty that are of most interest to the trainee—preparation actually becomes enjoyable and rewarding. In this way, board certification becomes not just beneficial for the specialty as a whole but for the individual. This is the true purpose of certification.”



Khurram A. Khan, BDS, DMD

“Tips for the oral boards:

1. Everything you answer, do it with confidence.
2. The oral test is very practical. Answer the way you would do it in the real world.
3. Remember how much you love the field of OMS and use that excitement to answer questions.
4. Convert that anxiety into an exciting challenge.
5. In residency - when you study, repeat everything out loud as if you are answering an oral exam question. Practice for the oral exam starts early and not just a year or few months before the oral board exam.
6. No one wants you to fail. They are on your side. Use that to boost confidence in yourself.”

2022–2023 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, if that is what they wish. 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!

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| Tara Aghaloo* | Dean DeLuke* | Anku Johri** | Suzanne McCormick | Michael Safian |
| Suganya Appugounder* | Valmont Desa | Robert Julian | Robert McNeill* | Salam Salman |
| Jon Bailey | Robert Diecidue | Vasiliki Karlis | Daniel Meara** | Randy Sanovich** |
| Mark Beehner* | Donita Dyalram | Katherine Keeley | Uday Mehta** | Thomas Schlieve |
| Richard Berger | Nathan Eberle* | Karen Keith | James Melville** | Nathan Schroeder |
| David Bitonti | Jeffrey Elo | Brian Kelley* | Brian Murphy | Joshua Segal |
| George Blakey | Hany Emam* | Kevin Kempers | Gregory Ness | Jonathan Shum* |
| Todd Brandt | Michael English* | David Kim | Brandon Newell | Constantine Simos* |
| Tuan Bui | David Fallah | King Kim | Alexis Olsson | Jim Solomon |
| Anthony Bunnell** | Elie Ferneini | JD Kisella | Wayne Ozaki* | Roger Spampata |
| Richard Burton | Luis Ferrer-Nuin | Alia Koch | Neeraj Panchal* | Randall Stastny |
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| Lionel Candelaria | Pedro Franco | Benjamin Kur* | Leonel Perez | Jayini Thakker* |
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| Paul Casmedes | Tamer Goksel | Janice Lee | Lee Pollan | Peter Vellis** |
| Srinivasa Chandra* | Michael Han* | Jesse Lee | Jason Portnof | Christopher Viozzi |
| Radhika Chigurupati | Earl Hasegawa James | Susie Lin | Kathlyn Powell | James Ward |
| Nam Cho | Henderson Alan | John Lupori* | Michael Ray | Thomas Weil |
| Joli Chou* | Herford | Killian MacCarthy | Gwendolyn Reeve* | Dean Whitman* |
| Joseph Cillo | David Hunter | Ashley Manlove** | Shravan Renapurkar* | Monty Wilson* |
| Paul Ciuci | Raza Hussain | Amir Marashi | Cory Resnick | Melvyn Yeoh |
| David Cummings | Courtney Jatana | Michael Markiewicz* | Tracey Rosenberg** | |
| Thaer Daifallah** | Douglas Johnson | Glenn Maron | Ramon Ruiz | |
| Jason Dashow** | | Nima Massoomi* | Sara Runnels | |

2022–2023 Examination 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.

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Examination Statistics

2022 Qualifying Examination

| Time Taken | Total Taking Examination | Total Passing Examination | Pass Rate |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Fast Track (Senior Residents) | 181 | 174 | 96% |
| First Time Candidates | 121 | 109 | 90% |
| Repeat Candidates | 27 | 9 | 33% |
| Total/Overall | 329 | 292 | 89% |

2022 Oral Certifying Examination

| Time Taken | Total Taking Examination | Total Passing Examination | Pass Rate |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Fast Track | 115 | 93 | 81% |
| First Time Candidates | 285 | 206 | 72% |
| Repeat Candidates | 42 | 7 | 17% |
| Total/Overall | 442 | 306 | 69% |



Upcoming Examinations

2022 Certificates of Added Qualifications (CAQ)

November 5, 2022, Prometric Testing Centers

2023 Qualifying Examination (QE)

January 7-14, 2023, Prometric Testing Centers

Important Dates: Applications open now through September 22, 2022

2023 Oral Certifying Examination (OCE)

January 30-February 3, 2023, Raleigh, NC

Important Dates: Applications open now through September 22, 2022

2023 Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery In-service Training Examination (OMSITE)

February 4 – 18, 2023, Prometric Testing Centers

Important Dates: Applications open September 26, 2022



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



I am profoundly grateful and humbled to be selected by my peers as a nominee for Director of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. If selected, I would perform my responsibilities to the Board and Specialty with dedication and determination to preserve the integrity, excellence, and high ethical standards required of this position maintaining patient safety and surgical excellence that comes with board certification.

