### Commission on Dental Accreditation

**SITE VISITOR EVALUATION REPORT**

**FORM**

**Advanced Dental Education Program in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology**

SITE VISITOR EVALUATION REPORT FORM

for the Evaluation of an Advanced Dental Education Program in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology

**Commission on Dental Accreditation**

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## Site Visitor Evaluation Report Form

## Advanced Dental Education Program in Oral and Maxillofacial

## Pathology

## Document Revision History

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| **Date** | **Item** | **Action** |
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COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION

**SITE VISITOR EVALUATION REPORT (SVER)**

ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY EDUCATION

SITE VISITOR’S INSTRUCTIONS

**Previous Recommendations and Compliance with Commission Policies**

At the beginning of this document are areas related to the program’s compliance with previous recommendations and Compliance with Commission Policies. You are to review these areas during the site visit, include findings in the draft site visit report and note at the final conference.

**Program Effectiveness**

Immediately following the section related to Compliance with Commission Policies. This section must be completed by the site visit team. Please be sure to include ways in which the program has made changes to the program (changes in instruction, clinical training, policies, etc.) based on analysis of data gained through the outcomes assessment process.

**Verification of Compliance with Accreditation Standards**

Each statement in this form corresponds to a specific standard (“must” statement) contained in the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Program in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. Standards are referenced after each statement. For example, the reference (5-1) indicates that the statement is based on standard number 5-1. Intent statements are presented to provide clarification to the advanced dental education in oral and maxillofacial pathology program in the application of and in connection with compliance with the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. The statements of intent set forth some of the reasons and purposes for the particular standards. As such, these statements are not exclusive or exhaustive. Other purposes may apply. Additionally, interviews and on-site observations should provide you with an opportunity to verify the description or process by which the program complies.

As a site visitor, you are to verify through documentary evidence (on-site or attached to self-study document) whether the program is in compliance with each statement. Additionally, interviews and on-site observations should provide you with an opportunity to verify the description or process by which the program complies.

**Please highlight, underline, circle, bold or place a box around ether YES or NO for each statement**. If you indicate **YES** following a particular statement, it will be assumed that the program meets the requirements set forth in the Standards. No further comment is necessary. However, you may, at your option, use the “Comments” section to make a suggestion for program enhancement. Suggestions should reflect minimal compliance with accreditation standards (rather than clear deficiencies) and indicate the need to monitor and enhance designated aspects of the program. Institutions are not required to respond formally to suggestions.

If non-compliance with the Standards can be substantiated, **highlight, underline, circle, bold or place a box around NO** following the particular statement in this document. If you indicate **NO**, you must use the “Comments” area at the end of each section to reference the statement (Question #) and ***provide as much information as possible, clearly describing the nature and seriousness of the deficiency(ies) in as much detail as possible, including a rationale for citing the deficiency***. If a standard isn’t being met, state the current situation and the resulting situation. Describe the educational impact of this deficiency. In addition, you must make a recommendation, which should be written as a restatement of the particular statement you have indicated as **NO**. Space for any additional comments is provided at the end of this document.

If no deficiencies are identified in a particular section, it will be assumed that, in your opinion, the area meets the requirements described in the Standards. Institutions are required to take actions that will address and correct deficiencies cited in the recommendations.

**After the Site Visit:** Within **one (1) week** of the site visit, the site visit chair must return this completed evaluation report form, including the team’s report of recommendation and suggestions, **VIA email.** **Paper Site Visitor Evaluation Reports (SVER) will not be accepted**.

In Summary: If you **highlight, underline, circle, bold or place a box around NO**, you must fully describe the deficiency in as much detail as possible, including a rationale for citing the deficiency, and make a recommendation which will be a RESTATEMENT of the statement for which you have indicated **NO**. If you **circle, bold or highlight YES**, you may or may not make a suggestion.

If you have any questions during the site visit, you are encouraged to contact Commission staff at 312-440-2672.

COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION

**SITE VISITOR EVALUATION REPORT**

**ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY EDUCATION**

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| Institution Name |  |
| Institution Address |  |
| Dean (If applicable) |  |
| Hospital Administrator (if applicable) |  |
| Chief of Dental Service (if applicable) |  |
| Program Director |  |
| The program director is board certified. Check “yes” or “no.” “√” | YES | NO |
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| If the program director is not board certified, has the program director previously served as a program director prior to January 1, 1997? Check “yes” or “no.” If “yes”, where has the program director served: | YES | NO |
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| Verify the year the program director was appointed: |  |
| Site Visitor: | Phone: |
| Site Visitor: | Phone: |
| Date of Visit: |  |
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| Enrollment: | Year | Full-time | Part-time |
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| Identify the CODA-authorized enrollment (total complement in all years) |  |
| Indicate program duration for: | Full-time students/residents | Part-time students/residents |
| (months) |  |  |
| Program grants:  | Certificate | Degree | Both |
| (√) all that apply**If a degree is offered, indicate type, what institution confers the degree and whether it is optional or required.** |  |  |  |

For the clinical phases of the program, document the amount of time (FTE/PTE) that faculty members are assigned to the advanced dental education program in each of the following categories:

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|  | TotalNumber |  | BoardCertified |  | Educationally Qualified\* |  | Other\*\* |
| Full-time |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Half-time |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less than half-time |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

\* Individual is eligible but has not applied to the relevant Board for certification.

