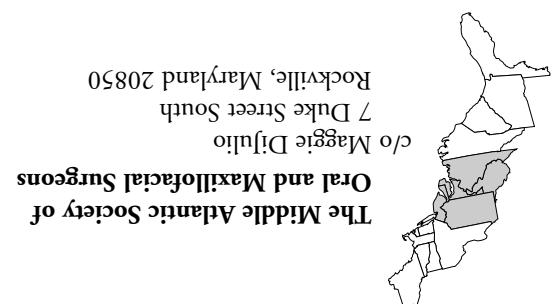


**The MASOMS Fall Meeting
featuring Dr. Craig Misch
will be held on
Wednesday, November 3, 2004 at the
Turf Valley Resort and Conference Center
in Ellicott City, Maryland.**

**Program information will be mailed in September.
Please mark your calendars.**





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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLE ATLANTIC SOCIETY OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEONS

A Message from the President of the Middle Atlantic Society of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons

After a cold winter, it is nice to see longer hours of the day and increasing temperatures. Our Fall, 2003 meeting was quite successful. Many thanks to Dr. Peter Moy for his excellent presentation on Implant Dentistry. Dr. Moy's knowledge and approachability made for an excellent educational experience. He also deserves recognition for his generosity and his support of our specialty. Dr. Moy donated his honorarium to the OMS Foundation. His example, actions and leadership as an oral and maxillofacial surgeon are to be commended.

Turf Valley Resort and Conference Center in Ellicott City, Maryland will again be the venue for the April 28, 2004 Spring Meeting. We have invited Dr. James Swift to be our presenter. Dr. Swift is a noted speaker on anesthesia and pharmacology. More detailed information regarding his lecture can be found in this newsletter. As always, you should have received a brochure under a separate mailing. Registration forms can also be found online at www.masoms.org.

The MASOMS Executive Committee believes its primary charge is to present quality educational programs to our members at a convenient location and at a reasonable price. Additionally, we believe in taking an active role in the promotion of our specialty. On occasion, we have afforded the opportunity to candidates seeking election for AAOMS officer positions to speak to our membership.

We will continue to do so as it is important for all of us to be able to put a face to the name and message of these candidates. In the past, we were blessed by the interest and activity of Dr. Richard Simeone. Dr. Dan Daley, president-elect of AAOMS, has continued in this tradition. Our District II Trustee, Dr. Ed Slade, has also been very active with our Society. We thank him for all his past support and look forward to working with him and Dr. Ira Cheifetz, treasurer of AAOMS, in the future.

Our Executive Committee attempts to maintain diverse geographic representation. The officers and members at large are appreciated by me, for their time, diligence and teamwork. Including myself, the Executive Committee members for MASOMS in 2004 are as follows: Drs. Robert Emery, Washington, DC, Immediate Past President; James Adams, Pennsylvania, president-elect; Howard Strauss, Maryland, Vice President; Thomas Yingling, Pennsylvania, Treasurer; Henry Zussman, Virginia, Secretary; Eugene D'Amico, Delaware, Member-At-Large; Arthur Jee, Maryland, Member-At-Large; T. Dean Bobbitt, West Virginia, Member-At-Large and David Bitonti, Military Liaison. Our Society only functions efficiently and smoothly through the assistance of our Executive Director, Ms. Maggie DiJulio. You have my assurance that decisions are made only after thoughtful debate. These decisions are influenced with the best interest of our membership and specialty in mind.

The specialty of oral and maxillofacial surgery is what it is today because of the past and at least a portion of the future depends on us. Our strengths lie with our members and our leaders. However, several other endeavors are worthy of our support; be it time or money. Not only would I hope that you would consider supporting the Foundation and OMSFAC, but also be an advocate for these organizations to your colleagues. Unfortunately, poorly timed complacency can have devastating effects. I believe that being proactive opposed to reactive is a better way to shape our future. AAOMS has scheduled a "Day on the Hill" in May. Since traveling to Washington, DC is relatively easy for most of us, I would hope that the Mid-Atlantic region would be well represented.