I completed my dental degree at the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine followed by a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery at Parkland Memorial Hospital/University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, TX, then a fellowship in Maxillofacial Tumor and Reconstructive Surgery under Dr.

Robert Marx at the University of Miami. I am currently Division Chief, Residency Program Director and Director of Research for the OMFS residency program at Allegheny General Hospital, a Level I trauma center, in Pittsburgh, PA. While maintaining these busy full-time positions, and in my endeavor to become a better educator, leader, and researcher, I concomitantly completed graduate school education to obtain MPH and PhD degrees in Public Health in 2012.

I have been privileged to serve on the ABOMS Examination Committee and valued my roles as Section Editor and Co-Chair during that time. My involvement in organized leadership, such as President of Pennsylvania Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, positions on the AAOMS Committee on Research, Planning and Technology Assessment, the Committee on Education and Training, and Faculty Section Executive Committee, have provided me experiences in leadership, education, teaching, and research. A unique blend of skills that provide me the capability to further promote and protect our specialty through the board certification process. I would be greatly honored to serve as a Director of ABOMS and hope to earn your vote in New Orleans.

Antonia Kolokythas, DDS, MSc, MSed, FACS



Words cannot express how honored I am for the selection as a nominee for the 2022 position of Director of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. After having the privilege to serve as an examiner on the board for the last 6 years, I realized a strong call to apply for consideration for the 2022 Director position. The decision to pursue the position comes from the desire to serve an organization with, what I consider, the ultimate mission "... to ensure that Diplomates meet our standards of training, education, and professionalism through our certification process. As the certifying body in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, the ABOMS provides contemporary and innovative programs that promote optimal care and service to the public." This mission completely aligns with my philosophy of clinical practice and teaching approach throughout my career.

After completing residency and fellowship training my career has been devoted to student and resident education and advancement of our specialty through scholarly activity and research. Offering the best possible care to our patients, especially those with complex conditions and challenging diagnosis has been the focus of my clinical practice. Treating patients is a privilege and so is teaching young trainees and preparing the next generation of surgeons. Ensure public safety and offer superior care with the outmost professionalism are our daily vital responsibilities, the importance of which this organization has not only realized, but created processes to implement. The agility and adoptability of our certification body to meet its mission is truly remarkable and it is the product of the progressive thinking and collaborative work of the Directors serving it. It is with the outmost humility that I intend to continue along the path the Directors of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Board have started and pave new and innovative ones if I am granted the privilege to be elected as the 2022 Director.

Deepak Krishnan, DDS, FACS



“With great power comes great responsibility”—said Uncle Ben to Peter Parker née Spiderman—or so you thought! Well, originally Cicero said so in 1 BC—an allusion used in the “Sword of Damocles”.

Today belongs to a generation used to learning from screens, media, Marvel universe(s) and Wiki rabbit holes (you should Google that!). We have moved past physical libraries, the index medicus (millennials, Google that) and photocopies of bent journal pages.

As an academic surgeon, I am intrigued by the student of the future. As the chair of its Committee on Anesthesia, I have steered AAOMS into the direction of training every OMS in simulated office-based emergencies,

hoping to improve patient safety and the credibility of our anesthesia team model. As a natural extension of those efforts, I believe I can serve to steer the ABOMS into the future of testing. It is time that the modern OMS be tested based on Simulation, OSCEs, and digital surgical planning. It is time that our database integrates machine learning in psychometrics. We should be able to predict patterns in the examinee and examiner behavior to make our process flawless. As the mission of ABOMS states, as we look to elevate standards of oral and maxillofacial surgery, we should be building the certification process of the future, now.

I bring my experiences as the past -president of ROAAOMS, former Chair of Next-Gen of the IAOMS, past president of Ohio State Society of OMS, Chairman of CAN of AAOMS, and Chief of OMS at University of Cincinnati, to the board.

I believe that good leadership starts with an ability to see the forest and the trees simultaneously. And more importantly, seeing what is beyond that forest and those trees—ABOMS needs such contemporaneous and futuristic leaders. I believe that I am up to that task on both those measures.