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Dear Colleagues:

This has been a busy time for AAOMP since the annual meeting in Montreal in June 2009. We appreciate the efforts on our behalf by Janet Svazas, with Karen Benton, AAOMP Administrative Director, Integrated Solutions. They provide extraordinary support for AAOMP membership and Council. AAOMP staff will be contacting those members that have not paid 2009 dues.

The Dental Specialty Group met on July 30, 2009. ADA-President Ronald Tankersley sat with Mike Kahn, Harvey Kessler, Janet Svazas and me. He spoke about the ADA National Summit on Collaboration. Dr. Tankersley highlighted changes which are affecting all dental groups and remarked that the dental profession's strengths lie in its good communication between groups, a natural co-dependency among specialists and generalists, relationships between education and practice, relations between public health and private practice, and shared core beliefs. Although all groups may share core beliefs, advocacy efforts will be unsuccessful if mixed messages are sent from various groups. Dr. Tankersley focused on the importance of the same message being carried by multiple voices. The purpose of this conference will be to facilitate increased communications between various groups within the communities of interest and the ADA. This summit has not yet been officially approved by the ADA House of Delegates, but tentative dates are January 9-10, 2010. Specialty groups, the AGD, ADEA, and the Dental Trade Association are among those groups that will be invited to participate by sending up to two representatives to Chicago. Dr. Tankersley expressed that the ADA is very interested in specialty groups proposing agenda items to be included for this meeting. Other topics covered at the DSG meeting were the Red Flag Legislation; creation of a specialty logo to be used only by ADA recognized specialists; AAOMR opinion statement on performing and interpreting diagnostic cone beam computed tomography, and mid level providers of dental/ oral care.

John Wright is the Commissioner of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology for CODA (Council on Dental Accreditation). He does an admirable job representing AAOMP.

Congratulations to Kurt Summersgill, Joe Rinaggio, 2006 chair of the Laboratory Service Committee, and the other committee members for completing the ICD-9 Project. They have collected most commonly used codes by oral and maxillofacial pathologists. These ICD9 codes are now posted on the AAOMP web site for members and fellows for convenience under Resources and Links. This is also available for the public.

AAOMP is planning a joint project with Sara Gordon and the ADEA Section on Oral Pathology to develop a curriculum module for oral cancer screening. Robert Kelsch has agreed to serve as chair of an AAOMP committee to begin the development of a national oral cancer screening day, similar to Give Kids a Smile. The AAOMS and ADA are interested in collaborating with us. The American College of Prosthodontists currently offer oral cancer screening in conjunction with their annual meeting. This may be another avenue of collaboration to explore.

The ADA held the 2009 meeting of the ADA Recognized Specialty Certifying Boards and Specialty Organizations, at the ADA Headquarters in Chicago in late August. Steve Vincent, Janet Svazas and I represented the AAOMP, and the ABOMP was represented by its president Paul Freedman and secretary-treasurer Craig Fowler.

At that meeting, ADEA gave an overview of the their response to an alternative to National Board scores for the evaluation of candidates for advanced education. The purpose of the National Board Dental Examination program is to measure whether a candidate possesses entry-level knowledge adequate for the competent practice of dentistry. It is not designed to be used to be used for dental graduate admission. There is great interest among the dental specialties (Dental Specialties Group meeting, July 30, 2009) and a resolution will be submitted to the ADA House of Delegates requesting that an examination be developed for graduate education admissions. ADEA is interviewing program directors to determine the current best practices in specialty education admission, with a short timetable to use focus groups, a national survey in the fall 2009, and a committee of selected program directors to make recommendations about whether a new examination is needed, could the GRE (Graduate Record Examination-General) be used to measure verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning and analytical writing. Also there is a relatively new instrument, the Personal Potential Index (PPI) which measures non-cognitive variables such as knowledge and creativity; communication skills, team work, resilience, planning and organization, and ethics and integrity. Dr. Dennis Manning, ADA Trustee from the eight District, mentioned that most dental specialties have incorporated specific curriculum content or expectations concerning ethics into the graduate training requirements. Our graduate program directors can advise us on this issue.

The ADA Council on Dental Education and Licensure is conducting their 2011 Periodic Review of Dental Specialties for the ADA House of Delegates. The last review was 2001. The 2011 periodic review focuses on changes occurring within specialty education, scope of practice, program enrollments, and demographics. The review addresses the current environment as well as potential trends for the future and how these will impact the public and the profession. The Council and other AAOMP members are working to complete our submission. Council will be working on this in November at the interim meeting. The document is due no later than May 1, 2010. As part of our documentation for this periodic review, Mike Kahn, Harvey Kessler, Steve Vincent, Janet Svazas and I have updated the AAOMP Manpower Survey which was sent to all AAOMP members and fellows. Additional targeted surveys were sent to chairs, program directors, dental/ medical faculty, and deans.

This is the time of year many of you are attending ESTOP and WESTOP meeting. I have many fond memories of ESTOP meetings. I hope you had a wonderful time if you were able to attend either meeting.

