Expanding Our International Footprint

One of my goals as President of ACOMS has been to expand membership opportunities to engage colleagues from around the world in education, training, and fellowship. Towards that end, ACOMS has embarked on the following initiatives:

1) Held a joint meeting with the Canadian Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (CAOMS) in 2017 in Vancouver, BC.
2) Became an educational sponsor in the upcoming 24th Congress of the European Association for Cranio Maxillo Facial Surgery (EACMFS)
3) Joined the Global Alliance for Surgical, Obstetric, Trauma, and Anaesthesia Care (The G4 Alliance), an international consortium dedicated to building political priority for surgery in the developing world
4) Began planning a joint meeting with La Asociación Latinoamericana de Cirugía y Traumatología Bucomaxilo facial (ALACIBU) for 2020

As a society of surgeons, our health and relevance are only as strong as our national and international presence. We live in a connected world, in which clinicians and scientists can interact and exchange ideas more easily than ever before. For us to remain insular is not only a lost opportunity, but is also irresponsible to our membership. Anyone who had the pleasure of attending the ACOMS and CAOMS Joint Annual Conference in Vancouver, BC last year will attest to the fact that our professional and personal lives are significantly enriched through international exchange of ideas and culture.

Perhaps no professional society has been a greater enigma to North American OMS than the EACMFS. To my knowledge, there has never been a joint meeting between an American OMS society and EACMFS. As a whole, they have had more in common with the American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons (a plastic surgery-based society) than they have had with our own OMS societies. I hope to change that.

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ACOMS is sponsoring an educational symposium at the 24th Congress of the EACMFS in Munich, Germany, September 18-21, 2018, which will feature innovative North American OMS who have each made contributions to their respective fields and whose work has set new international standards for technologically advanced surgical care. I encourage you all to join me, Kevin Rieck, Kevin Arce, Brian Farrell, and Ashish Patel in Munich for what will be a wonderful week of learning. Oh, and by the way, Octoberfest is happening at the same time!

Another way that ACOMS is increasing its international relevance is by joining the G4 Alliance. The G4 Alliance exists to increase global political priority for surgical and anesthesia care and works to mobilize resources to provide access to safe surgical care for patients in need. It is comprised of more than 80 organizations in over 160 countries, united in advocating for the neglected surgical patient. I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Melissa Amundson as the College’s representative to the Alliance. I look forward to working with her and other interested members in advancing our mutual goals.

Finally, in an effort led by Immediate Past President Pedro Franco and Committee on Continuing Education Chair, Rui Fernandes, we are engaged with ALACIBU in discussions towards a combined meeting, possibly in 2020. Latin America is one of the fastest growing OMS communities in the world. With scientific, educational, and cultural ties to the United States, our colleagues south of the border are natural partners to further the mission of ACOMS.

It has been my distinct honor to serve as President of ACOMS during the last year. As my term comes to a close, I invite you all to join us in New Orleans, April 21-23, for the ACOMS 39th Annual Scientific Conference and JKOMSF Pearls VII Meeting. This fantastic educational opportunity will highlight new technological advancements and fundamental surgical procedures for the entire spectrum of OMS practice. The meeting is dedicated to one of our specialty’s visionary leaders, Dr. John N. Kent. I look forward to welcoming Stephanie Drew as the new ACOMS President. I look forward to working with you to further the care of patients, for whom it is ultimately our privilege to serve. Best wishes for your continued health and success.

R. Bryan Bell, MD, DDS, FACS, FACD
President
2018 Election Results

Join us in welcoming our new 2018 Officers and Regents!

On April 23, 2018, the following Officers will accede to their new positions:

- **President**
  Dr. Stephanie Drew

- **Immediate Past President**
  Dr. R. Bryan Bell

- **President-Elect**
  Dr. Kevin Rieck

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- **Region I (Northeast)**
  Dr. Daniel Oreadi

- **Region II (Mid-Atlantic)**
  Dr. Robert Diecidue

- **Region III (Southeast)**
  Dr. Brian Farrell

- **Region IV (Great Lakes)**
  Dr. Faisal Quereshy

- **Region V (Mid-West)**
  Dr. Kevin Arce

- **Region VI (West)**
  Dr. Tara Aghaloo

- **Region VII (At-Large Regent)**
  Dr. Allen Fielding
Take a few days from your schedule to enrich your practice and skills, while meeting with old friends. Conference Chairs Tara Aghaloo, DDS, MD, PhD and Brian Farrell, DDS, MD have assembled an outstanding faculty of experts and an exciting educational program. Additionally, we will honor R. Gilbert Triplett, DDS, PhD, Vice Chair, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Texas A&M College of Dentistry, with the 2018 ACOMS W. Harry Archer Award.

