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A Message from Your President



Dear Colleagues,

As I write this piece on Memorial Day weekend, I am reminded of those who gave their lives serving in our country's military. The weekend also marks the unofficial start of summer, which provides an opportunity for families and friends to reconnect and celebrate life. It is my sincere hope that this summer, you all will take time to refresh, reflect upon the road we have travelled this past year and reaffirm all that remains good in life.

The American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery has been busy and productive for the past several months. We ran another successful administration of all our examinations. The Oral Certifying examination, held in Raleigh, was the third largest ever and we welcome the 348 new diplomates to our family. As an organization, we have made discernible, positive progress across a number of priority areas. We have progressively modernized the

certification examination. Moving the oral examination from hotels to testing centers many years ago successfully standardized the candidate experience. As expected, Digitization has become a large part of delivery and scoring. Changing from paper books to computers and now delivering the exam electronically via iPads has made the process more efficient. We continue to periodically perform a Practice Analysis, which keep the examinations relevant to current practice trends. We are actively working on integrating "Simulation" into the oral certifying exam- mannequins, clinical scenarios, skills-based testing, and OSCE's are some examples of the exciting projects on the table for consideration. Some of these initiatives will make us pioneers in the Board certification process among our peers.

The "Examination Preparatory Portal", a self-assessment tool for candidates includes practice test items and continues to evolve. Such transformative and innovative changes are thanks to outstanding work from multiple teams across the organization. The Board of Directors recently voted unanimously to continue to support the Surgical Council on Resident Education (SCORE) for OMS, a standardized learning management system for residency programs. Besides the financial support we provide, we will help this educational endeavor providing items from our test banks. On the Governance side, we are focusing on strengthening existing partnerships while aiming to develop new ones with both medical and dental healthcare organizations that have common interests. Our relationship with AAOMS remains very strong—both organizations communicate and meet regularly throughout the year to exchange ideas, foster collaboration and enhance our collective efforts to propel our specialty to even greater heights.


Achieving Board Certification is no easy endeavor. It took you hard work and long hours, but also created lasting friendships and new opportunities. Board certification signifies the highest level of certifications within a given healthcare specialty. It is the pinnacle of an educational journey as it ensures continuous learning. As Board-Certified surgeons, we are expected to demonstrate the highest standards of professional conduct. Rest assured that at ABOMS headquarters, we are committed to developing creative ways to validate and expand your knowledge and enhance your credibility. Recently, we dedicated resources to growing our footprint in marketing and communications. We want to highlight the achievements of our specialty and raise awareness of the importance of

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a Board-Certified surgeon. We have recruited the services of an external marketing team that has created consistent news releases and blog posts and also developed YouTube channel videos. This partnership has allowed us to strategically plan campaigns that are centered around our key stakeholders and elevated our social media presence. We hope to engage and promote each of you.

To my colleagues on the Board of Directors, to the entire staff in Chicago, and to all examination committee members, I thank you for your dedication to reimagining the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Together, we are shaping the future of examination delivery and OMS education, protecting the public, and striving to improving outcomes for all.

Sincerely,

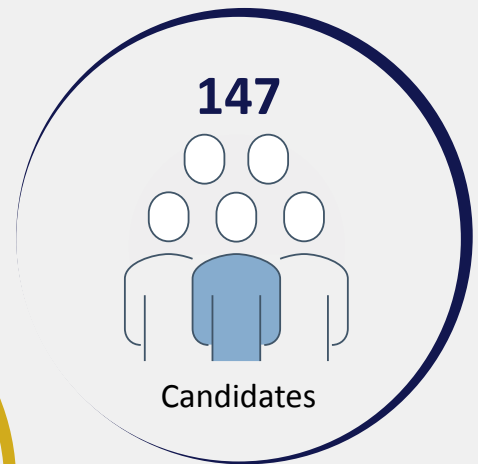
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Pushkar Mehra, DMD, MS, FACS

ABOMS President



Keeping Informed



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We Need Your Expertise— Become an ABOMS Examiner!

Help with our core mission by becoming an ABOMS Board Examiner for candidate surgeons. Examiners bring additional value to our board by providing guidance and oversight to the newest qualified surgeons interested in joining the ranks.

Why serve as an Examiner?

- Uphold our central purpose as the only certifying board for the specialty of oral and maxillofacial surgery in the United States
- Share your expertise & influence the next generation of oral and maxillofacial surgeons
- Strengthen our organization and help maintain ABOMS standards

Criteria for becoming an Examiner:

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

Applications open August 6 through Diplomate profiles and will remain open until October 8, 2024. Applicants will be notified next spring for the 2025-2026 year. More information can be found at www.aboms.org/diplomates/examination-committee.

