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Scientific Sessions & Exhibition
September 28 – October 3, 2015
Washington, DC

Annual OMFS Alumni Dinner
Thursday, October 1, 2015
7:30 pm
Joe’s Seafood Restaurant
750 15th Street NW
Washington, DC

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Chief’s Corner  Leonard B. Kaban, DMD, MD

Coming to the end of my tenure as the longest serving Chief of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, this will be my last “Chief’s Corner” for the Newsletter. As I have noted in the past, this time of year is always a uniquely academic experience with nostalgia for the graduating and departing residents and enthusiasm and anticipation for the new interns, returning juniors and new chief residents. In this respect, times do not change.

I am happy to announce that Maria Troulis has been promoted to full Professor at HSDM and has been appointed Chief of the Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Service at MGH and Chair of the Department at HSDM. I am very proud of Maria Troulis’ accomplishments and I enthusiastically look forward to working with her as the new Chief. Maria is the first female OMFS Chief in the history of the Department and she becomes the 5th female chief of service at the MGH at this time. Just for the record, I am not retiring. I plan to continue my clinical practice, research, work with the residents and I plan several book projects.

As I look back on the past 22 years, which I have had the chance to do recently with the Bicentennial celebration in 2011, my 20th anniversary celebration 2 years ago and the Festschrift in my honor last year, I feel comfortable that I have fulfilled my duty to steward the Department and to leave its patient care, education and research programs in excellent condition and positioned to move forward into the future with new leadership. This has only been achieved because of the hard work and dedication of all the residents, fellows, faculty and ancillary staff in this wonderful Department.

I am most proud of the 58 categorical residents and 24 fellows who have graduated our training programs during my tenure and who have moved on to successful careers. I am also grateful for the accomplishments of the full time faculty who have been promoted through the ranks from Instructor, to Assistant Professor and to Associate Professor. Our professorial promotions during this period have included: David Keith to clinical professor, Julie Glowacki to Professor (jointly with Orthopaedic Surgery), Tom Dodson and Maria Troulis to Professor. The accomplishments of the residents, fellows and faculty during my tenure will be my enduring legacy for the Department.

I am proud of the outcome of the recent Harvard Medical School/MGH comprehensive external review of the Department’s clinical, educational, research programs. This was the first time OMFS was reviewed as an HMS/MGH Department and evaluations of all our programs were very
positive. Last year MGH OMFS was ranked #1 in the country in the Doximity survey. This survey is now used by US News and World Report to rank hospitals. Again, these accomplishments were due to the hard work of all our residents, fellows, faculty and ancillary staff. I am sure we will be able to further evolve the Department and take it to yet another level under the leadership of our new Chief, Maria Troulis.

On a day to day basis, it often feels like nothing ever changes and that we have always done things the same way. However, numerous changes have occurred in the Department during the past 22 years. Dr. David Perrott came here with me to be the Residency Program Director in 1994. He was subsequently replaced by Tom Dodson who served 7 years and Maria Troulis who has served 10 years. During this time, the Program was consolidated to a six year program including the 3rd and 4th year of HMS for all residents. We obtained an agreement that provides our residents 2 years of General Surgery credit and we were able to formally revise the trauma rotation to an equal split of all cases.

Under Maria Troulis’ tenure, we have had significant curriculum changes and the volume of the resident service has grown tremendously. The two CODA external reviews under Maria’s leadership both resulted in full accreditation with no recommendations. The AO/Synthes/MBG Fellowship in Pediatric Craniomaxillofacial Surgery has flourished and resident morale has improved significantly. Finally, the Boston Children’s Hospital component of the Program, now with 3 faculty members, has grown and thrived under the leadership of Bonnie Padwa.

On the research front, during the past 22 years, our faculty, residents and students have been tremendously productive in obtaining extramural funding, completing research projects and publishing peer reviewed papers. Our conversion of presented abstracts to publications is over 70% and more than twice the average for our specialty. Approximately 40% of our trainees have entered full or part time academic careers. We developed two research units: 1) Skeletal Biology Research Center under the leadership of Julie Glowacki and then Maria Troulis and 2) Center for Advanced Clinical Investigation under the leadership of Tom Dodson and then Sung Chuang. These two units have helped to maintain our thematically driven research program.

The Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Education and Research Fund has been one of the major achievements of my tenure as Chief. Money for this fund comes from a tax on the Department’s clinical income and philanthropy. It is dedicated to providing research seed grants, education and travel grants for faculty, residents and sponsored students. Over the past 12 years this intramural grant program has funded over $270,000 in projects within the Department. This has helped to grow the research program into one of the strongest in the country and has helped faculty members develop projects to ultimately obtain extramural funding.

The Wednesday evening grand rounds were initiated by me in 1994 to provide a venue for residents and faculty to socialize and learn over a snack and a lecture and to provide a place for residents off service to come back “home” to visit. The combined Grand Rounds with Tufts and Boston University has improved communication and camaraderie between the three Boston programs. Finally, the Department newsletter and website have been enthusiastically received by alumni and friends. I am sure that these activities will evolve under a new Chief but they will endure in some form.

I would be remiss if I didn’t mention the growth of our clinical services over the past 22 years, more than doubling our resident and faculty practice volumes to the point where we see more patients per square foot of clinic space than any other service at MGH. I look forward to the promised expansion and renovation of our clinic space that will occur over the next 18-24 months. I also look forward to the opportunity for Dr. Troulis to recruit additional faculty to the Department.
I will close by welcoming the new interns: Austin Be, Kelley Dentino, Sarav Patel, and preliminary intern, Lisa Rae Gaither; the new Chief Residents, James Tagoni, Somi Kim and Firat Selvi. I also want to welcome Anne-Frederique Chouinard our Pediatric Research and Clinical Fellow. A special word of thanks to Batya Goldwaser, Mariusz Wrzosek and Ricky Ortiz -- they are the last graduating chief residents during my tenure, and I am proud to have played a small role in moulding their careers. They have done a wonderful job and I am confident they will all be tremendously successful in their careers.

It seems like each year is better than the previous one and this year was no exception. A special thank you to Maria Troulis, who started as a Fellow, the 2nd Pediatric CMF fellow in the program, and who has progressed from trainee, to junior faculty member, to colleague, friend, advisor, Program Director, and Professor and now Chief. She is a terrific person and role model for our residents, fellows and students. She will be a great leader.

Finally, I hope you will all join us for our Annual Alumni Dinner on Thursday, October 1, 2015, 7:30 pm at the AAOMS meeting in Washington DC. These dinners are always great fun and this year you will be able to meet and greet our new Chief at the dinner.
Department Highlights

Walter C. Guralnick, D.M.D., Professor Emeritus of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Harvard School of Dental Medicine is the recipient of the 2015 Gies Award for Outstanding Innovation by a Dental Educator. The Gies Awards, named after dental education pioneer William J. Gies, Ph.D., debuted in 2008 and honors individuals and organizations that exemplify the highest standards in oral health and dental education, research and leadership. The Gies Awards were presented on March 9, 2015, in conjunction with the 2015 ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition in Boston, MA.

Dr. Steven J. Scrivani is Co-Investigator of a new brain imaging research grant: PET-MRI Assessment of brain function and microglial expression in mild traumatic brain injury with and without headache. PI: Clas Linnman (David Borsook). Funding source: The Mayday Fund. Duration of study: 6 months.

Congratulations to Chief Resident, Dr. Somi Kim who became a U.S. citizen on March 26, 2015!

Lectures/Presentations

Dr. Leonard B. Kaban
Featured speaker at the Connecticut Society of OMFS 48th Annual Educational Symposium on April 8, 2015 on Jaw Tumors in Children.
L ectured at MGH Pediatric Grand Rounds on June 30 on Facial Trauma in Children: Advances in Diagnosis, Prevention and Management.
On May 29 presented a paper entitled Diagnosis and Management of Giant Cell Tumors: A 20 year review of the MGH Protocol at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Craniomaxillofacial Surgery in Houston, Texas.

