

2017-2018 ALUMNI NEWS

DEPARTMENT OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

THE DEPARTMENT

The Department has continued to expand in the last year or two and we now have 18 faculty, who are either full time or work in UMSOD at least 3 days a week. This increase in size has largely been due to the OMFS department incorporating several other specialty units within its structure. The first of these was Acute Care. They have always worked closely with OMFS as the majority of the acute patients they triage end up coming to the undergraduate OMFS clinic and we have shared a number of joint faculty over the years. This fusion with acute care has allowed for a smoother transition of emergency patients to treatment and a sharing of treatment protocols and evidence based guidelines.

The next change was to welcome dental anesthesia into our team. We have two dental anesthesiologists who provide care to special needs adults and children, periodontology and of course OMFS. This has provided additional anesthesia exposure to our residents for medically compromised cases over and above the anesthesia patients that they undertake with the OMFS faculty.

The third addition is the adult special needs dentistry clinic, whose patients are often seen by our faculty and residents both for dento-alveolar surgery and sedation/anesthesia. Both the anesthesia and special needs teams continue to run as their own self sufficient teams under the directions of Dr. Marvin Leventer and Dr. Janet Yellowitz, respectively. I am hoping in the future to grow both and perhaps support a post-graduate fellowship training in their area of expertise.

Finally, we have appointed our own maxillofacial prosthodontist, Dr. Dima Ghunaim. Dima did her prosthodontic residency at the UMSOD, and after a spell in practice, began to work with our practice part-time, mostly making obturators and taking care of our surgical cancer patients. She decided to undertake her maxillofacial prosthodontic fellowship at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Hospital in New York and came back to join our department last year. Dima not only manages our cancer patients but the dental needs of the radiation oncology patients, trauma patients and the difficult implant cases such as restoring Dr. Warburton's zygomatic implants. Dima has been a valuable resource for our patients.



2017/2018 (Photo taken on the steps of Davidge Hall)

Front Row: Behzad Mostoufi, Josh Lubek, Donita Dyalram, Gary Warburton, Robert Ord, John Caccamese, Cindy Idzik-Starr, Dima Ghunaim, Jaime Brahim

Second Row: Colin Stanhope, Jean Li, Meghan Lavigne, Nicholas Callahan, Michael Nagai

Third Row: John Sands, Kevin Coppelson, Biraj Shah, Bryce Hallinan

Back Row: Manan Patel, Ahmad Hatahet, Kristopher Paik, Christopher Cook

The OMFS faculty continue to flourish and have continued to publish papers, chapters, and books, and of course present scientific abstracts at meetings all over the World. Amongst their other achievements, for the specialty as a whole, I highlight a few areas of service. Dr. Caccamese now serves on the Editorial Board of the Journal of the American Cleft Lip and Palate Association providing a face for OMFS on this association that was not there a few years ago. John is also an ABOMS examiner. Dr. Warburton's International TMJ Surgery course has become so well known that he has now presented a similar course in South India and will soon undertake another in London, England. (Teaching the Maryland way). Dr. Lubek has been elected to the Editorial Board of JOMS, I think the first Maryland faculty to serve in this position. Josh is vice president of the Maryland Society of OMFS. Dr. Dyalram was a keynote speaker for the Women in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Symposium in Michigan and has been the lead support person for the University President's community outreach initiative with local inner city school children.

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In June 2017, I travelled to Rochester, New York as the graduation speaker for the Rochester OMFS residency. The new Chairperson of the Rochester program is Dr. Antonia Kolokythas, who was my first female Oncology Fellow, and is now the first of my graduates to become Chair of a United States Department of OMFS. Toni trained initially in Greece and then at the University of Chicago, and arrived in Maryland in 2004 as a first year Fellow (Dr. Rui Fernandes was the second year Fellow). She then went to UCSF with Dr. Brian Schmidt for a year before returning to the University of Chicago as faculty under Dr. Miloro (another former Maryland faculty). Her recent appointment as Chair at Rochester coincides with the arrival of her twin boys (Toni is never one to do things by half). In addition, Toni has appointed Dr. John Vorasi as her faculty colleague. John graduated from Maryland in 2013 and initially joined the faculty in the Delaware OMFS program before returning to his home town of Rochester to join Toni. I am sure that between the two of them they will make the Rochester program a force to be reckoned within the next few years. It was great to catch up with both of them and see them taking on new challenges. (In her spare time Toni is an ABOMS examiner along with other alumni John Bailey, (Carle Clinic) and Dave Kim, (LSU Shreveport).



