President’s Message

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Welcome to the ACOMS July newsletter! There’s just something about late July in the world of oral surgery that’s naturally relaxing. By now the summer rush has hit its pace, the heavy lifting is almost complete, and one can already look forward to a slight lull in mid-August. Most of us have planned the last vacation of summer for around that time. We know that with September will come a natural point to professionally “reset” for the next six months. As always, at ACOMS, we recommend that this is a great time to begin planning your educational experiences for the next year.

ACOMS is dedicated to helping provide opportunities for residents. Our Fourth Annual Residents Meeting, November 14-15 in Philadelphia is just one example. This outstanding meeting features surgical and practice management lectures that are specially tailored to a resident audience, opportunities for residents to gain speaking experience by presenting an abstract or case report, and time to meet their peers from across the country. I highly recommend that each program consider sending at least one resident to this year’s meeting, which we are pleased to offer at a cost of only $29 to register.

We are planning two hands-on training courses in the first quarter of 2016. Each course offers significantly discounted registration rates for residents and outstanding education for all OMS: a Hands-on TMJ Arthroscopy and Total Joint Replacement Course is being planned for January, and our latest cosmetic surgery hands-on course, Profile-plasty: Esthetic Surgery of the Nose and Chin, will take place March 12-13, 2016 at LSU in New Orleans.

We recognize that our younger members, residents and recent graduates, often face debt from student loans and new expenses as they enter practice for the first time. ACOMS has two new developments to address those concerns. We now offer complimentary membership to recent graduates in their first year after residency, and we have partnered with SoFi to offer a 0.125% rate reduction discount on student loan refinancing. Learn more about both of these new offerings in this month’s newsletter.

Please stay tuned for detailed information about our upcoming courses, as well as our 37th Annual Scientific Conference and Exhibition, April 9-12, 2016 at the Ritz-Carlton San Juan, PR. Like so many of us, ACOMS is hard at work gearing up for the busy months ahead. It’s going to be a great year.

Best regards,

Jon D. Perenack, DDS, MD
ACOMS President

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Special Announcement for 2015 OMS Residency Graduates: ACOMS Now Offers Complimentary Membership in Your First Post-Residency Year

New this year, ACOMS is pleased to offer complimentary ACOMS Associate Membership to new OMS in the first year after completion of residency. To claim your free Associate Membership, please send a copy or photograph of your letter or certificate of 2015 graduation proof to info@acoms.org. Don’t forget to provide us with your updated contact information!

Program Directors and other academicians: please share this news with your graduating and recently graduated residents!

ACOMS Fellows: Please Renew Your ACOMS Membership For 2016!

ACOMS memberships run on a fiscal calendar from September 1—August 31. Membership dues for 2016 for most active Fellows and Members will be due by August 31, 2015. Renewal notifications are being sent by e-mail throughout July. Early online renewal of your membership is highly encouraged and appreciated.

To renew your membership online:

1. Go to http://acoms.org/renew and enter your Username and Password. If you do not know your password, you may retrieve it here: http://www.acoms.org/password

2. To renew your membership, simply click on “Securely renew my membership now” at the top of the "manage profile" section. From there, you can proceed using our secure, online payment portal by making an instant payment with a credit card.

If you wish to pay our membership dues by check simply wait for your mailed dues invoice, which will be mailed at the beginning of August. Thank you in advance for supporting ACOMS!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us by phone at 202.367.1182 or e-mail admin@acoms.org.
ACOMS Aims High with Continuing Education

As an organization with the mission to enhance surgical excellence through education, our committees and board contemplate and deliberate how we can achieve this lofty goal. One idea that was conceptualized and approved at the January 2015 ACOMS Strategic Planning Meeting was to enhance education and life-long learning through the creation of a new position to coordinate educational product delivery and development. Due diligence ensued resulting in ACOMS contracting with a professional experienced in all aspects of healthcare education including educational planning, design, implementation, and evaluation.

We are excited to announce that Kristin J. Fludder, a continuing medical education professional with more than 20 years of experience in the planning, development, and implementation of live and enduring CME/CE activities, has been contracted to help us advance our educational offerings. Kristin has a wealth of experience with grant proposal development, developing online education, ACCME and ACPE (Pharmacy) standards, and many more skills and abilities that we judge to be essential to help ACOMS meet the learning needs of our members and others in the OMS community.

We will keep members of the College apprised of the developments in our educational portfolio and we encourage you to respond when Kristin and the ACOMS staff contact you as part of a comprehensive needs assessment inventory – an essential first step in the development of education crucial for successful oral and maxillofacial surgeons.