\*\*Individual is neither a Diplomate nor Candidate for board certification by the relevant certifying Board.

The cumulative full-time equivalent (F.T.E.) for all faculty specifically assigned to this advanced dental education program. For example: a program with the following staffing pattern – one full-time (1.00) + one half-time (0.50) + one two days per week (0.40) + one half-day per week (0.10) – would have an F.T.E. of 2.00.

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| Cumulative F.T.E.:  |  |

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| If the program provides a substantial period of service in an active pathology department of a medical school or hospital (4-2.4), please indicate the following: |
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| a. | Service: |  |
| b. | Institution: |  |
| c. | Length of assignment: |  |
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| a. | Service: |  |
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| c. | Length of assignment: |  |

Number of autopsies in which students/residents act as prosecutor or assistant: |
| **Persons Interviewed:** |
| Chief of Dental Service: |
| Program Director: |
| Other Dental Faculty: |
| Students/Residents: |
| Others: |
| **List the outcomes measures used to evaluate the program:** |

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| **Sites Where Educational Activity Occurs (Off-Campus Sites For Didactic and Clinical Activity):** List the names and addresses of the established off-campus sites, purposes of the site, amount of time each student/resident is assigned to the site and indicate by checkmark if the team visited the site.

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| Name and Address | Owned by Institution(√) | Purpose (state the reason for site usage) | Duration (state the year and number of days a student/resident visits the site) | Site Visited (√) and indicate if visited virtually |
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| If students/residents from other accredited oral and maxillofacial pathology programs rotate through this institution, provide the name of the other program, purpose of the affiliation and amount of time each student/resident is assigned to this institution.  |

**PREVIOUS SITE VISIT RECOMMENDATIONS**

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| **1.** | **Recommendations noted in the last site visit report, that are current standards, have been remedied.** | N/A |
| YES | NO |

Please note, if the last site visit was conducted prior to the implementation of the most current Standards (see document revision history) some recommendations may no longer apply. Should further guidance be required, please contact Commission on Dental Accreditation staff.

 If no, please identify by standard the ongoing area(s) of non-compliance.

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**COMPLIANCE WITH COMMISSION POLICIES**

**PROGRAM CHANGE**

**1. The program has reported to the Commission all changes which have**

 **occurred within the program since the program’s previous site visit.** **YES NO**

Depending on the specific program change, reports **must** be submitted to the Commission by **May 1 or November 1** or at least thirty (30) days prior to a regularly scheduled semi-annual Review Committee meeting. The Commission recognizes that unexpected changes may occur. Unexpected changes may be the result of sudden changes in institutional commitment, affiliated agreements between institutions, faculty support, or facility compromise resulting from natural disaster. Failure to proactively plan for change will not be considered unexpected change. Depending upon the timing and nature of the change, appropriate investigative procedures including a site visit may be warranted.

Other types of Program Changes include but are not limited to enrollment increase the addition of off-campus sites, and use of Distance Education.

For enrollment increases, the program must adhere to the Policy on Enrollment Increases in Advanced Dental Education.

For the addition of off-campus sites, the program must adhere to the Policy on Reporting and Approval of Sites Where Educational Activity Occurs.

For the use of Distance Education, the program must report the use of Distance Education technology, as described in the Commission’s Policy on Distance Education. If distance education was not reported, the SVER should be marked “NO” for program change; however, the program may comply with the Distance Education policy, as noted below.

For the full policy statements on enrollment increase, off-campus sites, and distance education, see the Commission’s “Evaluation and Operational Policies and Procedures” (EOPP) manual.

If **NO**, please explain below, include the concern in the draft site visit report and note at the final conference.

**THIRD PARTY COMMENTS**

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| **2.** | **The program is complying with the Commission’s policy on “Third Party Comments.”** |  |
| **YES** | **NO** |

The program is responsible for soliciting third-party comments from communities of interest such as students/residents and patients that pertain to the standards or policies and procedures used in the Commission’s accreditation process. An announcement for soliciting third-party comments is to be published at least 90 days prior to the site visit. The notice should indicate that third-party comments are due in the Commission’s office no later than 60 days prior to the site visit. The policy on Third Party Comments can be found in the Commission’s “Evaluation and Operational Policies and Procedures” (EOPP) manual.

If **NO**, please explain below, include the concern in the draft site visit report and note at the final conference.

**COMPLAINTS**

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| **3.** | **The program is complying with the Commission’s policy on “Complaints.”** |  | **YES** | **NO** |

The program is responsible for developing and implementing a procedure demonstrating that students/residents are notified, at least annually, of the opportunity and the procedures to file complaints with the Commission. Additionally, the program must maintain a record of student/resident complaints received since the Commission’s last comprehensive review of the program. The policy on Complaints can be found in the Commission’s “Evaluation and Operational Policies and Procedures”(EOPP) manual.

If **NO**, please answer a. and b. below and explain. In addition, please include the concern in the draft site visit report and note at the final conference.