Maryland alumni who are current ABOMS examiners, John Caccamese (University of Maryland), Antonia Kolokythas (Chairperson University of Rochester NY), David Kim (LSU at Shreveport) and John Bailey (Carle Clinic Illinois). A great showing for one program.

I was in Hong Kong in April for the IJOMS meeting and had dinner with Dr. Zhang Tao (former Fellow with Dr. Dyalram) and his family. Tao is now the Chair of the Peking Union Medical college Hospital in Beijing and runs a very busy department.

In November, I was in New York and was honored with the Harrigan award. Dr. Steve Caldronney, who did his residency at NYU before his Fellowship at Maryland, came down for the conference. He is now at Boston University working with Andy Salama. (Andy did dentistry/OMFS/medicine/Oncology Fellowship and was a faculty at Maryland). We were also joined by Todd Hanna at the lecture and for dinner. Todd is now working in New York at the NY Head & Neck institute at Lennox Hill Hospital. Again it was good to catch up with both of them.



Dr. Ric Behan

Sad news on August 18, 2017, Ric Behan passed away after serving 47 years as an OMFS in Hagerstown, MD. Ric graduated from the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery in 1967, and did his residency in OMFS at Maryland setting up his practice in 1970. Ric was a golfer, hunter, and fisherman and a great supporter of our alumni. He was a personal friend and when I first arrived in the USA from the UK to work with Don Tilghman, Ric found out I was a fly fisherman and introduced me to his club in Pennsylvania, which I subsequently joined and have spent many happy hours fishing with him. He was a very humorous man who enjoyed the outdoor life. His two partners, Dr. Richard Kramer and Dr. Gary Koterwas, are also Maryland alumni and I am sure they will miss him, as will I. I was able to see his wife Carol before the funeral and passed on condolences from all the alumni who knew him. He is a sad loss for the Maryland OMFS family.

Dr. Robert "Bob" Emory is currently in practice in Washington DC, and as many of you know has developed a navigational tool for the accurate placing of implants (the X-Guide). Bob has very kindly donated one of these to the UMSOD, this very generous gift of a \$30,000 state of the art instrument will be invaluable not just in clinical care but in education and research within our department and throughout the school. I asked Bob to write a brief paragraph describing the X-Guide and hopefully how our department can help with the development. Here is what Bob had to say..."The X-Guide is a dynamic navigation system that allows the surgeon to place implants more accurately and precisely without the use of a physical guide. It uses light and software to give the surgeon a "live" view of the drill in real time. Presently the X-Guide is approved for implant placement but "off label" uses include the removal of difficult impactions, ridge splitting, sinus elevation, deep bone biopsies, bone grafting, root shield procedures and endodontics. The guide will be particularly useful in the head and neck oncology patient when minimal mouth opening is a challenge. We hope the OMS department can help with research allowing zygomatic implants to be guided into position and getting the indication for third molar removal from the FDA."

Dr. Julius Hyatt spends time out of his busy practice to teach residents and undergraduate dental students at UMSOD. Julius was our resident graduation dinner speaker in 2017. He gave a wonderful presentation on what residency was like at Maryland in his day and his transition to OMFS practice with a balanced view of the rewards of community practice. Dr. Emery will be our 2018 graduation speaker.

Dr. Jay Chason along with Dr. Hyatt and Dr. Marty Elson (currently in OMFS practice in Rhode Island), have been running a development campaign for our resident educational fund. They have raised \$22,000 from our alumni and I congratulate them and thank all our alumni who have donated. Thanks also to Dr. Tilghman for his support in this effort. He has been actively working with Dr. Chason and has contributed time and effort as well as dollars to the fund. We will use the money to send residents to AAOMS meetings and other educational courses.

