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# A Message from Your President



## David B. Powers, DMD, MD, FACS, FRCS (Ed)

*Greetings to all from Durham—a historic city undergoing a renaissance in the heart of the Research Triangle of North Carolina. I am honored and humbled for the opportunity to serve our specialty as the President of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. The term “renaissance” refers to a cultural and intellectual rebirth. These attributes are mirrored in our organization as we continue to grow, innovate, and aspire to reach professional and educational goals that previously felt unattainable for our specialty. As I begin my tenure as your President, I would be remiss not to thank our Immediate Past President, Dr. Pushkar Mehra, for his visionary leadership throughout this past year. Pushkar was inspirational in advocating for the*

*changes in our Board Director electoral process, empowering our Examination Committee to select our future Directors, a long overdue change that will strengthen our commitment to diversity of thought, practice, and inclusion. This was achieved through a partnership with the Officers and Board of Trustees of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, highlighting our joint commitment to strengthen our specialty in the dental, medical, and surgical communities through cohesive and collaborative initiatives. I also thank our outgoing Immediate Past President, Dr. B.J. Costello, for his many years of service throughout his tenure on the Board, not only as a Director but also his time on the Examination Committee. I am so thankful for the opportunity to work directly with my fellow Directors, a group of volunteers who selflessly serve the interests of our specialty with passion, diligence, and humility. I want to welcome our newest Director, Dr. Paul Ciuci, a well-respected educator and leader in our specialty who also brings forth the integral perspective of the private practitioner to our Board.*

*Thucydides stated, “We must remember that one man is much the same as another, and that he is best who is trained in the severest school.” This philosophy is mirrored in our approach to the certification and maintenance processes—treating each surgeon with dignity and respect while presenting them with a focused, comprehensive, and challenging evaluation experience. Your Board has aspirational goals, including closer affiliations with industry leaders in medical/surgical board certification and training platforms; the incorporation of psychometrically validated simulation patient experiences for both initial and maintenance of board certification; and greater integration of the Surgical Council on Resident Education (SCORE) curriculum for resident education. We also desire to have outreach to dental students highlighting the benefits of practicing our specialty, helping to reverse the trend of declining applications for residency training and securing for the future the growth and maintenance of oral and maxillofacial surgery as a viable career choice. I look forward to sharing our progress on these initiatives with you in the future.*

*I wish each of you and your loved ones a peaceful and joyous holiday season and thank each of you with sincere appreciation for the opportunity to represent you as President of our Board and for all of your daily efforts as ambassadors of our specialty.*



Dr. Powers with his wife Deidra

# A Note from Your New Director



## Paul Ciuci, DMD, MD, FACS

*I am beyond excited to be elected Director of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (ABOMS). Never in my wildest dreams would I have ever dreamt of attaining this level of service to our profession. Knowing those who have come before me, the character of these surgeons, I'm humbled by the trust and support of the Board of Directors, my fellow Exam Committee members, and the AAOMS House of Delegates.*

*The Board of Directors is charged with upholding the standards of our specialty, and I share the goal of continuing to advance our oral and maxillofacial surgery profession. The continued modernization of our certification process ensures surgeon education, promoting excellence in patient care and safety.*

*As humans, we are no strangers to change. No two days are ever the same. I thrive on change. I fondly remember the "old" days; Dallas, paper, four sections, old friends. I can't wait to see the "new" days; new friends, mentors, progress, and innovation. Oral surgery and the ABOMS Board of Directors are constantly changing and evolving for the betterment of our specialty and our patients. I'm looking forward to the coming changes and how they will impact our specialty. The future is bright for oral surgeons, which means incredible advances for our patients.*

*My cornerstone characteristics—loyalty and commitment—are reflected in all that I do for my family, my faith, my friends, my colleagues and co-workers, my profession, and of course, my patients. As these cornerstones extend now to the Board, I also bring the spirit and determination—the drive and desire—for constant improvement both professionally and personally. I believe in a life of service, living by the motto, "How may I help you?"*

*I have to thank each of you who saw something in me I didn't see. You supported me, encouraged me, kept me in check and at the same time propelled me forward. You set the example of the person, teacher, and surgeon I strive to become. Your instruction, your guidance, and your support have inspired and motivated me; for this, I am eternally grateful.*

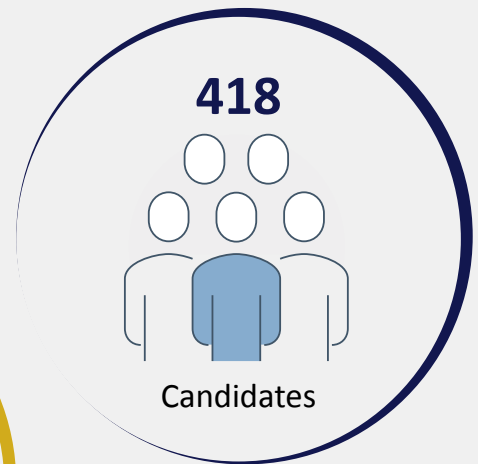
*I'm looking forward to the comradery of the Board, the Exam Committee, the ABOMS staff, and the incredible progress we will achieve together over the next eight years.*