New Diplomate Digest

Earlier this year, we launched our quarterly email. Stay up-to-date on the latest advancements in the OMS specialty and learn how we are advocating for the highest standards of patient care and outcomes. These updates are also designed to support our current and future Diplomates with important updates, reminders, volunteer roles, and professional development opportunities. If you have not yet subscribed and are interested in receiving these emails, [click here](#).

Keeping Informed

Reminders

Certification Maintenance (CM): If you have not yet completed your 2024 CM, you have until December 31, 2024. 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 2025 AR if you have not yet completed your 2024 Certification Maintenance requirements, so please be sure to complete those by the end of the year.

Display your Board Certification!

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



Join Us In Welcoming

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

Adam Abdo	Samuel Clarot	Tyler Haeffs	Daniel Krost	Michael McLennon	Forrest Pratt	Jason Tan
Rambod Abedini	David Cole	Tyler Hagler	Artem Krutyansky	Wesley McWatters	Bang Quach	Wei Yu Tang
Samuel Addison	Blake Colling	Bryce Hallinan	Mia Kutner	Heidi Mederos	Samuel Raffaelli	Corey Taylor
Vickas Agarwal	Anthony Congiusta	Aya Hamao-	Young Han Kwon	Jared Miller	John Ratliff	Matthew Tenaglia
Kaveh Ahani	Christopher Cook	Sakamoto	William Kwon	Ross Miller	Prashanth Ravi	Jaykrishna Thakkar
Salah Al Din Al Azri	Alex Cormier-Lavoie	Sung Hyon Han	Li Han Lai	Andrew Mills	Sloan Rehder	Neil Thomas
Ali Al-Qudsi	Jared Curtin	Monica Hanna	Seth Laino	Paul Mirdamadi	Michael Rethman	Nicholas Thomas
Amaka Amakwe	Shelby Curtis	Caleb Hardman	Duc Lam	Sean Moghadam	Othman Rezki	Luke Tibbitts
Ami Amini-Salari	Chad Curtis	Yaniv Harel	Bryce Lamer	Jose Montero	Andrew Rich	Matthew Torres
Ali Amrollahie	Matthew Dailey	Sean Harvey	Grace Lan	Bryan Moore	Adam Robinson	Huy Tran
Marilyn Andersen	Chad Dammling	William Hawkins	Summer Lane	Bailey Moorhead	Manuel Rodriguez	Marvin Vallejo
Craig Anderson	Joel Deehr	Gabriel Hayek	John Lankalis	Beardsley	David Roe	Wayne Van De
Isabella Anderson	Preston Dekker	Robert Herrod	Joseph Larson	Jonathan Morcos	Soheil Rostami	Graaff
Nicholas Anggelis	Matthew DeMerle	Shaun Heward	Roger Lau	Pasha Mostofi	Brian Ruggiero	Jennifer Van Hook
James Appiah	Daniel Diaz	David Hinkl	Ashley Lazar	Behzad Mostoufi	Stuart Rupp	John Varner
Sloan Ashabranner	Kelsey Dierikx	Jeremy Hixson	Tyler Lee	Rajeev Motwani	Brian Ryu	Luke Vera
Ashkaan Bahreini	David Drake	Christopher	Sean Lee	Alexander	Aram Sadda	Victoria Vergara
Peter Balacky	Taylor Duckworth	Holladay	Jacob Lee	Munaretto	Jackson Sadler	Luke Vickers
Steven Balandran	Brandon Duncan	David Holland	David Lee	Joshua Munson	Eric Safranski	Samuel Votto
Connor Balog	Christopher	Jaehee Hong	Brian Lee	Justin Nassiri	Mishaun Sahebi	David Vu
Karambir Banwait	Duplaga	Sammy Houari	Jason Lee	My Nguyen	Ali Salehpour	Andy Vu
Michael Bashoura	Justin Durrant	Demetri Howerton	Kristin Lee	Thinh Nguyen	Bryant Salmon	Tyler Wahl
Austin Be	Babeck Ebadpour	Kevin Huang	Kyle Lee	Jimmy-Tung Nguyen	Navraj Sandhu	Rebaz Waise
Daniel Beauvais	Seth Ebben	Anu Hullett	Duane Lemieux	Justin Nguyen	John Sands	Bret Waligora
Andrew Beech	Jordan Ecker	Daniel Hyneman	Steven Lemmon	Phat Huu Nguyen	John Sasine	Adam Wandell
Jonathan Beker	Douglas Edwards	Benjamin	James LeRoy	Injamamul Niloy	Sruthi	Tim Wang
Jonathan Bensing	Adam Eichler	Immerman	Charles Levin	Maria Nord	Satishchandran	Justin Wang
Christopher Bernard	Trent Ellis	Shyam Sunder	Rachel Lim	Timothy Nordloff	Enrique Schubert	Miles Ware
David Best	Arianna Elmquist	Indrakanti	Sean Lim	Emily Norton	David Schwitzer	Victor Warren
Poolak Bhatt	Kelton Ericson	Franklin Ivers	Mark Lim	Natalia Nunez	Zach Scogin	Matthew Weber
Sanjay Bhatt	Andrew Evans	John Johnson	Yu Wen Lin	Martinez	Payton Seelinger	Jonathan Wechter
William Black	Oluwole Fadahunsi	Baxter Jones	Alexis Linnebur	Alexandra Okula	Brian Sellers	Savannah
William Blackmore	David Farkas	Zachary Jones	Ashley Lofters	Brenen Olsen	Ryan Semensohn	Weedman
Joshua Blanton-	Bernardo Ferreira	Taylor Jung	Minerva Loi	Jesse Onekhena	Slava Shapiro	Robert Weiss
Dickens	Brasileiro	Matthew Kelley	Alyssa Loparich	Wilfredo Palau-	Kyle Shiffler	Ashleigh Weyh
Maria Bordoy Soto	Jesse Feuerstein	Stephen Kelson	Christopher	Hernandez	Lyudmila	Michael Whitcomb
Emeric Boudreaux	Anson Fisher	Peter Kim	Loschiavo	Jin Park	Shimonova	Nicholas Wilken
Matthew Brinker	Jason Fluckiger	Scott Kim	Garrett Lowe	Lora Parker	Daniel Sierra-	Brett Wilson
John Brothers	Kyle Frazier	Paul Kim	James Brandon	Pouya Partovi	Vasquez	Andrés Wiscovitch
Ryan Brown	Jordan Freeark	Shiwoo Kim	Luter	Chintan Patel	Natalie Smith	Lester Woo
Darriel Cannon	Julene Funk	William Kim	Hadi Lutfi	Kunal Patel	Adam Sorenson	Thomas Woolf
Ryan Casper	Laura Gart	Kirsten Kimbler	Paul Lutgen	Monika Patel	Brett Spenrath	Molie Xu
Federico Castillo	David Gasper	Hillary Kinney	Robert Lynn	Pratikumar Patel	Brendan Squier	Akshar Yagnik
Karina Catrambone	Joshua Gersten	Daniel Kirk	Aryeh Mahana	Manan Patel	Colin Stanhope	Qian Yang
Victor Celis	Jill Gibson	Daniel Kirkpatrick	Christopher Manis	Sarav Patel	Matthew Stephens	Matthew Yekikian
Anthony Cerciello	Jeffrey Goldstein	Justin Kirkwood	Daniel Margolis	Dru Perkins	Daniel Sultan	Frances Yoshikane
Jeffrey Chadwick	Brian Goldstein	James Koon	Jeffrey Marschall	Armen Pezeshkian	Ho Hyun Sun	David Young
Jeffery Chen	Alexander Gomes	Aaron Kotecki	Mitchell Mascaro	Margaret Pham	Peter Sur	Sascha Zandevakili
Paul Cho	Lindsay Graves	George Koutras	Andrew Mathis	Juan Pablo Porte	David Szandzik	Alexandra Zega
Rian Cho	Andrew Griebel	Ajay Koya	Brendan Matthews	Camelo	Amir Tadors	Tyler Zenga
Jonathan Chodroff	Andrew Gross	Dmitriy Kravchenko	Mark McDonough	Alexander Powell	Andrew Taliaferro	
Andrew Choi	Blaine Guenther	Alexander Krisko	Mitchell McKnight	Rohan Prabhu	Richard Tamayo	