Both the ADA and AAOMS are to be commended for their review of and comments regarding enteral sedation. As leaders in dental anesthesia, it is important that we continue to work with our state boards to develop guidelines, protocols and educational requirements for enteral anesthesia. The wheels of legislation turn slowly until prompted by a public outcry. It is important that we continue to advocate safety and excellence in all aspects of dental anesthesia.

Best wishes to you, your family, staff and friends.

**Bradford J. Porter, DDS
President**



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AAOMS District II Trustee Report

Dear MASOMS Colleagues:

In the midst of winter, summer made a brief appearance February 6-8, during the AAO/AAOMS Joint Winter Conference in Palm Springs, CA. The program offered an excellent mix of combined orthodontic, implant and orthognathic sessions lead by a faculty composed of leaders from both specialties. Thanks to everyone who helped make the program a success. The sold-out program attracted more than 200 oral and maxillofacial surgeons and 600 orthodontists. The AAOMS BOT and the Orthodontic BOT also had a joint meeting to discuss areas of mutual concern as we attempt to meet the challenges of oral health care delivery. Our mutual interactions with the ADA, the Commission on Dental Accreditation and other areas of joint cooperation were discussed.

Just before the AAO/AAOMS program, your AAOMS Board of Trustees met to consider a number of important issues, including the following:

The AAOMS Scope of Practice Survey, which was sent to all members last December, is already providing intriguing data about OMS practice. More data is needed, however, before we can draw any definitive conclusions. If you have not submitted the survey yet, please complete it online at AAOMS.org or request a hard copy from the AAOMS office.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently published its Guidelines for Infection Control in Dental Healthcare Settings. AAOMS provided recommendations during the comment period, which were incorporated into the final guidelines. Although the guidelines are considered just that — guidelines — it is the CDC's opinion that they are "the minimum standard of care." Of some concern to oral and maxillofacial surgeons, is the recommendation that sterile gloves be worn during all OMS procedures.

AAOMS is now in the process of discussing our concerns with members of Congress and will continue to work with others to see that the guidelines are based on science.

We hope to document our excellent record of cost effective outpatient safety and infection control. In addition, this issue will be a high priority for our lobbying during Day on the Hill. More information on this will appear in *AAOMS Today* and on AAOMS.org.

A new Security Regulations Manual addressing the requirements of the HIPAA Standards for the security of electronic health information will be available for purchase this spring through the AAOMS store. Healthcare providers must comply with the requirements of the rule no later than April 20, 2005. The manual will be available on two CD-ROMs that include the forms needed for compliance.

In spite of the annual meeting "move" last year, AAOMS had another excellent financial year with preliminary projections showing a significant positive return. The board approved a recommendation from the Budget and Finance Committee that \$100,000, in addition to the already budgeted \$50,000, be transferred into the House of Delegates reserve fund.

The board reviewed the program for the 2004 Annual Meeting, which will be held September 29-October 2, at the San Francisco Hilton and the Moscone West Convention Center. I encourage you to make your plans early to attend this exciting program.

Please consider supporting your profession's legislative efforts by attending our annual Day on the Hill on Wednesday, May 19 in Washington, DC. Get details at AAOMS.org. It's IMPORTANT!

We received the final copies of the new OMS Recruitment Video and accompanying brochure. The video, which is specifically designed for presentation to dental students contemplating additional specialty training, features valuable training, mentoring and lifestyle information. If you plan to visit a dental school, or know prospective residents, contact the AAOMS headquarters office for more information — the materials turned out GREAT.

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Dr. James Wallace visits with Deb Stevens at the CollaGenex Pharmaceuticals table



Drs. Kashif Poshni and Robert Emery, MASOMS Immediate Past President with Laura Nordness, Implant Innovations



Scott Steller, Windent sales representative and meeting attendee, Dr. Richard Nessif

Highlights from the Fall 2003 Meeting at the Turf Valley Resort ...

