

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

Committee Chair: Dr. George Kushner. Committee Members: Dr. Vasiliki Karlis, Dr. John Manahan, Dr. Pushkar Mehra, Dr. Jan Mitchell, and Dr. Vincent Perciaccante. Dr. Kushner did not attend the January 18, 2024 meeting and Dr. Karlis served as interim committee chair. Guests (Open Session Only, Virtual): Ms. Mary Allaire-Schnitzer, associate executive director, American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS), Dr. Sheila Brear, chief learning officer, American Dental Education Association (ADEA), Dr. Robert S. Clark, vice president, AAOMS, Dr. Mark A. Egbert, president, AAOMS, Dr. J. David Morrison, president-elect, AAOMS, and Ms. Laurie Oddo, manager, Advanced Education and Resident Affairs, AAOMS attended the policy portion of the meeting. Commission Staff: Ms. Yesenia Ruiz, manager, Advanced Dental Education, Dr. Sherin Tooks, senior director, Ms. Peggy Soeldner, manager, Advanced Dental Education, and Ms. Shelby Burgus, senior project assistant, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). The meeting of the Review Committee on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Education (OMS RC) was held on January 9, 2024, and January 18, 2024, via a virtual meeting.

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

**Informational Report on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Programs (Residency and Fellowship) Annual Survey Curriculum Data (p. 1000)**: At its Winter 2015 meeting, the Commission directed that each Review Committee review a draft of its discipline-specific Annual Survey Curriculum Section during the Winter meeting in the year the Survey will be distributed. The Commission further suggested that each Review Committee review aggregate data of its discipline-specific Annual Survey Curriculum Section, as an informational report, when the materials are available following data collection and analysis. The Commission noted that all survey data is considered confidential at the programmatic level.

The Curriculum Section of the Commission's Annual Survey is conducted annually for both oral and maxillofacial surgery residency education programs and clinical fellowship training programs in oral and maxillofacial surgery. At its Winter 2024 meeting, the Review Committee on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Education (OMS RC) considered the informational report on aggregate data of the most recent Curriculum Sections of the 2023 Annual Survey for residency programs, **Appendix 1, Policy Report p. 1000**, and for clinical fellowship programs, **Appendix 2, Policy Report p. 1000**.

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

**Report on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Programs (Residency and Fellowship) Annual Survey Curriculum Sections (p. 1001)**: At its Winter 2015 meeting, the Commission directed that each Review Committee review a draft of its discipline-specific Annual Survey Curriculum Section during the Winter meeting in the year the Survey will be distributed.

The Curriculum Section of the Commission's Annual Survey is conducted for both oral and maxillofacial surgery residency education programs and clinical fellowship training programs in oral and maxillofacial surgery annually. The next Curriculum Section will be conducted in August/September 2024. At its Winter 2024 meeting, the Review Committee on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Education (OMS RC) considered the draft Curriculum Sections for residency programs, **Appendix 1, Policy Report p. 1001**, and clinical fellowship programs, **Appendix 2, Policy Report p. 1001**. Following consideration, the OMS RC determined that the Annual Survey Curriculum Sections are appropriate as written and should be retained for use during the next survey in Fall 2024.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Annual Survey Curriculum Section for oral and maxillofacial surgery residency programs (**Appendix 1, Policy Report p. 1001**) be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2024.

It is further recommended that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Annual Survey Curriculum Section for oral and maxillofacial surgery clinical fellowship programs (**Appendix 2, Policy Report p. 1001**) be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2024.

**Consideration of Proposed Revisions to Improve Diversity in Dental and Dental Related Education Programs (p. 1002):** On December 1, 2023, the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) received a letter from The National Coalition of Dentists for Health Equity (TNCDHE). The request is found in **Appendix 1, Policy Report p. 1002**. In its letter, TNCDHE provides short-term and long-term suggestions to CODA to improve diversity in all academic dental, allied dental, and advanced dental education programs.

At its Winter 2024 meeting, the Review Committee on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Education (OMS RC) reviewed the letter from The National Coalition of Dentists for Health Equity. The Committee noted that TNCDHE's letter indicated that standards on diversity do not exist within the advanced dental education Standards. The OMS RC affirmed the importance of implementing diversity, equity, and inclusion in the Standards, citing that proposed revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery are currently under circulation to address the humanistic environment and wellbeing of residents, although diversity is not specifically noted in the Standards. The OMS RC also noted that some institutional and state requirements may dictate the specific qualifications of residents that may be admitted into oral and maxillofacial surgery programs. Nonetheless, the OMS RC believed diversity is an important topic and supports continued monitoring by the Commission for potential inclusion of revisions to the Standards at a future date.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Commission on Dental Accreditation continue to monitor diversity issues with potential review of the topic and letter from The National Coalition of Dentists for Health Equity at a future date.

**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 SITE VISITOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMISSION ON  
DENTAL ACCREDITATION IN THE AREA OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL  
SURGERY EDUCATION**

The Review Committee on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Education (OMS RC) considered site visitor appointments for 2024-2025. The Committee's recommendations on the appointments of individuals 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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