Dr. Ciuci with his daughter, Gabrielle; wife, Katy; and daughter, Molly



# Keeping Informed



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## 2025 Annual Registration and Certification Maintenance

Start your year off right by checking off two things from your 2025 list - Annual Registration (AR) and Certification Maintenance (CM)! AR will open on Diplomat profiles on Thursday, January 2, 2025, and you will have until March 31 to submit payment. 2025 CM requirements can be found on your Diplomat profile in January, and you will have until the end of 2025 to complete those.

### **IMPORTANT!**

You will not be able to pay 2025 Annual Registration if you have not yet completed your 2024 Certification Maintenance requirements, so please be sure to complete those by December 31, 2024, via your Diplomat profile.

## Display your Board Certification!

Want patients to know you're Board Certified by ABOMS? Visit the online store in your Diplomat profile to order extra certificates (framed or unframed), a Diplomat lapel pin, or a customized press release. Visit the "Resources" tab in your Diplomat profile for more information.

**Don't have the ABOMS mobile app yet? Scan to download "ABOMS Portal"**





# Keeping Informed

## Examination Preparatory Portal: What it is and Who is it for?

Last year, the Board designed a new assessment program to support applicants seeking ABOMS Board Certification: the Examination Preparatory Portal (EPP), an interactive and complimentary online tool to help applicants prepare for the Qualifying Examination (QE).

The EPP complements OMS residency programs by providing resources to assess and refine an applicant's expertise within the scope of our specialty; it features diverse study tools to target specific domains from the QE Blueprint. The EPP incorporates:

- **Proficiency Quizzes:** Short, focused 3-5 question assessments to gauge applicants' understanding of a particular topic
- **Mini Exams:** 15 timed questions on several domains to test applicants' readiness
- **Immediate Feedback:** Quick responses to incorrect answers for clarification
- **Score Reports:** Track progress in specific domains for a tailored study experience
- **References:** Cited references for each question for continued learning

Through initiatives like the EPP, we will continually enhance our programs to support OMS surgeons on their journey to Board Certification and beyond and thereby advance standards of OMS practice.

Note: An applicant's use of the portal does not impact Board Certification eligibility, nor does it guarantee Board Certification; Candidates must meet all application requirements and pass the QE and OCE to become Board Certified.

The EPP is available to those who are registered for the QE or OMSITE. Email [info@aboms.org](mailto:info@aboms.org) with questions.



# 2024-2025 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.

Tara Aghaloo*	David Fallah	Carl Labella	Andrew Read-Fuller**
Melissa Amundson**	Elie Ferneini	Edward Lahey	Shravan Renapurkar
Suganya Appugounder	Luis Ferrer-Nuin	Zahid Lalani**	Cory Resnick
Benjamin Archer**	Elda Fisher	Jay Lee*	Tracey Rosenberg
Jon Bailey	Steven Fletcher	Aaron Liddell**	Sara Runnels
Carrie Baldwin*	Danielle Freburg-	Susie Lin	Michael Safian
Christopher Ban**	Hoffmeister**	John Lupori	Salam Salman
Veronica Barreto**	Michael Gentile	Caitlin Magraw	Randy Sanovich*
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Anthony Bunnell	Daniel Hammer*	Hisham Marwan	Syed Adnan Shah**
Kamal Busaidy	Michael Han	Daniel Meara	Jonathan Shum
Curt Cain	Drew Havard**	James Melville	Constantine Simos
Nicholas Callahan*	David Haynes**	Ed Miller	Christopher Smith*
Ronald Caloss	James Henderson	Mark Miller	Brittany Sonnichsen*
Vincent Carrao	Andrew Henry*	Justine Moe**	Richard Szumita
Angelle Casagrande	Raza Hussain	Waheed Mohamed**	R. John Tannyhill
Srinivasa Chandra*	Malini Iyer*	Brandon Newell	Tibebu Tsegga
Radhika Chigurupati	Courtney Jatana	Alexis Olsson	Ashok Veeranki
Joli Chou	Ankur Johri	Wayne Ozaki	Peter Vellis
Justin Clemow**	Robert Julian	Neeraj Panchal	Chi Viet**
Jason Dashow	Arshad Kaleem	Chan Park	James Ward
Dean DeLuke	Vasiliki Karlis	Zachary Peacock	Dean Whitman
Valmont Desa	Karen Keith	Vincent Perciaccante	Monty Wilson
Donita Dyalram	Brian Kelley	Daniel Perez	Melvyn Yeoh
Nathan Eberle	Kevin Kempers	Leonel Perez	Yedeh Ying*
Jeffrey Elo	Douglas Kendrick**	Jason Portnof	Waleed Zaid*
Hany Emam	Roderick Kim	Kathlyn Powell	
Michael English	Benjamin Kur	Michael Ray	