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| **a.** | **Students/Residents notified of the Commission’s address** |  | **YES** | **NO** |

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| **b.** | **Record of student/resident complaints maintained** |  | **YES** | **NO** |

**Additional Requirements for compliance with the policy on “Complaints”:**

**Following review of the program’s complaint records, there are no patterns or**

**themes related to the program’s compliance with the Accreditation Standards?**

 **YES NO**

***(Answer YES if this statement is true.)***

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| If **NO**, describe the specific standards in question and identify any recommendations or suggestions that resulted from this review. |

**DISTANCE EDUCATION**

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| **4.** | **The program is complying with the Commission’s “Policy on Distance Education”** | **YES** | **NO** | **N/A** |

Programs that offer distance education must ensure regular and substantive interaction between a student/resident and an instructor or instructors prior to the student’s/resident’s completion of a course or competency. For purposes of this definition, substantive interaction is engaging students/residents in teaching, learning, and assessment, consistent with the content under discussion, and also includes at least two of the following:

* Providing direct instruction;
* Assessing or providing feedback on a student’s/resident’s coursework;
* Providing information or responding to questions about the content of a course or competency;
* Facilitating a group discussion regarding the content of a course or competency; or
* Other instructional activities approved by the institution’s or program’s accrediting agency.

Please answer the statements below. If **NO**, please explain and include the concern in the draft site visit report and note at the final conference. If the program does not utilize distance education methods, **skip** the remaining items related to Distance Education.

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| a. | The program provides the opportunity for substantive interactions with the student/resident on a predictable and scheduled basis commensurate with the length of time and the amount of content in the course or competency.  | **YES** | **NO** |
| b. | The program monitors the student’s/resident’s academic engagement and success and ensures that an instructor is responsible for promptly and proactively engaging in substantive interaction with the student/resident when needed on the basis of such monitoring, or upon request by the student/resident. | **YES** | **NO** |

Programs that offer distance education must also have processes in place through which the program establishes that the student/resident who registers in a distance education course or program is the same student/resident who participates in and completes the course or program and receives the academic credit. In addition, programs must notify students/residents of any projected additional charges associated with the verification of student/resident identity at the time of registration or enrollment. The entire policy on Distance Education can be found in the Commission’s “Evaluation and Operational Policies and Procedures” (EOPP) manual.

Please answer the statements below. If **NO**, please explain and include the concern in the draft site visit report and note at the final conference. If the program does not utilize distance education methods, **skip** the remaining items related to Distance Education.

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| a. | The identity of each student/resident who registers for the course is verified as the one who participates in, completes, and receives academic credit for the course. | **YES** | **NO** |
| b. | The verification process used includes methods such as secure login and passcode, proctored examinations, and/or other technologies effective in verifying student/resident identity. | **YES** | **NO** |
| c. | Program provides a written statement to make it clear that the verification processes used are to protect student/resident privacy. | **YES** | **NO** |
| d. | Students/Residents are notified of additional charges associated with the student/resident identity verification at the time of registration or enrollment. | **YES**  | **NO** |

**Additional Requirements for compliance with the policy on “Distance Education”:**

If the program is utilizing distance education, the program’s distance education method(s) (curriculum and modalities of transmission) adhere to the requirements of the accreditation standards?

 **YES NO**

**If NO**, describe the specific standards in question and identify any recommendations or suggestions that resulted from this review.

**PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS**

**Program Performance with Respect to Student/Resident Achievement:**

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| **1** | **Confirm that the institution/program is assessing student/resident achievement and provide a detailed analysis of the program’s performance with respect to student/resident achievement. Include a description of the assessment tools used by the program and a summary of data and conclusions.** |
| **2** | **Describe the positive and negative program outcomes related to the program’s student/resident achievement measures.** |
| **3** | **Describe program changes made in accordance with outcomes data collected. Conversely, describe areas where program change has not been made in accordance with outcomes data collected.** |
| **4** | **Identify specific standards where recommendations or suggestions are written related to student/resident achievement.** |

**Complete the Narrative Below by taking the summary data you have described above and placing the information in each of the highlighted areas to capture all assessments measures (#1), positive and negative outcomes (#2), and corrective actions (#3) made by the program:**

**Standard 1. Institutional Effectiveness**

The program has/has not documented its effectiveness using a formal and ongoing outcomes assessment process to include measures of oral and maxillofacial pathology education student/resident achievement. Based on a review of the program’s outcomes assessment process and student/resident achievement measures, the visiting committee found the program uses assessment measures to include: [insert assessment measures used – Q1]. The program has demonstrated positive programmatic student/resident achievement outcomes through [include positive outcomes measures – Q2]. The program has not demonstrated positive student/resident achievement outcomes in [insert negative outcome areas – Q2]. The visiting committee noted the program recently made enhancements to [insert examples where program change made based on OA process – Q3] based on the student/resident achievement data collected and analyzed in the outcomes assessment plan. *(Or conversely, the visiting committee did not identify areas within the program where student/resident achievement data has been utilized to affect change.)* ***Following this paragraph, if a recommendation or suggestion is warranted, add additional content.***

Recommendations/Suggestions were/were not written related to student/resident achievement.