New Orleans will be a fantastic home for this meeting. The Ritz-Carlton is conveniently located one block from historic Bourbon Street and near many sites and great shopping. All registrants are our guests at the National World War II Museum for the premier social event sponsored by Straumann.

We also recommend registering for the Pre-Conference Virtual Surgical Planning Hands-on Symposium on April 20. This interactive cadaver program will help OMS and residents gain advanced knowledge of this technology to improve patient outcomes and save valuable time.
The Elaine A. Stuebner Scholars Award is an essay-based competition that awards one board certified female oral and maxillofacial surgeon annually the opportunity to attend a post-educational meeting to advance her knowledge and skills. The program enables award recipients to become and remain engaged with other women mentors in the specialty to learn, to mentor in-turn, and to perpetuate the cycle throughout their careers.

This year’s essay contest prompted participants to write about a female leader, past or present, with whom they would want to spend an hour. Dr. Appugounder’s submission detailed the rich history of Marie Curie and was chosen for her use of storytelling to convey the importance of female role models in scientific and surgical fields.

Dr. Appugounder is currently completing a pediatric craniofacial fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine. She is an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the University of Minnesota Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, a private practice oral and maxillofacial surgeon at Metro Dentalcare in Burnsville, Minnesota, and a Major in the US Army Reserves.

Dr. Appugounder is the second woman to receive this award. It was first awarded to Shelly Abramowicz, DMD, MPH in 2017. ACOMS will recognize Dr. Appugounder on April 22 at the 39th Annual Scientific Conference & JKOMSF Pearls VII Meeting in New Orleans.

The award fund is made possible by founding sponsors:

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“it never ceases to amaze me how there are women around you that are battling some of the hardest things in life and still serve with a smile.”

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Faisal Quereshy, MD, DDS, FACS, will be joining the ACOMS Board of Regents at the end of April. Dr. Quereshy is the Residency Program Director for the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Case Western Reserve/University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center. He is also the Medical Director of Visage Surgical Institute in Medina, OH. Dr. Quereshy is triple board certified by the American Board of Cosmetic Surgery (ABCS), the American Board of Facial Cosmetic Surgery (ABFCS) and the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (ABOMS).

When did you first join ACOMS and how did you become more involved in leadership roles for the College?

I first joined ACOMS as a Resident Member around 1999. I became more involved with the College when I was first invited by former President Jon Perenack to speak as a guest lecturer for the Rhinoplasty Hands-on Cadaver Workshop in 2012. I’ve spoken at several ACOMS cosmetic courses and Annual Meetings ever since, covering topics that include facial rejuvenation and injections. Most recently, I’ve been enlisted by President R. Bryan Bell to assist with the programming for the new Lifestyle Series, as golfing is one of my favorite pastimes.

Who are some of the people that have mentored you throughout the years?

Within the ACOMS family, Chuck Hasse, Rob Strauss, Jon Perenack, and Pedro Franco have been very influential to me. However, I would say most of the people at ACOMS, really. I know them all and they have all influenced me in some way.
What were some of the challenges you faced along your educational or career journey?
I don’t have these same challenges now, but early on, when I first came on the faculty of Case Western Reserve with cosmetics training, the early challenges were trying to be accepted while doing something that was beyond the scope of the traditional OMS training program. I needed to establish myself within the hospital and the community. Eighteen years later, I’m still running the program and training the residents. The residents have no problem establishing themselves throughout the country. Cosmetics is being accepted as a specialty and is expanding the OMS scope of practice.

What advice do you have for dental students who are just embarking on their careers?
For anybody: whatever you do, be passionate about it. Do it for good reasons and not for the monetary gain. I like the saying, “if you love what you do, you never feel like you’ve worked a day in your life.” And it’s true, because the work comes from the heart.

For dental students, we would love for you to choose OMS, because it’s all-encompassing. It’s a hybrid of dentistry and medicine. We get to care for patients in many different ways. But whatever you decide to choose, do it with sincerity and good things will come.
ACOMS and FACES 31st Annual Winter Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended our 31st Annual Winter Meeting with FACES. The meeting was a huge success. A total of 106 people gathered in Big Sky, Montana from February 18-23. Directed by Dr. Myron R. Tucker, Dr. Charles D. Hasse, Dr. Brian B. Farrell, and Dr. R. Bryan Bell each day of the meeting featured two lectures on advancements in orthognathic and craniofacial surgery, implantology, and facial cosmetic surgery.

The post-meeting attendee survey received a 56% response rate. Out of those responses, 80% rated the overall course quality as excellent. As a result of their participation, 67% said they would implement changes to their practice. Some of these changes include improvement to grafting techniques and increased use of surgical assisted orthodontics.