Dr. R. Bruce Donoff
Commencement speaker at the UCLA School of Dentistry on May 31, 2015. The school celebrated its 50th Anniversary and was started by a faculty member from the Harvard School of Dental Medicine.

Dr. David A. Keith
Pain Management for the Dentist, 2 hour CE lecture for BORIB licensing to Yankee Dental Congress (Jan. 31, 2015); South Shore Dental Society in Randolph, Mass (May10); and Beacon Hill Day, Massachusetts Dental Society Leadership Group in (May 15).
Orofacial Pain, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center Pain Center Fellowship Program, May 18.

Dr. Zachary S. Peacock
Course faculty/lecturer at AO Principle of Operative Treatment in Craniomaxillofacial Trauma and Reconstruction in Baltimore, MD, March 21.
**Dr. Steven J. Scrivani**


*Differential Diagnosis of Craniofacial Pain; Evaluating and Treating Pain: Principles and Practice of Pain Medicine,* Harvard Medical School continuing Medical Education Course, Boston, June 4.

*Medicine Update for Dental Practitioners;* Course Director: Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, Department of Continuing Education, May 20.

**Dr. Jeffry Sheafer**

One hour seminar on *Interprofessional Education for Pain Management,* American Dental Education Association Annual Meeting, March 2015.

*Pain Management for the Dentist* to the Cape Code Dental Study Club, March 19.

Pain Course at Tufts School of Dental Medicine on *Gender based differences in pain processing,* March 12.

**Dr. Maria J. Troulis**

University of Laval Grand Rounds, Quebec City, Canada on *Distraction Osteogenesis,* February 18.

AO Visiting Professor at the University of Illinois in Chicago on *Applications of Distraction Osteogenesis and Minimally Invasive Surgery,* February 23 & 24.

Columbia University/New York Presbyterian Hospital Grand Rounds lecture on *Endoscopy for Ramus/condyle unit,* March 12

Invited lecturer at CAOMFS (Colombian Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons), March 25-28 in Cali, Colombia. Lectured on *Distraction Osteogenesis, Minimally Invasive Reconstruction and Facial Trauma.*


AO North America Visiting Professor at Mount Sinai Beth Israel Jacobi Medical Center in New York, lecturing on *Minimally Invasive Reconstruction of the Mandible,* May 2.

Lectured at HSDM Advanced Graduate dental education series on May 11 on *Regeneration and Reconstruction of Temporomandibular Joint* in the Craniofacial Development and Genetics Course; and May 16 on *Distraction Osteogenesis.*
The terrific Chief residents who graduated this June, **Batya Goldwaser**, **Ricky Ortiz** and **Mariusz Wrzosek** did a wonderful job. I am thrilled to announce that they are pursuing academic careers. Batya is going to St. Barnabas Hospital and Staten Island University Hospital (New York) and Mariusz is going to Loyola University Medical Center in Chicago. We wish them well and look forward to hearing about their future accomplishments.

Our four graduating interns have done a superb job. **Mark Rowan**, **Jeff Hajibande** and **Ami Amini** are heading to Harvard Medical School. We are working with Drs. Robert Mayer and Edward Hundert at HMS to seamlessly integrate the OMFS residency and the new HMS-Curriculum!

We welcome the 2015-16 categorical interns: **Austen Be**, **Kelley Dentino** and **Sarav Patel** and our Preliminary Intern **Lisa Rae Gaither**.

**Alejandro Arango** is joining the department as a Junior Resident. He received his DDS degree from CES University, Colombia, South America in 1997 and completed a residency in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in 2004 at the same institution. He will spend 2 years here, becoming a Chief Resident in 2016.

**Shravan Kumar Renapurkar** has completed the Pediatric OMFS Clinical & Research Fellowship. I hope that he has enjoyed being here as much as we have enjoyed having him. Shravan is joining the full time faculty in the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery program at Virginia Commonwealth University. We wish him all the best!