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, 2023, 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.

A. Abubaker	Anthony Chicola	Jerald Friedman	Douglas Johnson	Edward May	Lynn Pierri	Larry Skoczylas
Marek Adamiak	Nam Cho	Sravanthi Ganne	Richard Johnson	Adam McCormick	Michael Pink	Andrew Slavin
John Adelsperger	Steven Cho	Narbeh Gharakhanian	John Jones	Nancy McDermott	Matthew Pinsky	John Smith
Michael Adornato	Gregory Chotkowski	Joshua Gish	Guenter Jonke	Michael McDonald	Phillip Pirgousis	Julie Smith
Tara Aghaloo	Kyle Christensen	Justin Glazer	Bradford Jungels	John McLaughlin	Aaron Pokorny	Andrew Sohn
Joe Alamat	Sung-Kiang Chuang	Jeremiah Glosenger	Doron Kalman	Pushkar Mehra	Nicholas Politano	Roger Spampata
Ben Alderdice	Frederick Ciabattoni	Avery Goldberg	Christian Kanar	Brandon Meier	Karen Potaczek	Coleman Spencer
Robert Alderman	Christopher Clancy	Jeffrey Goldberg	Matthew Karban	Fred Menghini	Scott Puckett	Nathan Specter
Ali Alijanian	Robert Clark	Brent Golden	Timothy Kelling	Thomas Michaelis	Duncan Puffer	Joseph Spera
Michael Allard	Tyler Clark	Frankie Gomez	Patricia Kelly	Thomas Michalik	Clement Qaqish	Mark Spinazze
Will Allen	David Cleverly	Paul Gordon	Christopher Kepros	James Michino	Asif Rahman	Christopher Steen
Eric Alltucker	James Closmann	Eric Granquist	Robert Kern	Charles Middleton	Shaun Rai	Martin Stepanyan
Ramtin Amini	Jeffrey Cohen	Keith Gronbach	Travis Kern	Andrew Miller	David Rallis	Stacy Stewart Geisler
Todd Anderson	Kevin Connor	Andres Guerra-Andrade	Greg Kewitt	Matthew Mizukawa	Rodney Rastegar	William Storie
David Anderson	Shawn Conrad	Kenneth Guffey	Ruba Khader	Nader Moavenian	Scott Rehm	James Sunwoo
Michael Anton	Daniel Cook	Hubert Gugala	Beomjune Kim	Abhishek Mogre	Stephen Rendulich	Martin Tahara
Lis Arocho	Vera Cooke	Arvind Gulati	Jeong Kim	Matthew Monaco	Cory Resnick	R. John Tannyhill
Cecil Ash	Rigoberto Cornejo	Jay Haddad	Joseph Kim	Michael Mooney	Todd Reuter	Matthew Tarakji
Franco Audia	Bernard Costello	Ryan Hagan	Lloyd Klausner	Mark Moore	Matthew Richman	Adel Tawfilis
Travis Austin	Michael Couchot	Jacob Haiavy	Brian Klein	Teresa Morgan	Mark Ridenour	Steven Taylor
Jonathan Bailey	Larry Cunningham	Michael Hale	Carrie Klene	Ronald Mosley	Jason Ringeman	Tinerfe Tejera
Alexandre Balaci	Shama Currimbhoy	Brian Hamilton	Alia Koch	Karen Mygil	Misty Roberts	Salvatore Termini
Aaron Baldwin	Michel Daccache	John Hardeman	Michael Kolodychak	Mohammed Nadershah	Greg Roberts	Darrell Tew
Kenneth Baldwin	David Darab	Albert Hardy	Mark Kortebein	Neeraj Nagella	Mary Robinson	Stone Thayer
Andrew Banker	George Deeb	Daniel Harris	David Kostohryz	Troy Napier	Carl Runyon	Peter Theocharidis
Timothy Bartholomew	Marcos del Valle-Sepulveda	Todd Haruki	Joseph Krajekian	Michael Neilson	Mikhail Ruvinsky	Brian Thompson
Randal Begley	Sean Digan	Michael Hashemian	Amy Kuhmichel	Steven Nelson	James Salman	Travis Thompson