Thank you to the course chairs, speakers, exhibitors, and sponsors for helping us deliver our mission of surgical excellence through education. We look forward to seeing you all on the slopes again next year!

Mark your calendars
ACOMS & FACES 32nd Annual Winter Meeting
February 24-March 1, 2019
The Peaks Resort & Spa
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The use of cell phones and other wireless technology in patient care is a big trend in medicine. Many OMS find text messaging provides quick access to the information they need to make decisions. But OMS and staff need to keep in mind privacy and security concerns when texting. Whether the devices are organization owned or personally owned, organizations that use mobile devices to text health information should comply with HIPAA regulations.

Typical short message service (SMS) texting doesn’t offer the security necessary to send protected health information (PHI). That means patient privacy might be compromised if those messages can be seen by unauthorized individuals.

Also, multiple carriers might be involved in routing text messages, messages can remain on servers unencrypted, and there’s no guarantee the intended person will receive and read the message. Security of PHI is a top concern for OMS and their practices. And if unsecure texting results in HIPAA violations, you could face costly penalties.

So how can you make sure your texting habits are up to HIPAA standards? First, you should decide how to incorporate texting into health record documentation policies. HIPAA states that individuals have the right to view and amend PHI used to make clinical decisions about their care, which might include information sent via text. As such, organizations that allow text messaging should develop policies “requiring annotation of the medical record with any ePHI that is received via text and is used to make a decision about a patient.”

Although HIPAA doesn’t ban sending PHI through text, a system of administrative, physical, and technical safeguards must be used to ensure the integrity of the PHI “in transit.” To do that, OMS must use secure messaging systems. When starting that process, check with your accrediting organization to see if they provide guidance or texting standards. For example, The Joint Commission requires healthcare employees send text messages through a secured messaging platform that includes a secure sign-on process, encrypted messaging, delivery and read receipts, date and time stamps, customized message retention (Continued)
How to Keep Text Messaging HIPAA Compliant

timeframes, and a specified contact list for individuals authorized to receive and record orders.4

When evaluating messaging systems, look for multi-level encryption (e.g., encryption of stored data, transmitted data, and data within the application). The technology also should be able to operate on many devices, such as mobile phones running various operating systems, tablets, and desktop computers.5 Some other features of a secure text messaging system to consider are:

- Data storage on a secure private server with backup
- A remote option for removing/disabling the application from a mobile device in case the device is lost or stolen
- Automatic logout after a period of inactivity
- The ability to function on various wireless frequencies and Wi-Fi to avoid dead zones
- The ability to track and confirm message delivery
- The ability to set a maximum message data life (e.g., 30 days)6

You should also think about the benefits of comprehensive systems, rather than single-purpose. Comprehensive messaging systems should easily integrate with your practice’s calendar, directory, customer relationship management system, single sign-on capabilities, and document-sharing service.7

Finally, look into selecting a messaging system that offers instant access to documents, images, and resources within conversations, so you and your staff don’t have to switch apps (or context) to access critical information.

Still not sure how to make your texting HIPAA compliant? OMS Preferred by MedPro Group is here to help. Our risk management experts can help walk you through this topic, and so many others, whenever you’re ready. Give us a call today at 800-4MEDPRO ext. 119660.

3 Is text messaging HIPAA compliant? HIPAA Journal.
6 Ibid.
This Month in…

**Use of Integra in oral reconstruction: a case series**
L. Rúa Gonzálvez, MD; L. de Villalaín Álvarez, MD, DDS, PhD; A. Novoa Gómez, MD; J.C. de Vicente Rodríguez, MD, DMD, PhD; I. Peña González, MD, DDS, PhD
Small intraoral defects are usually reconstructed using skin autografts. However, the goal of this research was to describe an alternative to classic techniques using artificial dermis (Integra) in the reconstruction of these types of injuries.

**Predictors of obturator functioning and satisfaction in Turkish patients using an obturator prosthesis after maxillectomy**
Meltem Ozdemir-Karatas, PhD, DDS; Ali Balik, PhD, DDS; Gülümser Evlioglu, PhD, DDS; Ömer Uysal, PhD; Kadriye Peker, PhD
The aim of this study was to determine the sociodemographic, behavioral, and clinical factors affecting obturator function and satisfaction using the obturator functioning scale (OFS) in maxillectomy patients rehabilitated with obturator prostheses.

**Microbial population changes in patients with medication-related osteonecrosis of the jaw treated with systemic antibiotics**
Lieselotte De Bruyn, MD; Ruxandra Coropciuc, MD, DDS; Wim Coucke, PhD; Constantinus Politis, MD, DDS, PhD
This study aimed to investigate the bacterial population in patients with medication-related osteonecrosis of the jaw (MRONJ) after treatment with doxycycline and metronidazole.

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