Our new Pediatric OMFS Clinical & Research Fellow **Anne-Frederique Chouinard** comes to us from Laval University, Quebec City, Canada where she completed her OMFS residency in June 2015. Her research duties will include defining the sequence of bone healing of the continuous curvilinear mandibular distracton wound.

Thank you to all the auxiliary staff, under John McGillivray’s leadership, for your support of the residency training program. A personal thank you to Suzanne Byrne, who is our wonderful Residency Coordinator who keeps our program organized. More importantly, she cares deeply about the program and the residents. She organized a wonderful Change Party this year. We had a terrific and flawlessly organized CODA review... next one in 2020!

Thank you to the faculty who make it possible to run such a busy and wonderful program. Most importantly, thank you to the residents...you are the reason we all do what we do!!!

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then, is not an act, but a habit."  Aristotle
The Division welcomes a number of new professional staff to its Danvers office. Hubert Park, DMD, MPH received his training in pediatric dentistry from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine (TUSDM) and has an interest in special needs patients. He is serving as Chair of the Massachusetts Dental Society Committee for Dentistry for Special Needs Patients. Sung-Kiang Chuang, DMD is providing outpatient oral surgical care, and Nicole Holland, DDS, MS, a former fellow of the MGH Harvard Orofacial Pain and TMD Program and now the TUSDM Director of Health Communication, Education, and Promotion, is building an orofacial pain practice in Danvers.

Members of the Division have been involved in a number of professional activities. Dr. Nicholas Dello Russo is on the editorial board of the International Journal of Periodontics and Restorative Dentistry. Dr. David Kim was instrumental in Harvard School of Dental Medicine’s effort to formalize an affiliation agreement with Taipei Medical University’s College of Oral Medicine in Taiwan and Peking University’s School of Stomatology in Beijing, China in order to foster greater academic cooperation and scholarly exchange over the next three years. Dr. Kim visited both schools in May for the signing ceremonies. Dr. Katherine Klein co-authored “The Habsburg Jaw re-examined” by Peacock ZS, Klein KP, Mulliken JB, Kaban LB in Am J Med Genet A. 2014 Sep;164A(9):2263-9. doi: 10.1002/ajmg.a.36639.

Congratulations to Dr. Jennifer Magee for receiving the Partners in Excellence Award for leadership and innovation. She was also honored as a Ten Under Ten member by the Massachusetts Dental Society. Ten members who have graduated from dental school within the last ten years are selected annually based on their significant contributions to the profession, community, and/or organized dentistry. Dr. Magee also participated in the annual North Shore Cancer Walk sponsored by the North Shore Medical Center and the MassGeneral Danvers Cancer Center in June.

We congratulate our graduating general practice residents, who were a pleasure to work with and who formed a cohesive, productive, and effective team. Dr. Kathryn Coyle will practice with her father in New Jersey and Dr. Khristy Fontillas will be in private practice in Metro Boston. We welcome our new residents for the academic year 2015-2016, Dr. Renee Rubenstein and Dr. Alison Kudish from the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine.
Now in its eleventh year, CACI continues to gain traction as a high quality source of patient-oriented research. Since the last update, CACI faculty and fellows, in collaboration with residents and HSDM students, published 12 peer-reviewed articles, chapters, and editorials, spanning the clinical outcomes topics.

Dr. Chuang completed his fourth year as the Statistical Editor of JOMS and has reviewed manuscript submissions for JOMS, IJOMS, and OOOO. Dr. Chuang also continues to be a member of the AAOMS Task Force for Evidence-Based Third Molar Management. He continues to work on clinical outcomes patient-oriented research as the focus of evidence-based analysis and clinical investigation.

During 2014-15, CACI presented a continuing education program on Evidence-Based Implant Dentistry, continuing to draw attendees internationally. In September 2014, CACI organized and directed by Dr. Chuang presented the international CE course of this popular program at the MGH.

