

## **REPORT OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY EDUCATION TO THE COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION**

Committee Chair: Dr. Neel Bhattacharyya. Committee Members: Dr. Leticia Ferreira Cabido, Dr. Robert Kelsch, Ms. Lisa Mayer, and Dr. Dara Rogers. Guests (Open Session Only, Virtual): Dr. Angela Chi, president, American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology (ABOMP); and Dr. Kevin Torske, secretary/treasurer, ABOMP, attended the policy portion of the meeting. Commission Staff: Ms. Taylor Weast, manager, Advanced Dental Education, Dr. Yesenia Ruiz, manager, Advanced Dental Education, and Ms. Michele Kendall, senior project assistant, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). The meeting of the Review Committee on Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Education (OMP RC) was held on July 10, 2025 via a virtual meeting.

### **CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS RELATED TO ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY EDUCATION**

**Informational Report on Frequency of Citings of Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology (p. 800)**: The Review Committee on Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Education (OMP RC) considered the frequency of citings of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology implemented August 6, 2021 and noted seven (7) oral and maxillofacial pathology site visits have been conducted between August 6, 2021 through October 31, 2024. The OMP RC noted that at the time of this report, there were no (0) areas of non-compliance cited. The Commission will continue to receive reports annually summarizing the updated data on the frequency of citings of individual Standards.

**Recommendation**: This report is informational in nature and no action is requested.

**Consideration of Proposed Revision to Examples of Evidence for Standard 1 of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs (p. 801)**: At its January 31, 2025 meeting, through consideration of the Report of the Review Committee on Postdoctoral General Dentistry Education (PGD RC), the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) learned that the list of accreditation organizations recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) included in the Examples of Evidence of Standard 1 within the Accreditation Standards for all advanced dental education programs has changed. Changes include the addition of one (1) organization, removal of organizations, and changes in the acronyms listed for some organizations. In addition, the Commission learned that the PGD RC discussed whether all organizations included in the current CMS-recognized list of accreditation organizations should be accepted for CODA-accredited dental education programs. The PGD RC believed the decision to include these CMS-recognized organizations in CODA's Standards for advanced dental education programs was outside the purview of the PGD RC.

Following discussion, the Commission on Dental Accreditation directed each advanced dental education Review Committee to examine the proposed revisions to Examples of Evidence in Standard 1 of the Accreditation Standards for all advanced dental education disciplines under the Commission's purview related to sponsoring institution and authority, with a report to the Commission at the August 2025 meeting.

At its Summer 2025 meeting, the Review Committee on Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Education (OMP RC) examined the proposed revisions to Examples of Evidence in Standard 1 found in **Appendix 1, Policy Report p. 801** and noted the proposed revisions appeared to be editorial in nature to align with other CMS-recognized accreditation organizations and concluded they should be approved as presented (**Appendix 1**), for immediate implementation.

The OMP RC also noted the PGD RC discussion related to whether all organizations included in the current CMS-recognized list of accreditation organizations should be accepted for CODA-accredited dental education programs. The OMP RC noted that changes to the list of CMS-recognized organizations have little to no impact on the oral and maxillofacial pathology discipline, as most oral and maxillofacial pathology programs are sponsored by higher-education institutions. Since the OMP RC does not believe the named accreditation organizations will have an impact on the educational programs in oral and maxillofacial pathology, the OMP RC determined that no comment should be made to the Commission regarding this topic.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Commission on Dental Accreditation adopt the proposed revisions to the Examples of Evidence for Accreditation Standard 1 of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology (**Appendix 1**) and direct revision of all related documents for immediate implementation.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Updates to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology:** The Review Committee on Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Education (OMP RC) considered the topic of inclusion of digital slides and diagnosis in training programs and agreed that further review and potential changes to the Standards are warranted, as there are no Standards addressing digital pathology. The OMP RC also discussed a need to further define Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Standard 3-5 (active clinical facility and supervision). The OMP RC noted that clarification regarding what constitutes "adequate supervision" may be needed. The OMP RC also discussed a potential need to define "active clinical facility" to clarify that the facility should relate specifically to the oral and maxillofacial pathology discipline. The OMP RC additionally noted that adding or modifying a standard to include contact hours should be further discussed. The OMP RC agreed that potential revision to the Accreditation Standards should be discussed via an Ad Hoc meeting of the OMP RC in Fall 2025, with a report to the Commission in Winter 2026.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct an Ad Hoc Committee of the Review Committee on Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Education to review Accreditation Standards for potential revision, with a report to the Review Committee and Commission in Winter 2026.

### **CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS RELATING TO MORE THAN ONE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Matters related to more than one review committee are included in a separate report.

### **CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS RELATED TO ACCREDITATION STATUS**

Matters related to accreditation status of programs are included in a separate report.

Respectfully submitted,

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# Commission on Dental Accreditation

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Proposed Revisions to Examples of Evidence for Standard 1

Additions are Underlined  
~~Strikethroughs~~ indicate Deletions

## Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology

**CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED REVISION TO EXAMPLES OF EVIDENCE FOR  
STANDARD 1 OF THE ACCREDITATION STANDARDS FOR ADVANCED DENTAL  
EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

Additions are underlined; Deletions are ~~stricken~~

Hospitals that sponsor advanced dental education programs **must** be accredited by an accreditation organization recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Educational institutions that sponsor advanced dental education programs **must** be accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education. Health care organizations that sponsor advanced dental education programs **must** be 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) or receive regular on-site inspections through the Health Resources and Services Administration Operational Site Visit (HRSA-OSV) process. The bylaws, rules and regulations of hospitals or health care organizations that sponsor or provide a substantial portion of advanced dental education programs **must** assure 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.

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) **must** demonstrate successful achievement of Service-specific organizational inspection criteria.

**Examples of evidence to demonstrate compliance may include:**

- Accreditation certificate or current official listing of accredited institutions from a United States Department of Education recognized accreditation organization.
- Evidence of successful achievement of Service-specific organizational inspection criteria.
- Accreditation certificate or current official listing of accredited institution from an accreditation organization recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). For example: Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHHC); Accreditation Commission for Health Care, Inc. (ACHC); American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities (AAAASFQuadA); ~~American Osteopathic Association Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (AOA/HFAP)~~; Center for Improvement in Healthcare Quality (CIHQ); Community

1 Health Accreditation ~~Program~~ Partner (CHAP); DNV ~~GL~~ Healthcare (DNV~~GL~~);  
2 National Dialysis Accreditation Commission (NDAC); The Compliance Team (TCT);  
3 The Joint Commission (~~TJC~~); National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP);  
4 Utilization Review Accreditation Commission (URAC). Evidence of successful  
5 achievement of regular on-site inspections through the Health Resources and Services  
6 Administration Operational Site Visit (HRSA-OSV) process.  
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8 Advanced dental education programs conferring a certificate **must** have state or federal approval  
9 to operate and, as applicable, to confer a certificate. Advanced dental education programs  
10 conferring a degree **must** have institutional accreditation and authority to confer a degree.  
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12 ***Intent:** The educational program demonstrates either: a) documentation of receipt of federal*  
13 *aid as evidence to operate, or b) documentation of a state business license as evidence to*  
14 *operate. Additionally, as required by the state, the program demonstrates authority through an*  
15 *appropriate state agency when issuing a certificate of completion. If conferring a degree, the*  
16 *program demonstrates authorization from its institutional accrediting agency.*  
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18 **Examples of evidence to demonstrate compliance may include:**

- 19 • State license or federal authority documenting the institution's approval to operate and  
20 confer a credential  
21 • Institutional accreditation indicating approval to confer a degree