**STANDARD 1 - INSTITUTIONAL COMMITMENT/PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS**

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| The program has developed clearly stated goals and objectives appropriate to advanced dental education, addressing education, patient care, research and service. (1) | YES | NO |

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| Planning for, evaluation of and improvement of educational quality for the program is broad-based, systematic, continuous and designed to promote achievement of program goals related to education, patient care, research and service. (1) | YES | NO |

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| The program documents its effectiveness using a formal and ongoing outcomes assessment process to include measures of advanced dental education student/resident achievement. (1)*Intent:* *The Commission on Dental Accreditation expects each program to define its own goals and objectives for preparing individuals for the practice of oral and maxillofacial pathology and that one of the program goals is to comprehensively prepare competent individuals to initially practice oral and maxillofacial pathology. The outcomes process includes steps to: (a) develop clear, measurable goals and objectives consistent with the program’s purpose/mission; (b) develop procedures for evaluating the extent to which the goals and objectives are met; (c) collect and maintain data in an ongoing and systematic manner; (d) analyze the data collected and share the results with appropriate audiences; (e) identify and implement corrective actions to strengthen the program; and (f )review the assessment plan, revise as appropriate, and continue the cyclical process.* | YES | NO |

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| The financial resources are sufficient to support the program’s stated goals and objectives. (1)***Intent:*** *The institution should have the financial resources required to develop and sustain the program on a continuing basis*. *The program should have the ability to employ an adequate number of full‑time faculty, purchase and maintain equipment, procure supplies, reference material and teaching aids as reflected in annual budget appropriations. Financial allocations should ensure that the program will be in a competitive position to recruit and retain qualified faculty. Annual appropriations should provide for innovations and changes necessary to reflect current concepts of education in the advanced dental education discipline. The Commission will assess the adequacy of financial support on the basis of current appropriations and the stability of sources of funding for the program.* | YES | NO |

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| The sponsoring institution ensures that support from entities outside of the institution does not compromise the teaching, clinical and research components of the program. (1) | YES | NO |

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| **If a hospital is the sponsor,** the hospital is accredited by an accreditation organization recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). (1)*Note:  If a hospital is the sponsor, the site visit team must confirm that theinstitutional accreditor is recognized by CMS at the time of the site visit.* | YES | NO | NA |

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| **If an educational institution is the sponsor**, the educational institution is accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education. (1) | YES | NO | NA |

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| **If a health care organization is the sponsor (must meet one item below):**  |  |  |  |
| The health care organization is accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education. (1) | YES | NO | NA |
| The health care organization is accredited by an accreditation organization recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). (1) | YES | NO | NA |
| The health care organization receives regular on-site inspections through the Health Resources and Services Administration Operational Site Visit (HRSA-OSV) process. (1)*Note: The program must provide documentary evidence of an institutional accreditor recognized by the United States Department of Education,* ***or*** *documentary evidence that its institutional accreditor is currently recognized by CMS,* ***or*** *that it has received HRSA-OSV inspection.*  | YES | NO | NA |

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| If applicable, the bylaws, rules and regulations of the hospitals or health care organizations that sponsors or provides a substantial portion of the advanced dental education program ensure that dentists are eligible for medical staff membership and privileges including the right to vote, hold office, serve on medical staff committees and admit, manage and discharge patients. (1) | YES | NO | NA |

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| If applicable, United States military programs not sponsored or co-sponsored by military medical treatment facilities, United States-based educational institutions, hospitals or health care organizations accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or accredited by an accreditation organization recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) demonstrate successful achievement of Service-specific organizational inspection criteria. (1) | YES | NO | NA |

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| **If the advanced dental education program confers a certificate (complete both items below):**  |  |  |  |
| The program/institution has state or federal approval to operate. (1) | YES | NO |  |
| As applicable, the program/institution has state or federal approval to confer a certificate. (1)***Intent:*** *The educational program demonstrates either: a) documentation of receipt of federal aid as evidence to operate, or b) documentation of a state business license as evidence to operate. Additionally, as required by the state, the program demonstrates authority through an appropriate state agency when issuing a certificate of completion. If conferring a degree, the program demonstrates authorization from its institutional accrediting agency.**Note: The program must provide a) documentation of receipt of federal aid as evidence to operate, or b) documentation of a state business license as evidence to operate.* *Additionally, as required by the state, the program must provide evidence of authority through an appropriate state agency when issuing a certificate of completion.* | YES | NO | NA |

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| The advanced dental education program conferring a degree has institutional accreditation and authority to confer a degree. (1)***Intent:*** *The educational program demonstrates either: a) documentation of receipt of federal aid as evidence to operate, or b) documentation of a state business license as evidence to operate. Additionally, as required by the state, the program demonstrates authority through an appropriate state agency when issuing a certificate of completion. If conferring a degree, the program demonstrates authorization from its institutional accrediting agency.* *Note: The program must provide the institution’s letter of accreditation from its institutional accreditor, and authority to confer the degree awarded by the program.* | YES | NO | NA |