Dr. Ya-Wei Chen has just completed the first of her two year CACI Fellowship in Clinical Investigation started in July 2014. She is the fifth CACI fellow and the second international fellow. Sponsored by her hospital and a grant from the Taiwan government, her two-year fellowship will include didactic and research activities at Mass General Hospital. Dr. Chen is currently an attending OMS. She has a faculty appointment as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Stomatology, Taipei Veterans General Hospital in Taiwan and the National Yang-Ming University School of Dentistry where she has practiced oral and maxillofacial surgery while advancing patient-centered outcomes research. She will spend time in basic science research and clinical outcomes patient-oriented research. If you see her around, please say hello and welcome her to our Mass General and HSDM OMS family.

We want to emphasize that the excellence of our student research is a direct result of OMS Foundation (OMSF) support. We are proud of the contributions by our faculty group, the Mass Society of OMS, and MGH alumni. We urge those of you who benefit from our continued research to support our activities through OMSF and our Department’s ERF. Visit CACI at www.caciOMS.org.

HSDM graduated thirty-seven new dentists in the class of 2015. Seven members of the class will begin oral and maxillofacial surgery (OMS) internships and residencies: Naeem Ali (U. of Texas, Houston, TX), Eliezer Brecher (Tufts University, Boston, MA), Gino Inverso (U. Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA), Timothy Jaeger (Emory University, Atlanta, GA), Michael Jungwirth (Rutgers University, Newark, NJ), Sheng Chuan (Charlie) Lin (Highland General Hospital, Oakland, CA), and Edward Schaefer (Loyola University, Chicago, IL). In addition, Kelley Dentino HSDM Class of 2013 (MGH, Boston, MA). Congratulations to all, and welcome to our specialty.

The Advanced Surgical Treatment Course (ASTX) under the directorship of Sung-Kiang Chuang featured returning tutor Ed Seldin, and new tutors Ya-Wei Chen, Peter Chen, and Jane Jiao, all of whom received superb reviews from the students. With fifteen consecutive years of service, Sung-Kiang Chuang was also well-appreciated and continued to serve as director and lecturer. Jeff Shaefer served as a lecturer as well.

Sung-Kiang Chuang has served as a committee member of the AAOMS Task Force for Evidence-Based Third Molar Management chaired by Tom Dodson to enhance our specialty. Dr. Chuang continued to collaborate with Dr. Dodson in clinical outcomes patient-oriented research. [return to top]

I am happy to inform you that the program was granted “initial accreditation” as a new training program. With this accreditation and the prior approval by the Partners Office of Graduate Medical Education, we have accepted and enrolled a resident, Dr. Khawaja Nasir, for the new program starting July 1, 2015. Dr. Nasir received his dental medicine and hospital residency training in Pakistan, followed by the past 3 years at the University of Buffalo in the Department of Diagnostic Sciences and Orofacial Pain. Dr. Nasir also received the Master of Science degree at the University of Buffalo. We are very happy to be able to welcome Dr. Nasir to the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

Nicole Holland, D.D.S., M.S., a former orofacial pain Fellow and now Assistant Professor in the Department of Health Communications, Education and Promotion at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, is a new member of the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Pain in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. She is seeing patients on Thursdays at the MGH North Shore Center for Outpatient Care in Danvers and will be part of the faculty for the 2 year Orofacial Pain residency training program.
Congratulations to....

Seenu Susarla and Natalie Tung (2013 graduates) passed the 2015 ABOMS written boards.

Sandra Konopnicki (2013-14 Research Fellow) received the highest possible honor for her thesis defense on Orthognathic Surgery in Lille, France on June 5.

Marci Levine (2006) and her husband Jason Criss on the birth of their son on June 11. Simon Blake Criss arrived at 10:09 pm weighing 5 lbs. 13 oz. Four minutes later, at 10:13 pm, the Mets, inspired by their newest fan, beat the Giants in the bottom of the ninth inning. “Mom, Dad, big sister Ilana, and our little Mr. Met are all doing great.”

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Watch your email for the next OMFS Newsletter, Volume 18, Issue 1, arriving in the Winter of 2015/16. Please contact us at oralsurgery@partners.org to update your contact information.