RESIDENCY

Dr. Gary Warburton remains as the Residency Program Director, with Dr. Donita Dyalram as the Assistant PD. The OMFS residency had a successful CODA accreditation visit in October 2017 – Congratulations to Gary and Donita! We still maintain 2 x 6 year and 1 x 4 year residents per year for a total of 16 categorical slots. We also take 4 interns per year. We have decided, that in view of the difficulty that foreign graduates have with licensure in many states and in getting resident or permanent positions in the USA, to stop accepting applications from international graduates. Last year's 3 graduating residents were Dr. Benjamin Barbetta, who went into practice in Michigan (where his wife is undertaking a skull base fellowship), Dr. Surbhi Sehgal, who is now in community practice in Maryland, and Dr. Nawaf Aslam-Perez, who accepted an academic position at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. This year's Chief Residents are Dr. Biraj Shah, who did his undergraduate DDS at UMSOD, Dr. Chris Paik, who graduated DDS from U Penn, and Dr. Kevin Coppelson who graduated from USC.

Our residents presented 3 papers at AAOMS last year. Dr. Max Emmerling presented, "Keratocystic Odontogenic Tumor (KCOT): Should Treatment Be Dictated by Site?" research done with Dr. Brahim and Dr. Ord. Dr. Cole Wilken presented, "Saliva acidity in cancer patients at risk for MRONJ." mentored by Dr. Brahim. Finally, Dr. Kris Paik presented his paper, "Dorsum of tongue cancer: a retrospective case series of the University of Maryland" research mentored by Dr. Dyalram.

FELLOWSHIP

Dr. Josh Lubek remains the Fellowship Program Director. Our current Fellows are Dr. Nick Callahan, who did his OMFS residency at Kings County, Brooklyn, and Dr. Mike Nagai, who did his residency training in Buffalo, NY. Our previous Fellow, Dr. Naseem Ghazali returned to the UK as a Consultant OMFS at Bolton Hospital. She is currently introducing Robotic surgery to her new unit. Dr. Caldrony joined Dr. Salama at Boston College to have an all Maryland Oncology/microvascular team. Dr. "Mo" Qaisi moved from the University of Mississippi to Cook County in Chicago where he has been joined by Dr. James Murphy, one of our residents who undertook an oncology fellowship at the University of Michigan program. The Fellowship has its accreditation in May 2018.



Above: OMFS residents teaching students on the basics of suturing on pigs feet. Twice each year, the residents participate in this hands on lab in the Dental school.

UNDERGRADUATE

Our undergraduate OMFS team is headed up by Dr. Cindy Idzik-Starr and Dr. Jaime Brahim. They are supported by Dr. "Bezi" Mostoufi and Dr. Dwayne Everett, who is now full-time with our department. Dr. Matt Frykenberg is our latest recruited faculty and Dr. Garfinkel and Dr. Winter are part-time. We also have a number of community OMFSs who undertake sessional sessions of coverage. These include alumni Dr. Chason, Dr. Hyatt, and Dr. Selvaraj. We have a thriving OMFS clerkship for the senior undergraduate students that is run by Dr. Cindy Idzik-Starr and always has far more applicants than we can accommodate. This has proven to be very successful in promoting the specialty and encouraging students to apply for OMFS residency. There is also an OMFS student interest group open to all students from freshman to senior year. This is run by Dr. Dyalram and sponsors lectures, suture laboratories, community cancer screenings, and other events throughout the year.

Below: Picture of the students and residents who participated in the annual oral cancer Screen during Maryland Day at College Park.



CHAIRMAN'S NOTE

The department is continuing to thrive and grow. I am very fortunate to have great faculty who are internationally renowned and who continue to advance the department in all areas. I think that currently we have the strongest faculty line up that we have had at Maryland in the 28 years I have been here. I am hoping to maintain a department that displays clinical excellence that you can all be proud of having been a part of and have all helped to build. I thank all of you who have supported our effort whether by donations of time or money. Finally, congratulations to Dr. Meena Bhatti, Dr. Beth Stirling, and Dr. Rania Habib on all passing their ABOMS and being new Diplomates. I wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year for 2018.

- Bob Ord
University of Maryland, OMFS Department