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| The authority and final responsibility for curriculum development and approval, student/resident selection, faculty selection and administrative matters rest within the sponsoring institution. (1) | YES | NO |

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| The institution/program has a formal system of quality assurance for programs that provide patient care. (1) | YES | NO |

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| The position of the program in the administrative structure is consistent with that of other parallel programs within the institution and does the program director have the authority, responsibility and privileges necessary to manage the program. (1) | YES | NO |

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| Those portions of advanced oral and maxillofacial pathology training in anatomic pathology and laboratory medicine are programs approved and accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). (1-1) | YES | NO |

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| The program in oral and maxillofacial pathology includes organized teaching experience with formal evaluation and the time devoted to this activity is carefully evaluated and not disproportionate in relation to the overall program. (1-2)***Intent:*** *Because the practice of oral and maxillofacial pathology often involves formal teaching, programs should provide students/residents with teaching experience.* | YES | NO |

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| USE OF SITES WHERE EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY OCCURS |
| If the program does not use educational activity sites, please skip this section and proceed to Standard 2. |

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| The primary sponsor of the educational program accepts full responsibility for the quality of education provided in all sites where educational activity occurs*.*(1) | YES | NO | NA |

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| All arrangements with sites not owned by the sponsoring institution where educational activity occurs are formalized by means of current written agreements that clearly define the roles and responsibilities of the parties involved. | YES | NO | NA |
| The following items are covered in such inter-institutional agreements: |   |   |  |
| 1. Designation of a single program director;
 | YES | NO | NA |
| 1. The teaching staff;
 | YES | NO | NA |
| 1. The educational objectives of the program;
 | YES | NO | NA |
| 1. The period of assignment of students/residents; and
 | YES | NO | NA |
| 1. Each institution’s financial commitment. (1-3)

***Intent:*** *The items that are covered in inter-institutional agreements do not have to be contained in a single document. They may be included in multiple agreements, both formal and informal (e.g., addenda and letters of mutual understanding)* |  |  |  |

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| For each site where educational activity occurs, there is an on-site clinical supervisor who is qualified by education and/or clinical experience in the curriculum areas for which he/she is responsible. (1-4) | YES | NO | NA |

**COMMENTS: RECOMMENDATIONS &/OR SUGGESTIONS**

Please use this area for writing recommendations &/or suggestions. If you are writing a suggestion please provide a rationale/narrative for each. *If you are making a recommendation, provide a detailed description of the deficiency identified for each NO indicated in the preceding section and a recommendation indicating that it should be corrected.* (Please type or write/print legibly. If you require additional sheet(s), you may attach them to the back of the SVER, with appropriate SVER reference number[s].)

**STANDARD 2 - PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND TEACHING STAFF**

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| The program is administered by a director who is board certified in the respective advanced dental education discipline of the program, or if appointed after January 1, 1997, has previously served as a program director. (2)***Intent:*** *The director of an advanced dental education program is to be certified by a nationally accepted certifying board in the advanced dental education discipline. Board certification is to be active. The board certification requirement of Standard 2 is also applicable to an interim/acting program director. A program with a director who is not board certified, but who has previous experience as an interim/acting program director in a Commission-accredited program prior to 1997 is not considered in compliance with Standard 2.* | YES | NO |

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| The program director is appointed to the sponsoring institution and has sufficient authority and time to achieve the educational goals of the program and assess the program’s effectiveness in meeting its goals. (2) | YES | NO |

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| Documentation of all program activities is ensured by the program director and was available for review. (2) | YES | NO |

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| The program is directed by a single individual who has a full-time appointment to the sponsoring institution. (2-1) | YES | NO |

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| The program director and faculty of the advanced oral and maxillofacial pathology program demonstrate a commitment to teaching and supervision that is uncompromised by additional responsibilities? (2-1.1) | YES | NO |

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| The program shows evidence of an ongoing faculty development process, for full-time  faculty. (2-2)***Intent:*** *Ongoing faculty development is a requirement to improve teaching and learning, to foster curricular change, to enhance student retention and job satisfaction of faculty, and to maintain the vitality of academic dentistry as the wellspring of a learned profession.*  | YES | NO |

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| All faculty, including those at major and minor educational activity sites, are calibrated to ensure consistency in training and evaluation of students/residents that supports the goals and objectives of the program. (2-3)***Intent:*** *The students/residents receive comparable training and evaluation by all appropriate faculty.*  | YES | NO |

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**STANDARD 3 - FACILITIES AND RESOURCES**

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| Institutional facilities and resources are adequate to provide the educational experiences and opportunities required to fulfill the needs of the educational program as specified in these Standards. (3) | YES | NO |

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| Equipment and supplies for use in managing medical emergencies are readily accessible and functional. (3)***Intent*:** *The facilities and resources (e.g.; support/secretarial staff, allied personnel and/or technical staff) should permit the attainment of program goals and objectives. To ensure health and safety for patients, students/residents, faculty and staff, the physical facilities and equipment should effectively accommodate the clinic and/or laboratory schedule.* | YES | NO |

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| The program documents its compliance with the institution’s policy and applicable regulations of local, state and federal agencies, including but not limited to radiation hygiene and protection, ionizing radiation, hazardous materials, and bloodborne and infectious diseases. (3) | YES | NO |