Richard Bell	Douglas Dingwerth	Nicholas Hatges	David Lam	Jay Neugarten	Voltaire Sambajon	Gopikiran Thota
David Beltran	Dutran Do	Jeffrey Hawkins	Brian Lambert	Tania Nkungula	Thomas San Giacomo	Niven Tien
Kenneth Benson	Joseph Doctora	James Henderson	David Lambert	Scott Nolen	Tom Sarna	Jonathan Tomlinson
William Benzing	Theodore Hennig	Theodore Hennig	Christopher Lance	Roseanna Noordhoek	Wayne Saunders	Huy Trinh
Gregory Bess	Robert Doriot	Eugenio Herbosa	Gennady Landa	Clinton Norby	Spencer Sautter	Tibebu Tsegga
Douglas Bird	Kevin Dorsey	Roland Hernandez	John Landis	Joseph Novak	Paul Schaner	Michael Turner
Henry Blair	Joel Dragoo	Mauricio Herrera	Jose Lazaro	Flora Ocampo	Brian Schaulin	Blake Turner
Samuel Bobek	Chad Drouin	Ryan Higley	Anh Le	Frank Oliver	Nicholas Schellati	Ramzey Tursun
Daniel Boedeker	R. Scott Edwards	Wes Hill	Robert Lesny	Joseph Olszowka	Gregory Schlagel	Gene Vandervort
William Bontempi	Joel Efron	Thomas Hines	James Lessig	James O'neill	Benjamin Schlott	Roderick VanSurksum
Andrew Bookwalter	James Ellis	Lam Hoang	Timothy Lew	John Orfanos	David Schmidt	Nicholas Vega
Richard Boone	Mohammed Erakat	Mark Hoffrichter	Jonas Lichty	Timothy Osborn	Larry Schmitt	Thai Vuu
Shaun Bortel	Aaron Ercole	Dustin Hopkin	Aaron Liddell	Jeffrey Osguthorpe	Steven Schoolman	David Waack
Thomas Bourland	Abraham Estess	Joel Hopkin	Gary Lines	David Owsley	Thad Schulten	Jeffrey Wallace
Brian Bovino	Todd Evans	Lawerence Horne	Christian Loetscher	Adam Ozment	Scott Schulten	Patrick Wang
Scott Boyden	Clinton Evans	Jeffrey Horowitz	Eustorgio Lopez	Frank Paletta	Joshua Segal	Robert Watts
Sean Bradley	Thomas Faerber	Pamela Hughes	Patricia Lopez Orlando	Philip Pandolfi	Shelley Seidel	David Webb
Daniel Brady	Timothy Fallon	Juliana Hukill	Robert Lucas	Philipp Park	Gilbert Selkin	Jill Weber
Nathan Braverman	Tirbod Fattahi	Kurt Hummeldorf	Kenneth Mac Afee	Chan Park	Abtin Shahriari	James Wendelken
John Brock	Jay Fedorowicz	Michael Hunter	James Macholl	Timothy Parker	Rishad Shaikh	John Werther
David Bulot	Hiran Fernando	Phillip Iero	Glenn Makowski	Suzanne Pasternak	Aneet Sharma	John Wewel
Steve Bureau	David Fischer	Robert Ioppolo	John Malan	Dipa Patel	Matthew Sheffer	William Williams
Bradley Burnett	Thomas Fisher	Benjamin Jacobs	David Malave	Randal Patterson	Casey Shimane	Mark Womack
Daniel Burns	Donald Flihan	Sachin Jamdar	Henry Marcantoni	Matthew Pavlick	Nathalie Shoer	David Woods
Cortland Caldemeyer	Michael Foran	Pornchai Jansisyanont	Glenn Maron	Ali Payami	Cecil Shrewsberry	Stephen Yallourakis
Thomas Carter	Troy Frazee	Michael Jaskolka	Ryan Marsh	Daniel Perez	Scott Siegel	David Yates
Richard Catrambone	Margo Freedberg	Damon Jensen	Ronald Martin	Daniel Petrisor	James Sikes	Melvyn Yeoh
Evan Chafitz	Christopher French	Joseph Friedlich	Lindsay Masella	Hieu Pham	Bart Silverman	Hooman Zarrinkelk
Allen Champion		James Jerman	Michel Matouk	Nathan Phillips	Brian Simpson	Brett Zuckman
					Thomas Simpson	Monte Zysset