*Drs. Barry Berman and Daniel Fried
visit with Phil Myers (middle) of
Eastern Medical Technologies*



*Guest lecturer, Dr. Peter Moy
with Dr. Jim Adams,
MASOMS President-Elect*



*Osteohealth Company sales
representative, Chuck Malcomson
and Dr. Hamid Kazemi*



AAOMS District II Trustee Report

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The Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Foundation Capital Campaign is in NEED of your HELP to give back to the specialty a "stewardship" for future OMSs. Please contact the Foundation's new executive director, Frank Kurtz, for specific details on planned giving.

Medicare reform now gives OMSs the authority to contract privately with patients (opting out) if specific Medicare forms are completed. Further information can be obtained at AAOMS.org or by contacting the AAOMS headquarters office.

The BOT reviewed and acted upon the report of the Commission on Professional Conduct (CPC). The recommended changes and revised standards will be available soon and will be discussed in *AAOMS Today* and on the AAOMS web site.

A CD of the recently completed, very informative Anesthesia Audio Conference is available for purchase through the AAOMS store for only \$50.00. GOOD INFORMATION!

We are excited about the possibilities awaiting the specialty and our association but we need your HELP and PARTICIPATION. As always, it is a privilege and a pleasure to represent District II on the AAOMS Board of Trustees. If I can be of assistance to you, please let me know.

Edwin W. Slade, Jr., D.M.D., J.D.
AAOMS District II Trustee

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The Society continues to communicate with its members, vendors and affiliates, via the website.

For organizational news, special events, membership information and more, please visit www.masoms.org. The site will be updated regularly as information becomes available. Please feel free to e-mail any comments or suggestions to the Society's Executive Director, Ms. Maggie DiJulio at masomsdir@msn.com.

MASOMS Hosts 2004 Spring Meeting

The Society will hold its Spring meeting on Wednesday, April 28, 2004 at the Turf Valley Resort and Conference Center in Ellicott City, Maryland.

The featured speaker, Dr. James Swift will present an all day program on "Contemporary Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Outpatient Anesthesia and Pain Control." Dr. Swift will present the following information: new anesthetic drugs for OMS outpatient procedures, current monitoring standards, newly introduced medications and potential contraindications with general anesthetics, general anesthesia vs. deep sedation's, new medical treatments for common diseases, contemporary treatment of medical emergencies, advancements and considerations in the use of opioids for post operative pain control, the effects of non steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs on healing and much more!

Dr. Swift will provide scenarios and case presentations to illustrate and demonstrate decision making to determine the appropriate anesthetic technique. Eight hours of continuing education will be provided for this course.

Dr. Swift is currently associate professor and director of the Division of OMS at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry. He is a graduate of the University of Iowa College of Dentistry and completed his OMS surgery residency-training program at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. Dr. Swift was elected as Director of the American Board of OMS and currently serves on educational committees and in other capacities for a number of organizations.

In addition to Dr. Swift's program, this meeting will feature a variety of tabletop exhibits. Vendors will be available to discuss and demonstrate the latest in equipment, materials and services available to the oral and maxillofacial surgeon.

Program information was mailed in March. If you have not already registered for this meeting, please do so soon as space is limited. For a meeting brochure, please visit the MASOMS website at www.masoms.org or contact Maggie DiJulio, Executive Director at 301-217-0864. We look forward to having you join us for this special event.

MASOMS would like to extend a special thank you to the following companies who exhibited at the 2003 Fall Meeting. Your continued support of our organization is appreciated.

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Inova Corporation	Synthes Maxillofacial
KLS Martin, L.P.	Trealar & Heisel
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The State of the Delaware...

The residency program at the Christiana Care Medical Center (formerly the Medical Center of Delaware) continues to flourish. With the addition of Dr. Joseph Napoli to the staff, we have added primary cleft lip repair and craniofacial surgery, as well as pediatric distraction to the education of our residents. As a Level I Trauma Center, our residents and attending staff remain quite active in this area as well. Dr. Edwin Granite, as chief of the Department of OMS and Hospital Dentistry and Dr. Louis Rafetto, as education director are busy preparing for an ADA site visit in the fall. On a final note, our State Society is taking steps to address re-certification for those holding an anesthesia permit.