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| The above policies are provided to all students/residents, faculty and appropriate support staff and continuously monitored for compliance. (3) | YES | NO |

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| Policies on bloodborne and infectious diseases are made available to applicants for admission and patients. (3)***Intent:*** *The program may document compliance by including the applicable program policies. The program demonstrates how the policies are provided to the students/residents, faculty and appropriate support staff and who is responsible for monitoring compliance. Applicable policy states how it is made available to applicants for admission and patients should a request to review the policy be made.* | YES | NO |

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| Students/residents, faculty and appropriate support staff are encouraged to be immunized against and/or tested for infectious diseases such as mumps, measles, rubella and hepatitis B, prior to contact with patients and/or infectious objects or materials, in an effort to minimize the risk to patients and dental personnel. (3)***Intent:*** *The program should have written policy that encourages (e.g., delineates the advantages of) immunization for students/residents, faculty and appropriate support staff.* | YES | NO |

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| All students/residents, faculty, and support staff involved in the direct provision of patient care are continuously recognized/certified in basic life support procedures, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation. (3)***Intent:*** *Continuously recognized/certified in basic life support procedures means the appropriate individuals are currently recognized/certified.* | YES | NO |

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| \*Private office facilities are not used as a means of providing clinical experiences unless the discipline has included language that defines the use of such facilities in its discipline-specific standards. (3)\* Answer YES if a statement is true; answer NO if a statement is false.***Intent****: Required clinical experiences do not occur in private office facilities. Practice management and elective experiences may be undertaken in private office facilities.* | YES | NO |

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| The program provides access for the student/resident to an active and well-organized radiographic imaging facility. (3-1) | YES | NO |

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| The program provides access to a licensed, active and well-organized diagnosticlaboratory service. (3-2) | YES | NO |

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| The director of the diagnostic biopsy service is board certified and registered by the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. (3-2.1) | YES | NO |

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| The program maintains adequate files, reports and an index system of diagnosed materials so that cases may be retrieved and studied. (3-2.2) | YES | NO |

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| The laboratory biopsy service has sufficient space and equipment, adequate desk space, a microscope and some degree of privacy for the student/resident. (3-3) | YES | NO |

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| There is sufficient technical and support personnel so that the laboratory will function efficiently. (3-4) | YES | NO |

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| The oral and maxillofacial pathology program has an active clinical facility. (3-5) | YES | NO |

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| The students/residents have access to the facility with adequate supervision for the comprehensive examination and management of patients. (3-5)***Intent:*** *The facility should not be a traditional screening clinic for predoctoral dental patients, but a specialized clinic which focuses on the evaluation and management of patients with diseases affecting the oral and maxillofacial region.* | YES | NO |

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| The oral and maxillofacial pathology program provides access to an active and well-organized research facility. (3-6)***Intent:*** *The student/resident should have exposure to clinical research methodology as well as specific laboratory research techniques.* | YES | NO |

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| Although the student/resident should not function as a technician, the student/resident becomes familiar with the routine and special procedures performed in the oral and maxillofacial pathology laboratory. (3-7) | YES | NO |

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**STANDARD 4 - CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM DURATION**

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| The advanced dental education program is designed to provide special knowledge and skills beyond the D.D.S. or D.M.D. training and oriented to the accepted standards of the discipline’s practice as set forth in the specific standards contained in this document. (4)***Intent:*** *The intent is to ensure that the didactic rigor and extent of clinical experience exceeds pre-doctoral, entry level dental training or continuing education requirements and the material and experience satisfies standards for the discipline.* | YES | NO |

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| The advanced dental education program includes instruction or learning experiences in evidence-based practice. (4) | YES | NO |

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| The level of discipline-specific instruction in certificate and degree-granting (M.S.) programs is comparable. (4)***Intent:*** *The intent is to ensure that the students/residents of these programs receive the same educational requirements as set forth in these standards.* | YES | NO |

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| Documentation of all program activities is ensured by the program director and available for review. (4) | YES | NO |

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| If the institution/program enrolls part-time students/residents, the institution has guidelines regarding enrollment of part-time students/residents. (4) | YES | NO | NA |

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| If the institution/program enrolls part-time students/residents, they start and complete the program within a single institution, except when the program is discontinued. (4) | YES | NO | NA |

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| If the institution/program enrolls students/residents on a part-time basis, the director ensures that: |   |   |   |
| 1. The educational experiences, including the clinical experiences and responsibilities, are the same as required by full-time students/residents; and
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| 1. There are an equivalent number of months spent in the program. (4)
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| The program provides training in application to the medical sciences. (4-1) | YES | NO |

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| Instruction provides a comprehensive knowledge of pathology as well as understanding and application of the biomedical and clinical sciences, as these relate to patient care. (4-1.1)***Intent:*** *Instruction in other areas such as research and teaching methodologies, experimental design, quality assurance, and laboratory information systems is also important.* | YES | NO |

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| The program does not contain a preponderance of didactic course work. (4-1.2)***Intent:*** *The amount of time devoted to didactic course work should be carefully evaluated in relation to the total program.* | YES | NO |

