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*Fostering excellence and encouraging continual learning in Orofacial Pain.*



## RETIRED

### ***Bob Merrill is leaving UCLA for a richly deserved retirement***

Dr. Merrill completed a Fellowship in Pain Management in the UCLA Pain Management Center in 1990 and was appointed a clinic director of the Orofacial Pain Clinic in 1991. He started private practice in Orofacial Pain in 1990 and began to develop the Graduate Orofacial Pain Residency Program from 1991 to 1995. In 1995, he was asked to come to UCLA as a full time instructor and become part of the Orofacial Pain Faculty Practice and Director of the Orofacial Pain Program. He became boarded by the American Board of Orofacial Pain and was appointed Director for developing the ABOP Oral Board Exam. He developed the Dental Sleep Medicine Program at UCLA, making UCLA the first Dental School in the world to teach Dental Sleep Medicine as part of its graduate program and to offer Continuing Education Mini-Residency in sleep medicine.

#### ***Who in the field of orofacial pain does not know the name?***

Who does not know the man, the teacher, the friend, the gentle man who guided hundreds if not thousands of students placed around the world? How many lives has he touched? How many souls are better because he walks among us?

To our dear friend, our teacher, our role model, best wishes from all of us in your retirement, but don't be surprised if there is a knock on your door every now and again for some words of wisdom.

*Your students, your friends and colleagues of the ABOP.*