Diplomates Making a Difference

Joli Chou, DMD, MD, FACS and KyungHoon Chung, DDS, MD, FACS



Joli C Chou, DMD, MD, FACS is an academic Oral and Maxillofacial surgeon at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, PA. Dr. Chou has worked with several international surgical missions over the past 15 years. She has participated in missions to different countries, including Mexico, Guinea, Republic of Congo, Madagascar, Benin, Cameroon, Senegal, Sierra Leone, and Armenia performing a wide range of craniomaxillofacial surgery including but not limited to repair of cleft lip and cleft palate, removal of disfiguring maxillofacial bony and soft tissue tumors with reconstruction and release of TMJ ankylosis.

KyungHoon Chung, DDS, MD, FACS, serves as an academic Oral and Maxillofacial surgeon at Banner/University Medical Center- Phoenix as well as Banner Desert Children's Hospital in Phoenix, AZ. Following the completion of his Pediatric Craniofacial Surgery fellowship in Salt Lake City, UT, Dr. Chung pursued further fellowship training at the Chang Gung Memorial Hospital Craniofacial Center in Taiwan. After completing his fellowship training, Dr. Chung has devoted a significant portion of his vacation time to participating in international cleft and craniofacial surgical missions over the past 10 years.



Globally, approximately 5 billion people lack access to safe surgery, and over 50 % of the world's population lives near coastlines. Mercy Ships, an international charity that operates hospital ships, plays a crucial role in providing free, high-standard healthcare services, capacity building and sustainable development to those with limited access in the developing world. For many years both Dr. Chou and Dr. Chung

have collaborated with Mercy Ships, offering free maxillofacial surgical care to individuals affected by congenital or acquired maxillofacial conditions. Typically, Dr. Chou and Dr. Chung spend between 2-3 weeks at a time abroad on one of Mercy Ships' hospital vessels, working with other surgeons, nurses, and other medical and non-medical professionals. Their efforts bring hope and healing to thousands of people who might otherwise have no access to essential surgical care. Through the Mercy Ships' medical capacity-building program, they trained local surgeons and nurses in surgical techniques, working to enhance the local healthcare infrastructure.