Eugene M. D'Amico, DDS
Newark, DE

The State of the District of Columbia...

The most recent meeting of the DCSOMS was held on February 19, 2004 at Sam and Harry's Restaurant where we had a fantastic meal and lively discussions. We thank our corporate sponsor, Denstply/Friadent for their support.

Dr. Steven Guttenberg presented a report concerning his recent participation in a Dental Leadership meeting of the District of Columbia. There was a great deal of discussion about the fact that the District ranks at the bottom for reimbursement from Medicaid for dental services. We are supporting local efforts by the DC Dental Society to improve the level of care for this under served community. The major problem with access results from reimbursement rates that are not financially viable for providers. In addition, there is a great deal of concern within the District of Columbia dental community concerning the lack of dental hygienists. The DCSOMS is supporting efforts by the dental community to address this manpower issue. This may result in efforts to open the Dental Practice Act. The Society is monitoring these events closely.

Our new web site, dcomfs.org is up and running and we are attempting to have

this site linked to other local dental web sites. Finally, Dr. Daniel Howard has resigned his position as delegate to AAOMS and elections will be held at our next meeting. We all thank him for his dedication and hard work on our behalf.

Robert W. Emery, D.D.S.
President/Elect, DCSOMS

The State of Maryland...

The MSOMS was privileged to host Dr. Raymond J. Fonseca, Professor and Dean Emeritus, University of Pennsylvania and Dr. Timothy A. Turvey, Professor and Chairman, University of North Carolina at our Spring Scientific Meeting on March 3, 2004 at the Turf Valley Resort and Conference Center in Ellicott City, Maryland.

Dr. Fonseca enlightened us with his management of maxillary transverse deficiency using the surgical assisted rapid palatal expansion technique. He also related his experience with bilateral sagittal split mandibular osteotomies. Dr. Turvey presented his experiences using biodegradable bone plates and screws as well as his technique for management of the patient with anterior open bite with short posterior facial height. All of us in the specialty owe a debt of gratitude to these two stalwart leaders and visionaries.

Dr. Robert Ord, Chairman of the Department of OMS at the University of Maryland Dental School, advises that a fifth full-time faculty member will be joining the group this summer after fellowship completion. Craniofacial surgical procedures will then be available and will enable the department to provide an extremely wide scope of care.

Dr. King Smith of Bel Air, Maryland continues to serve on the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners. His current focus at the Board level involves oral conscious sedation. Issues regarding the Board's statutory powers in this area are proceeding through the legislative process. King's Herculean efforts are to be commended.

Thanks to Maggie DiJulio, Executive Secretary, for her efforts in the smooth workings of the MSOMS.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the general meeting on September 14, 2004.

Lynn F. Ascher, D.M.D.
Vice President, MSOMS

The State of Pennsylvania...

The Executive committee of the PSOMS is currently busy with the details of our annual meeting scheduled for May 12 and 13 in State College, PA. Our featured speaker is Dr. Stuart Lieblich, whose presentation is entitled, "Contemporary Review of Ambulatory Anesthesia: From Local to General Anesthetic Techniques." In addition, Dr. William Chung will be giving a presentation to staff entitled, "The Assistant's Role in Dental Office Anesthesia." The second day of the meeting will be a PALS course. This second day is open to PSOMS members only and has a limited registration.

The issue that remains at the forefront for Pennsylvania oral and maxillofacial surgeons is office-based anesthesia and the recently enacted state regulations governing it. Specifically, the regulations mandate office inspections, ACLS, and PALS certification in order to obtain anesthesia licensure (or relicensure).