\*CBT Item Writer

\*\*Newly appointed CBT Item Writer



# 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

Michael Gentile  
Robert Julian

### Surgery Section II

Curt Cain  
Vincent Carrao

### Surgery Section III

Radhika Chigurupati  
Edward Lahey

## Section Editors

### Surgery Section I

Donita Dyalram

### Surgery Section II

Michael Ray

### Surgery Section III

Sara Runnels

## Certification Maintenance

### Co-Chairs

Tuan Bui  
Kamal Busaidy

### Editor

Steve Fletcher

## QE Item Bank Reviewers

In order to keep our item banks up-to-date, we periodically need to do item bank reviews, reviewing our large pool of items/questions that are of potential use for our examination. This year, we had a dedicated group of Examiners who participated in a Qualifying Examination item bank review.

Kamal Busaidy  
Curt Cain  
Donita Dyalram  
Luis Ferrer-Nuin

Elda Fisher  
Tamer Goksel  
Courtney Jatana  
Hisham Marwan

Zachary Peacock  
Daniel Perez  
Salam Salman  
Dean Whitman

# CAQ Committee

The following Diplomates are members (or have just completed their appointment) of the ABOMS Certificate of Added Qualifications (CAQ) Committees, which are also part of the ABOMS Examination Committee. We thank them for their work in building our examinations.

Interested in becoming a CAQ Committee member? Applications will open this month!

## 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 (Editor)

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

Kyunghoon Chung  
Carlo Guevara  
Richard Kapitan

Caitlin Magraw  
Mark Miller  
Bonnie Padwa

Curtis Schmidt  
David Wilson  
Michael Gentile (Editor)

## CAQ Standard Setting Volunteers

ABOMS recently conducted a Standard Setting for our CAQ exams. A Standard Setting involves each item on an exam being rated, establishing the standard of a qualified candidate and helping to determine the minimum passing score. ABOMS relied on our generous CAQ-certified volunteers to participate in this process. We thank them for their time and input on this very important piece of our exams.

Fawaz Alotaibi  
Rachel Bishop  
Srinivasa Chandra  
Joli Chou  
Jason Dashow  
James Gates

Caitlin Magraw  
Hisham Marwan  
Marshall Newman  
Fabio Ritto  
Reynaldo Rivera  
Brent Ward

Waleed Zaid  
Deepak Kademani (Board  
Consultant)  
Paul Tiwana (Board Consultant)



# Upcoming Examinations

## 2025 Qualifying Examination (QE)

January 4-11, 2025, Prometric Testing Centers

## 2025 Oral Certifying Examination (OCE)

February 3-7, 2025, Raleigh, NC

## 2025 Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery In-service Training Examination (OMSITE)

February 1–15, 2025, Prometric Testing Centers

Important Dates: Exam scheduling closes December 18, 2024



# Past Presidents' Brunch and the Annual Gala

Each year, we look forward to our annual brunch, honoring our past presidents and ABOMS Directors. We love the tradition of catching up and hearing everyone's personal updates and stories from the year.

We ended the week with our annual gala, honoring outgoing President, Dr. Pushkar Mehra, and the Examination Committee. We also welcomed incoming President, Dr. David Powers. It was a fun and heartfelt celebration and was the perfect wrap-up to our week. Thank you, everyone, for a great meeting in Orlando!



Past Presidents gather for a photo at the annual brunch at the Hyatt Regency Orlando



Immediate Past President, Dr. BJ Costello, welcomes Dr. Pushkar Mehra to the family of past presidents



Technology to the rescue! Dr. David Bitonti holds the phone for Dr. Vincent Perciaccante to say hello via video call to Lisa Bitonti, who was unable to join this year

Incoming President, Dr. David Powers; new Director, Dr. Paul Ciuci; and Director, Dr. Deepak Krishnan share laughs and conversation



Dr. Mary Delsol Dobon gives her yearly update to the group





Examiners and guests stop for a photo during cocktail hour



Dr. Pushkar Mehra passes the presidential medallion to our new president, Dr. David Powers



Dr. Pushkar Mehra gathers for a photo with colleagues and other Diplomates from the Boston area: Drs. John Tannyhill, Richard Dinnocenzo, Hussam Batal, Pushkar Mehra, Radhika Chigurupati, Ruben Figueroa, and Charles Henry



Dr. Deepak Krishnan stops to say hello to Dr. Luis Ferrer-Nuin and his wife, Teresa



Past Presidents, Dr. Paul Danielson and Dr. Colin Bell, stop for a photo while catching up



ABOMS' 2024-2025 Board of Directors outside of the JW Marriott Orlando Grande Lakes