Diplomates Making a Difference

In 2023, Dr. Chou and Dr. Chung served on the Global Mercy in Senegal at the same time providing surgical care to children with cleft lip and palate, as well as patients with disfiguring maxillofacial conditions. Many of these disfiguring conditions were extremely severe due to limited prior access to surgical care. Though other diplomates of ABOMS had also served with the Mercy Ships, it was uncommon for two diplomates to serve simultaneously. Dr. Chung and Dr. Chou collaborated, combining their unique skills, expertise, and perspectives to treat these patients and alleviate the stigma and isolation they have experienced.



Dr. Chou and Dr. Chung emphasized that serving others in need brings them great joy. While not all of us can serve overseas, as diplomates, we can make a difference by serving where we are. Local community service can bring the same fulfillment as an international mission. Where it's volunteering at a community center, food banks, assisting neighbors, or supporting local health care initiatives, every small act of kindness contributes to positive change.

In summary, Dr. Chou and Dr. Chung inspire all ABOMS diplomates to consistently promote kindness, contributing to a better world—one small act at a time. Together, we can create positive ripples that extend far beyond our immediate influence.

Retired Diplomates—Continuing to Make a Difference!

Dr. Bruce L. Douglas

This 99-year-old has practiced in low-income communities, had four victories as an elected state representative, two Fulbright professorship years in Japan, and five full professorships, including two at present - one in health and aging and another in oral medicine. His main accomplishment is in the field of senescence, a subject for which he has received an award in his name from the University of Illinois.

Dr. Lawrence A. Saunders

Dr. Saunders was a founding fellow of the American College of OMS. He was in private practice and academics, and when retired, he volunteered in assisting the surgical needs of veterans in California. He has since authored the book "Dentistry's Best Kept Secret" published by Dorrance Publishing Co. During his active retirement, he has become a painter of portraits and has given lectures to seniors in the community at large.

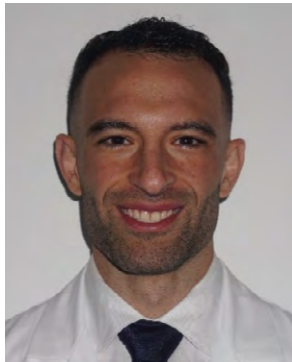
Future Diplomates of America

We asked our current residents, “What are you most looking forward to in becoming a Diplomate of ABOMS?” and/or “Why did you decide to pursue your Board Certification?” Here’s what they had to say!



Dr. Tatyana Pustylnik

“I am looking forward to becoming a Diplomate of ABOMS so I can help mentor young females into pursuing one of the most challenging and most rewarding medical professions.”



Dr. Justin Sedaghat

“As a Diplomate of ABOMS, I’m eager to contribute my growing experience and skills to the field of oral and maxillofacial surgery. I would feel fortunate to place myself among esteemed surgeons and uphold a higher standard of practice that has been set by the many before me. Pursuing Board Certification ensures a commitment to excellence, advancing patient care, and fostering professional growth.”

Input and Inspiration

In addition to reaching out to our residents, we looked to our Diplomates for guidance, tips, or words of encouragement they may have for those seeking Board Certification with ABOMS. Here's what they had to say:



Dr. Bryant Salmon

“My advice to residents seeking Board Certification is to start practicing early! Do not underestimate the value of verbal repetition in preparation for the Oral Certifying Exam. The more you practice verbalizing what you know out loud, the more comfortable you will be in the exam setting. It may seem far away, but it will be your turn before you know it!”

Dr. Ali Salehpour

“Studying for the oral certifying exam was equal parts challenging and rewarding. It allows recent graduates the ability to solidify their knowledge and fill in gaps in education to make you a more complete clinician. The exam itself was extremely fair and allows you to demonstrate your knowledge to other professionals in the field. Passing the oral certifying exam makes you feel incredibly accomplished while giving patients the peace of mind that their oral and maxillofacial surgeon has achieved recognition at the absolute highest level the field offers. I strongly encourage all new graduates to strive for full board certification.”