Announcing a New Member Benefit Especially for Residents and Younger OMS: Discounted Student Loan Refinancing from SoFi

ACOMS has partnered with SoFi, the leader in marketplace lending, to offer members a discount on student loan refinancing, mortgages, mortgage refinancing, and personal loans. Their nontraditional underwriting approach takes into account merit and employment history among other factors, so they can offer products that can’t be found elsewhere. Qualified ACOMS members will receive a 0.125% rate reduction through this partnership.

How To Get Started
To apply for a free, no-commitment rate quote, just complete the online application at www.sofi.com/acoms. The application will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. If you qualify for a loan with SoFi and choose to refinance, you will receive an additional 0.125% rate discount as an ACOMS member.

SoFi Informational Webinar
SoFi will host an informational webinar on Tuesday, August 18 at 8:00 PM EDT to answer questions about their offering and how you can save on your student debt. Please register here for the webinar.

Contact
If you have any questions about SoFi’s refinancing loans, please visit www.sofi.com/acoms or call the designated ACOMS contact at SoFi, Madeline Oliver, directly at 1-844-576-2368 or via email at ask@sofi.com.
Save the date and join us in beautiful San Juan, Puerto Rico for a memorable meeting featuring scientific lectures from world-renowned speakers covering the scope of oral and maxillofacial surgery from the pediatric perspective.

**Co-Chairs:** Stephanie Drew, DMD and Pedro Franco, DDS

**Invited Speakers:**

- Tara Aghaloo, PhD, MD, DDS
- Jeffery Bennett, DMD
- Rui Fernandes, DDS, MD
- Cesar Guerrero, DDS
- Deepak Krishnan, DDS
- Javier Mareque, MD, DMD, PhD
- Jon Perenack, DDS, MD
- Paul Tiwana, DDS, MD
- Steven Thomas, DDS, MD
- Patrick Vezeau, DDS, MS
- Carlos Villegas, DDS
At the Fourth Annual ACOMS Residents Meeting, attendees will have a chance to:

- **Learn From the Best** with keynote lectures by world-renowned speakers.
- **Present Their Research** in the Resident Research Forum.
- **Make Connections** with peers from other OMS residency programs to foster collaboration, bolster professional networks and make friends.

The Resident Research Forum at the Residents’ Meeting is an outstanding opportunity for any resident, from PGY-1 through Chief, to:

- **Gain Speaking Experience** by presenting a scientific abstract or interesting/unusual case in a low-pressure environment.
- **Get Feedback** from your peers in attendance to fine-tune your presentation and hone your speaking skills.
- **Win Prizes** including travel awards to attend next year’s Annual Conference.
- **Get Published** Scientific abstracts will be published in *OOOO* Journal

The **deadline for submission** of abstract and case presentations for the Resident Research Forum is **Wednesday, October 21, 2015**.

Resident registration is only $29.

Please save the date, spread the news, and start planning your abstract or case presentation now. Learn more at [www.acoms.org/residents](http://www.acoms.org/residents).

*The American College of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons: Surgical Excellence Through Education*
ACOMS and FACES PRESENT

29th Annual Winter Meeting

February 22-27, 2016
Snowmass, Colorado

Course Directors Dr. Charles Hasse, Dr. Brian Farrell, and Dr. R. Bryan Bell, and Director Emeritus Dr. Myron Tucker cordially invite you to Snowmass, Colorado for the first combined winter meeting of ACOMS and FACES!

Specially developed for oral and maxillofacial surgeons, orthodontists, and general practice dentists, this exceptional learning activity promises to engage attendees by providing practical information which can readily be integrated into the practice setting. Participants will enjoy the educational lectures and the opportunity to connect and network with experts and colleagues.

Invite your OMS colleagues and friends, your family, and your referring dentists and orthodontists to join us this February to enjoy cutting-edge continuing education, and the spectacular activities that have made Aspen/Snowmass a world-famous winter destination.

Register online or learn more about the meeting at www.acoms.org/faces
Complications of Particulate Allografts and Xenografts

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Purpose: Bone grafts are often used for site development when there is insufficient bone for dental implant placement. Autogenous grafts are considered the gold standard, however their use is limited by donor site morbidity and finite quantities of available bone. Thus, allografts and xenografts have been developed and are commonly used for site preparation as an alternative to autogenous grafting.