The PSOMS is working diligently to form the entity that will become the provider of these state-mandated inspections. This is being spearheaded by former AAOMS trustee Dr. Robert Lindner. He is currently soliciting volunteer inspectors from among our ranks. We are hopeful to be up and running within the next several months.

All PSOMS members will soon be receiving registration materials for our annual meeting. Any out-of-state AAOMS member wishing to attend our meeting on May 12 may contact me at (717) 337-3232.

Jim Adams, D.D.S.
President, PSOMS

The State of Virginia...

The VSOMS continues to have an excellent year, following our battles in the legislature last year with SB806 and the issue of

cosmetic facial surgery. We now have in place, a registration process for oral and maxillofacial surgeons and a credentialing process administered by the Virginia Board of Dentistry, for those wishing to perform cosmetic procedures. So far, this has worked out well and the process has been quite smooth. There have been some proposed changes to rules and regulations governing the provision of anesthesia services but we are watching these closely and it appears that this will not be an issue of concern. In an effort to address anesthesia issues, we are also in the process of updating and improving our VSOMS office evaluation process. Spearheading this effort, is Dr. Kim Silloway, who is working diligently to lead us to a state-of-the-art process.

The VSOMS recently sponsored an ACLS course along with a Risk Management Course in Richmond. These were attended by a record number of participants, all of whom completed the ACLS with flying colors. In addition, we are planning for our next VSOMS Annual Meeting to be held June 18-20 in Virginia Beach. In keeping with our theme for the year, the topic will be anesthesia and will feature guest speaker, Dr. Jeff Dembo.

Robert Strauss, DDS
President, VSOMS

The State of West Virginia...

As spring approaches, I am pleased to report that a relatively quiet legislative session is winding down and there is not much news to relay. A request to be included in tongue splitting, primarily for reconstructive purposes, has been the only proposed bill that has directly involved our specialty this year.

The WVSOMS would like to thank outgoing President Dr. Greg Bryant for his leadership as he completes his term. Finally, the WVSOMS will be having a meeting in conjunction with the WVDA at the Greenbrier July 16-17, 2004.

If anyone is interested in attending, please call 304-428-2800.

T. Dean Bobbitt, D.D.S.
Parkersburg, WV

Editor's Corner

A few weeks ago, the oral surgeons in Virginia had the opportunity to renew their ACLS certification. We all met in Richmond and went through our paces. As always, this was a stimulating and fun process, particularly since we are all of the same profession and background. Many of the skills we use in the course are consistent with our background in anesthesia — controlling the airway, reading the EKG's and drug management.

Our proficiency in anesthesia has kept oral surgery as a somewhat unique specialty. How many patients do we see just because they need to be asleep to complete a procedure? AAOMS has mandated that our offices be evaluated to meet certain standards. Statistically the anesthesia we provide in our offices has compared very favorably to comparable hospital procedures in safety

and positive outcome. Yet despite this track record, the ability for us to continue this practice is being challenged in some states. If this is a safety issue or level of care issue, the public has every right to be protected. How different is this than what the oral surgeons in Virginia confronted in seeking to provide cosmetic facial surgery to their patients? The lawmakers ruled with the oral surgeons and appropriate licensing was created.

I hope that our continued ability to provide anesthesia will remain as a cornerstone in our practices. We should have our AAOMS governing bodies control and regulate our standards of care without legislation intervention. What we all want is the best positive outcome for our patients and AAOMS will ensure that will happen.

Henry W. Zussman, D.D.S.

WASHINGTON HOSPITAL CENTER PRESENTS

2004 Dr. Peter Connole Memorial Lecture

The Washington Hospital Center
will host the
2004 Dr. Peter Connole Memorial Lecture
on Saturday, May 1, 2004.

This year's guest lecturer is Dr. David S. Precious,
Dean of the Dalhousie Dental School in Canada.

Dr. Precious will present
***Cleft Lip and Palate Surgery:
the Way of the Future***

The program will run from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon.
There is no registration fee and advanced reservations are not
required. For additional information, please contact
Dr. George Obeid at 202-877-7332.