**4-2 SURGICAL ORAL PATHOLOGY**

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| Students/Residents study and assume initial major responsibility for reports and diagnosis on an adequate volume of surgical specimens of sufficient variety to obtain competence in surgical oral and maxillofacial pathology. (4-2.1) ***Intent:*** *Surgical oral and maxillofacial pathology comprises an essential and important aspect of an advanced dental education program in oral and maxillofacial pathology. Competence in this area can be accomplished in only an active, professional, licensed, and quality-oriented laboratory service that processes a volume of human material that assures student/resident exposure to the spectrum of diseases encountered in the oral regions.* | YES | NO |

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| Although quality of education is stressed, the laboratory receives at least 2000 oral and maxillofacial pathology accessions of adequate variety annually. (4-2.2) | YES | NO |

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| Students/residents have adequate exposure to sufficient seminar materials, special collections, exchange slides and file materials to gain experience with diagnosis of unusual and difficult lesions. (4-2.3) | YES | NO |

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| Surgical oral and maxillofacial pathology case conferences are held at least weekly, but daily conferences are recommended. (4-2.4) | YES | NO |

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| Students/residents become familiar with administrative and licensing procedures associated with directorship of laboratories. (4-2.5). | YES | NO |

**4-3 ORAL CYTOLOGY**

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| Training in diagnostic oral cytopathology is provided to the students/residents. (4-3.1)***Intent:*** *The training should be provided by either an oral and maxillofacial pathologist, pathologist, or licensed cytotechnologist experienced in oral cytopathology and related diagnostic methods and procedures. This training can be a component of the required training in anatomic pathology and be accomplished during the minimum 6-months anatomic pathology rotation.* | YES | NO |

**4-4 EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT OF PATIENTS**

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| The program provides adequate training in the clinical manifestations of oral and systemic diseases. (4-4.1)***Intent:*** *Experience in the clinical manifestations of oral and systemic diseases is an important facet of the training and practice of oral and maxillofacial pathology. This should be obtained by active participation in appropriate clinics. The program should provide for a portion of the clinical training in a hospital or medical center.* | YES | NO |

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| Training includes attendance at tumor boards, clinical assessment of patients, selection of appropriate laboratory studies and their interpretation, evaluation of medical and drug status, administration of systemic and local medications, and participation in multi-disciplinary treatment planning. (4-4.2)***Intent:*** *Students/residents should have the opportunity to manage patients with interesting and usual disease. Students/Resident should be urged to maintain a log, either photographic and/or written for cases in which they have had some responsibility. Program directors should periodically evaluate the extent of the students/residents clinical experience. Regular conferences and seminars should be scheduled to broaden clinical experiences and fill in deficiencies with past clinical teaching cases. A wide variety of clinical situations should also be discussed in regularly scheduled literature reviews or journal clubs.* | YES | NO |

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| Students/residents do not spend a significant amount of their clinical training in the routine activities of a screening/emergency clinic. (4-4.3) | YES | NO |

**4-5 ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY**

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| The program provides a substantial period (of at least six (6) months duration), of residency-level training in anatomic pathology as part of an active, hospital based pathology department or other laboratory facility accredited and approved by the ACGME. (4-5.1)***Intent:*** *The practice or oral and maxillofacial pathology calls for the assistance, cooperation, and frequent consultation with medical pathologists. A high level of competence in the broad scope of pathology is or major importance. Competency in utilization of diagnostic techniques shared by oral and maxillofacial pathology and pathology is the broad objective of this training.*  | YES | NO |

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| Students/Residents obtain experience with autopsy procedures on at least ten (10 cases), which may be satisfied by review of archival autopsy material. (4-5.2) | YES | NO |

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| Trainees actively participate in the gross and microscopic examination of surgical and necropsy specimens. (4-5.3) | YES | NO |

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| Trainees attend and participate in other conferences and activities of the pathology department or laboratory. (4-5.3) | YES | NO |

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| The program provides experience in both surgical pathology and dermatopathology. (4-5.3)***Intent:*** *When assigned to pathology departments, students/residents should perform as pathology students/residents, if legally permissible.* | YES | NO |

**4-6 LABORATORY MEDICINE**

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| The program provides training in a laboratory medicine program accredited by the ACGME. (4-6.1)***Intent:*** *This training can be a component of the required minimum six (6) months hospital rotation. Experiences in clinical chemistry, microbiology, immunology, hematology, and molecular pathology are recommended.* | YES | NO |

**4-7 RADIOLOGY**

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| The program provides training in interpretation of diagnostic imaging, including plain film, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and computed tomography (CT). (4-7.1) | YES | NO |

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| Students/Residents have the opportunity to interpret an adequate volume of material to obtain competence in identifying the imaged features of disease. (4-7.1)***Intent:*** *Access to archival images to enhance knowledge and experience is recommended.* | YES | NO |

**4-8 ETHICS AND PROFESSIONALISM**

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| Graduates have an understanding of the principles of ethical reasoning, ethical decision making, and professional responsibility as it pertains to the academic environment, research, patient care, and practice management. (4-8.1)***Intent:*** *Graduates should know how to draw on arrange of resources such as professional codes, regulatory law, and ethical theories to guide judgment and action for issues that are complex, novel, ethically arguable, divisive, or of public concern.* | YES | NO |