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*	Michael English	Benjamin Kur	Michael Ray
Melissa Amundson**	David Fallah	Carl Labella	Andrew Read-Fuller**
Suganya Appugounder	Elie Ferneini	Edward Lahey	Shravan Renapurkar
Benjamin Archer**	Luis Ferrer-Nuin	Zahid Lalani**	Cory Resnick
Jon Bailey	Elda Fisher	Jay Lee*	Tracey Rosenberg
Carrie Baldwin*	Steven Fletcher	Aaron Liddell**	Sara Runnels
Christopher Ban**	Danielle Freburg-	Susie Lin	Michael Safian
Veronica Barreto**	Hoffmeister**	John Lupori	Salam Salman
Gerard Begley*	Michael Gentile	Caitlin Magraw	Randy Sanovich*
Hans Brockhoff*	Tamer Goksel	Ashley Manlove	Michael Schiffman**
Tuan Bui	Mark Green**	Amir Marashi	Joshua Segal
Anthony Bunnell	Bradley Gregory*	Glenn Maron	Trina Sengupta*
Kamal Busaidy	Daniel Hammer*	Hisham Marwan	Syed Adnan Shah**
Curt Cain	Michael Han	Daniel Meara	Jonathan Shum
Nicholas Callahan*	Drew Havard**	James Melville	Constantine Simos
Ronald Caloss	David Haynes**	Ed Miller	Christopher Smith*
Vincent Carrao	James Henderson	Mark Miller	Brittany Sonnichsen*
Angelle Casagrande	Andrew Henry*	Justine Moe**	Richard Szumita
Srinivasa Chandra*	Raza Hussain	Waheed Mohamed**	R. John Tannyhill
Radhika Chigurupati	Malini Iyer*	Brandon Newell	Tibebu Tsegga
Joli Chou	Courtney Jatana	Alexis Olsson	Ashok Veeranki
Paul Ciuci	Anku 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	

*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.

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Surgery Section I

Michael Gentile
Robert Julian

Surgery Section II

Curt Cain
Vincent Carrao

Surgery Section III

Radhika Chigurupati
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Section Editors

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Surgery Section III

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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 summer, we have a dedicated group of Examiners who are participating in this year's 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 past exams and in preparation for the 2024 administration.

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)



Examination Statistics

2024 Qualifying Examination

Time Taken	Total Taking Examination	Total Passing Examination	Pass Rate
Fast Track (Senior Residents)	233	221	95%
First Time Candidates	48	43	90%
Repeat Candidates	33	13	39%
Total/Overall	314	277	88%

2024 Oral Certifying Examination

Time Taken	Total Taking Examination	Total Passing Examination	Pass Rate
Fast Track*	184	171	93%
First Time Candidates	89	83	93%
Repeat Candidates	110	95	86%
Total/Overall	383	349	91%

*Fast Track refers to those who had taken the QE while in their last year of residency.

Upcoming Examinations

2024 Certificate of Added Qualifications (CAQ) Examinations

- Head and Neck Oncologic and Reconstructive Surgery
- Pediatric Craniomaxillofacial Surgery (Cleft and Craniofacial)

November 2, 2024, Prometric Testing Centers

Applications open now through August 2, 2024

2025 Qualifying Examination (QE)

January 4-11, 2025, Prometric Testing Centers

Applications open now through September 18, 2024

2025 Oral Certifying Examination (OCE)

February 3-7, 2025, Raleigh, NC

Applications open now through September 18, 2024

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

February 1-15, 2025, Prometric Testing Centers

Applications open September 24 – October 31, 2024

Director Nominees

M. Todd Brandt, DDS, MD, FACS



I am honored to be a nominee for the position of Director of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. I believe I will augment the current Board as a private practitioner serving a diverse community in both outpatient and hospital settings. Additionally, I have served as an OMS in the U.S. Navy Reserve and as an adjunct faculty member with the UVA GPR Program to create an OMS Extramural Program for second-year residents. I have published on a diverse range of topics, taking special interest in developing review papers that residents and providers could use to enhance their clinical acumen. These experiences have allowed me to connect with and represent most groups within our specialty.

My nonprofit governance experience as a Past President of ROAAOMS, ADA Committee member, SVDA President, former Chair of the AAOMS Special Committee on the New OMS and the AAOMS Task Force on the New OMS and current VSOMS President provides me with a unique perspective that will be an asset as an ABOMS Director. I have the patience, collaborative focus, and an understanding of our organization to fulfill the successful completion of our strategic plan while

addressing the challenges facing our specialty.

The standards we set with our certification process enhance public safety and increase successful surgical outcomes. As Board Examiners, we uphold these standards through quality question writing, editing, leadership and a commitment to research and integrating evolving technology into our examination process. I will rely on my leadership experience as Dentoalveolar expert, Section Editor for Certification Maintenance and Section II Co-Chair to ensure we continue to set the standard for Board Certification and support the integrity of our certification process.

Director Nominees

Paul Ciuci, DMD, MD, FACS

The Secret to a Truly Fulfilling Life Is a Life of Service



To be nominated by the Oral Certifying Exam Committee for Director of ABOMS is a tremendous honor. I am truly humbled to be recognized by this esteemed group of surgeons, educators and leaders.