Method: The aims of this study were to determine the complication rates of particulate grafts, elucidate factors associated with failure, and compare different materials used for bone augmentation in implant sites. This is a retrospective cohort study of patients who had allografts or xenografts placed for site development. The procedures were performed at a single institution by multiple surgeons. Partially edentulous patients with horizontal defects resulting in insufficient bone for implant placement were included in the study. The primary outcome variable was the presence or absence of complications. Odds ratios were performed to determine the effects of age, sex, smoker status, medical comorbidities, implant site, post-op antibiotics, membrane, and type of graft on complications.

Results: Seventy-eight patients with 112 graft sites were studied. Six grafts (5.36%) failed to provide adequate bone volume, requiring a new graft prior to implant placement. Eight sites (7.14%) necessitated additional grafting at the time of implant placement. There were 17 sites (15.17%) that had minor complications (dehiscence, exfoliated graft material, localized infection, loss of membrane, transient neurologic disturbance), which resolved with local measures. Patients over 70 years of age and maxillary premolar sites were less likely to have a complication (p<0.05). Females, smokers, and maxillary incisor sites were more likely to experience a complication (p<0.05). Xenografts were associated with more minor complications than allografts (p<0.05) however they did not lead to more graft failures.

Conclusions: The results of this study suggest that 95% of allografts and xenografts provided adequate bone for implant placement, and judicious patient selection may decrease the incidence of complications, which tend to be minor and resolve with local measures.

ATTENTION RESIDENTS: This monthly segment in the ACOMS Review is your opportunity to share a case report or literature review with a nationwide audience. Articles must be 500 words or less and may not have been previously published. Residents whose articles are accepted in the newsletter will receive a royalty payment of $100. Visit www.acoms.org/articles to learn more.
OMS Malpractice Survival Kit
Jennifer Gibson, OMFS Specialist, Medical Protective

It takes an entire career to build your reputation as an OMS. Have you taken the time to learn about your malpractice insurance options? Sixty-four percent of first-time malpractice insurance buyers allow others to either recommend or decide from which malpractice insurance company they should purchase their insurance.

As part of our commitment to educate oral and maxillofacial surgeons about malpractice insurance, Medical Protective’s OMS Preferred program recently released a digital edition of the OMS Malpractice Survival Kit.

This edition will provide you with everything you need to make an informed decision about malpractice insurance, including a guide to choosing a malpractice company, instructions on how to obtain malpractice insurance, an explanation of policy types and helpful risk management tips. We’ve also included information about MedPro’s OMS Preferred program and why more new OMS are choosing MedPro.

Click here for your free download.

If you have any questions, please contact Jenn Gibson (oms@medpro.com). Our goal is to help you make an informed malpractice insurance decision and to simplify the selection process.

“Malpractice education – teaching the best practices to both residents and practicing OMS – is the best assurance against claims. I would like to congratulate Medical Protective for providing OMS Preferred: great education and protection to meet the needs of our expanding specialty through risk management, superior support, and specialized insurance coverage.”

Dr. Joel Rosenlicht
Featured in this month’s issue:

Sinus membrane perforations and the incidence of complications: a retrospective study from a residency program—Kyle Shiffler, BS, David Lee, BS, Tara Aghaloo, DDS, MD, PhD, Peter K. Moy, DMD, Joan Pi-Anfruns, DMD

Objective: The purpose of this study is to evaluate sinus membrane perforations and the incidence of complications in a residency program.

Study Design: Data from 107 consecutive direct sinus augmentation procedures were reviewed retrospectively from 2008 to 2012.

Discussion: All perforations were repaired intraoperatively with the use of a collagen tape. Intraoperative membrane perforations were observed in 64 of 107 cases (59.8%). Of the perforations, 58 were less than 5 mm in diameter and 6 were 5 mm or greater in diameter. It was found that there were 6 cases (5.6%) that experienced postoperative complications. Of those, 3 occurred in cases with no perforations, 2 with perforations less than 5 mm in diameter, and 1 with a perforation 5 mm or more in diameter. These differences were not statistically significant (P > .05). All observed post-operative complications were related to symptoms of acute infection.

Conclusions: Although membrane perforation was a frequent intraoperative finding, there was no evidence that the presence and size of membrane perforation influences the likelihood of postoperative complications.

Also in this month’s issue:

- Evaluation of bone regeneration with biphasic calcium phosphate substitute implanted with bone morphogenetic protein 2 and mesenchymal stem cells in a rabbit calvarial defect model
  Beom-Su Kim, Moon-Ki Choi, Jung-Hoon Yoon, Jun Lee

- The effectiveness of a new method using an extra-alveolar hemostatic agent after dental extractions in older patients on oral anticoagulation treatment: an intrapatient study
  Roberto Pippi, Marcello Santoro, Arturo Cafolla

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