**4-9 PROGRAM DURATION**

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| The oral and maxillofacial pathology program is a minimum of 36 months. (4-9.1)  | YES | NO |

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| If students/residents are enrolled on a part-time basis they are continuously enrolled and complete the total curriculum in a period of time not to exceed 72 months. (4-9.1) | YES | NO | NA |

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| **STANDARD 5 – ADVANCED DENTAL EDUCATION STUDENTS/RESIDENTS** |
| **ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION** |

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| Eligible applicants to advanced dental education programs accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation are graduates from: |   |   |  |
| 1. Predoctoral dental programs in the U.S. accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation; or
 | YES | NO | NA |
| 1. Predoctoral dental programs in Canada accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada; or
 | YES | NO | NA |
| 1. International dental schools that provide equivalent educational background and standing as determined by the program. (5)
 | YES | NO | NA |

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| Specific written criteria, policies and procedures are followed when admitting students/residents. (5)**Intent:***Written non-discriminatory policies are to be followed in selecting students/residents. These policies should make clear the methods and criteria used in recruiting and selecting students/residents and how applicants are informed of their status throughout the selection process.* | YES | NO | NA |

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| Admission of students/residents with advanced standing is based on the same standards of achievement required by students/residents regularly enrolled in the program. (5) | YES | NO | NA |

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| Students/Residents with advanced standing receive an appropriate curriculum that results in the same standards of competence required by students/residents regularly enrolled in the program. (5)***Intent****: Advanced standing refers to applicants that may be considered for admission to a training program whose curriculum has been modified after taking into account the applicant’s past experience. Examples include transfer from a similar program at another institution, completion of training at a non-CODA accredited program, or documented practice experience in the given discipline. Acceptance of advanced standing students/residents will not result in an increase of the program’s approved number of enrollees. Applicants for advanced standing are expected to fulfill all of the admission requirements mandated for students/residents in the conventional program and be held to the same academic standards. Advanced standing students/residents, to be certified for completion, are expected to demonstrate the same standards of competence as those in the conventional program.*  | YES | NO | NA |

**EVALUATION**

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| A system of ongoing evaluation and advancement ensures that, through the director and faculty, each program |   |   |
| 1. Periodically, but at least semiannually, assesses the progress toward (formative assessment and achievement of (summative assessment) the competencies for the discipline using formal evaluation methods;
 | YES | NO |
| 1. Provides to students/residents an assessment of their performance, at least semiannually;
 | YES | NO |
| 1. Advances students/residents to positions of higher responsibility only on the basis of an evaluation of their readiness for advancement; and
 | YES | NO |
| 1. Maintains a personal record of evaluation for each student/resident which is

 accessible to the student/resident and available for review during site visits. (5)***Intent:*** *(a) The evaluation of competence is an ongoing process that requires a variety of assessments that can measure the acquisition of knowledge, skills, and values necessary for discipline-specific level practice***.** *It is expected that programs develop and periodically review evaluation methods that include both formative and summative assessments.**(b) Student/Resident evaluations should be recorded and available in written form (c) Deficiencies should be identified in order to institute corrective measures. (d) Student/Resident evaluation is documented in writing and is shared with the student/resident.* | YES | NO |

**DUE PROCESS**

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| There are specific written due process policies and procedures for adjudication of academic and disciplinary complaints, which parallel those established by the sponsoring institution. (5) | YES | NO |

**RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

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| At the time of enrollment, the advanced dental education students/residents are apprised, in writing of the educational experience to be provided, including the nature of assignments to other departments or institutions and teaching commitments. (5) | YES | NO |

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| All advanced dental education students/residents are provided with written information which affirms their obligations and responsibilities to the institution, the program and program faculty. (5)***Intent:*** *Adjudication procedures should include institutional policy which provides due process for all individuals who may potentially be involved when actions are contemplated or initiated which could result in disciplinary actions, including dismissal of a student/resident (for academic or disciplinary reasons). In addition to information on the program, students/residents should also be provided with written information which affirms their obligations and responsibilities to the institution, the program, and the faculty. The program information provided to the students/residents should include, but not necessarily be limited to, information about tuition, stipend or other compensation; vacation and sick leave; practice privileges and other activity outside the educational program; professional liability coverage; and due process policy and current accreditation status of the program* | YES | NO |
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**STANDARD 6 - RESEARCH**

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| Advanced dental education students/residents engage in scholarly activity. (6) | YES | NO |

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| Students/Residents engage in an investigative project utilizing available laboratory or clinical facilities. (6-1)***Intent:*** *Advanced dental education students/residents should have the opportunity to assume the role of primary investigator in a clinical or laboratory research activity. They should develop a research protocol, review necessary literature, develop the experimental methodology, organize and interpret the results.* | YES | NO |

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1. Indicated a response for EACH question?

2. Written a detailed rationale for each NO answer indicated?

3. Written a recommendation for each NO answer?

**Remember: Every NO indicated must be reported during the final conference.**

**After the Final Conference…**

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