Being selected for the Examination Committee in 2016 has been a highlight of my professional career. I wish all my colleagues could experience the comradery, education and focus of everyone at ABOMS. I have been honored to serve on the oral exam committee for the past eight years, holding several roles, including examiner in Section 4, Section 3 and Section I. I have been a horizontal rotator through all the sections, and leading the 2023 and 2024 Oral Exam as Co-Chair of Section I.

In 2019, I was selected for the AAOMS Committee on Continuing Education and Professional Development. I currently serve as the Dentoalveolar Track Coordinator for our national meeting.

Most recently I have been selected to the American Dental Association's Council on Dental Education and Licensure's Subcommittee on Anesthesia. I serve each committee with fierce loyalty in promoting and supporting every Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon.

My home is Milford, Connecticut, I am a private practice oral and maxillofacial surgeon. Our accredited office strives to provide the highest level of care to our patients. I work closely with the residents at Yale New Haven Hospital to maintain a full scope of practice; I am a member of their admissions committee, clinical competency committee and director of their simulated anesthesia emergency course. In 2018, I helped establish a non-profit charity to address global humanitarian needs, participating in missionary endeavors serving communities in Ghana and Tanzania.

I have adopted the tenants of ABOMS and hold myself to a higher standard. I strive to set the example of leadership, hard work, dedication, service and professionalism for our specialty. I enjoy the collaboration and leadership of our committees, keeping our specialty at the forefront of surgical disciplines. Becoming an ABOMS Director would not only be fulfilling and rewarding, but also enable me to further serve our profession.

Director Nominees

Nathan D. Schroeder DMD, MS, FACS



Once again receiving the endorsement of esteemed friends, peers, and colleagues to stand before the AAOMS House of Delegates as a candidate for ABOMS director is truly a dignifying distinction of which I aspire to prove worthy through ongoing service to our incredible specialty.

For the past eight years, the humbling honor of serving on the ABOMS examination committee has provided me with a tremendous opportunity to learn and grow. Alongside that experience has come the opportunity to lead and serve amongst leaders and innovators in our field who share a unifying ideology. I truly believe that the mission of ABOMS is vital to our specialty. Certifying that our diplomate peers meet the highest standards of training, education, and professionalism provides veracity and reassurance to the process of self-governance and patient care. This certification process in turn empowers AAOMS to advocate for our specialty most effectively. A rigorous and autonomous certification and maintenance of certification process bolsters the integrity of the procedural privileges our specialty advocates to maintain, with none perhaps more vital than outpatient anesthesia.

I have served as a section co-chair for three consecutive years, a horizontal rotator, and a new examiner mentor. I have been honored with awards acknowledging item writing and case submissions. I was involved with calibration videos for the new OCE grading scale. These experiences and accomplishments have provided me with an excellent foundational understanding of the examination process. My career experience of building a highly successful group practice, maintaining a strong hospital presence, operating with full-scope caseload, and participating in education as adjunct clinical faculty have provided me with a well-rounded perspective of the opportunities and challenges before our specialty.

The desire to continue to learn, lead, organize, and inspire is what drives my motivation to serve as ABOMS director. I am an individual who is hard-working, driven, dependable, and a team player. I am well suited to the task of ABOMS leadership; to advance our specialty board's mission and ensure that the certification process remains a valuable achievement to our diplomates.

In Memoriam

Earlier this year, ABOMS sadly lost another great friend, recent Examiner, and Past President (2009-2010). His contributions to the world of OMS, as well as his joy, passion (including his passion for food!), and the humor he brought to those around him will always be remembered.



Dr. Stuart Lieblich

October 14, 1955–February 28, 2024

Fellow Past President, Dr. Mark Wong, shared a tribute to his dear friend and colleague, from which two short excerpts are below:

There is a saying: if you love your job, you'll never work a day in your life. By that reasoning, Stu never worked his whole life, because he celebrated every moment doing all he could to make the world a better place, whether it was teaching students and residents, singing in the OR, attending board and committee meetings, treating patients or going on mission trips to Haiti, Stu was never working.

One year, we were together during the Chinese New Year and I told him, "You and I share the same Chinese Lunar Zodiac animal . . . we're both Goats." When he looked unhappy at the association, I said, "Don't think about us as goats, but rather as Rams . . . strong and majestic." He thought for a while and said, "No, I'm OK with being a goat." At the time I thought he was referring to the animal's constant eating. But now I know what he really meant. Stu, you aren't "A Goat" . . . you are "THE GOAT" . . . the Greatest of All Time.

We are grateful for Dr. Lieblich 's contributions to ABOMS and for the lasting memories.

[Full obituary can be read here.](#)