Please make sure that you have our next annual meeting on your calendar. May 15 - 19, 2010, Tucson, Arizona at the Lowes Ventana Canyon Resort. John Hellstein and the Education Committee are developing an outstanding continuing education program and Continued Competency Assurance exercise.

Thank you all for the time and effort you make to support the AAOMP.

Best wishes, Susan Zunt
The Executive Council of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology is providing this selective list of suggested diagnostic codes as a service to our community. The codes for each clinical or histopathological diagnosis have been extracted from the ICD-9-CM 2007 (International Classification of Diseases, 9th revision) book published by the American Medical Association. It is important that the diagnosis codes be both accurate and precise, to most closely reflect the reality of the clinical and histopathologic presentation. This precision, sometimes out to a fifth digit, may also be necessary in obtaining appropriate reimbursement from the patient or third-party provider. An additional benefit of this list is that it may contribute to increased uniformity in coding throughout the specialty.

This list of codes is a suggestion, and is not in any way legally binding on the practitioner. Any perceived errors in the list should be reported to Dr. Kurt Summersgill at kfs8@pitt.edu or AAOMP staff at aaomp@b-online.com, for future correction.

The code list is not comprehensive. The complete code list for other diagnoses and procedures, as well as codes that depend on the location of a lesion, are available from the above-named book, similar publications, and at no cost on-line.

To view the list online, please copy this link into your web browser:
http://www.aaomp.org/about/laboratory-service-committee.php?PHPSESSID=d976345ab1811dcdd8892017f0759a1e or go to www.aaomp.org, click on the “About” tab, then in the drop down box click on “Structure” and then scroll down the page until you find the link to the Laboratory Service Committee to find the link to the ICD-9 code listings.

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New Officers, sworn in by Dr. Susan Muller, Dr. Michael Kahn, Dr. Harvey Kessler, & Dr. Susan Zunt

Residents
Drs. Kessler, Janet Svazas & Dr. Kahn at the summer Dental Specialty Group Meeting in Chicago

Drs. Kessler, Kahn, Zunt & Wright at the summer Dental Specialty Group Meeting

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Matthew Bruksch, Nashville, TN
Angie Chan, Vancouver BC
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Stephen Darmitzel, Kansas City MO
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Patrick Kennedy, Union City NJ
Jacqueline M. Kramer, Kansas City, MO
Gisele Mainville, Montreal QC
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Kathryn P. Schneider, Omaha, NE
Erin Steib, Katy TX

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Jessica Shireman, Chapel Hill NC
Maria Carolina Monteiro

2009 GORLIN AWARD
Jill Kramer, Oaks NY

2009 SHAFER AWARD
Hardeep Chehal, Omaha NE
The examination will be held on Saturday, May 15th 2010 from 8:00am – 5:00pm.

Applications to sit for the Fellowship Examination must be received by the AAOMP office by February 1, 2010.

Please call 888-552-2667 for an application, or download it from www.aaomp.org.

**Fellowship in Head and Neck Pathology**

The Department of Pathology at Emory University will begin a Fellowship in Head and Neck Pathology effective July 1, 2010.

The division of Oral and Head and Neck Pathology performs over 8000 biopsies/year from the oral cavity, oropharynx, larynx, sinonasal tract and ear. In addition, the fellowship entails participation in evaluating head and neck resection specimens including frozen section diagnoses. Opportunities in both basic and translational science research, exists as well as participation in a clinical oral pathology practice.

This fellowship is open to both MD’s and DMD/DDS’s who have finished their residency training. The fellowship will be directed by Dr. Steve Budnick and Dr. Susan Muller. A competitive stipend is offered. For more information please contact Dr. Steve Budnick at sbudnic@emory.edu.

**Plan ahead for South Korean IAOP meeting in August 2010**

On behalf of the International Association of Oral Pathologists and our hosts, the Korean Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, I want to extend an invitation for you to attend the 15th International Congress of Oral Pathology and Medicine to be held August 16-20 in Seoul, Korea.

We are still finalizing arrangements with some speakers but the preliminary program is exciting and it should have something for everyone. Our local organizing committee, led by Dr. Jin Kim, is working hard to provide a scientifically rigorous program within a rich hospitality of Asian culture. I was in Seoul a couple years ago working on venue selection and preliminary details of the meeting and I can assure you that Seoul is a vibrant, modern city that should serve as a superb backdrop for professional and social interaction among those in attendance. Please mark your calendars for August 16-20, 2010 or longer and please join us in Seoul in 2010.

On a side note, I would also encourage all of you to join the IAOP. If nothing else, membership provides connection and financial support to the global community of oral pathology. Applications can be found at www.iaop.com

**Latin American Section of the International Association of Oral Pathology**

The Latin American Section of the International Association of Oral Pathology will meet on November 27-29, 2009. There will be six international speakers from Mexico, Guatemala, Peru, Chile and Spain as well as twenty two Brazilian speakers. This is a great time to join the IAOP (www.iaop.com) and join us in Seoul, Korea in August of 2010 for our next international congress and then in 2012 in Brazil. Registration is available at the Brazilian Society of Oral Medicine and Oral Pathology website (www.estomatologia.com.br).

**John M Wright**

President,
International Association of Oral Pathologists
IN MEMORIAM

DR. RICHARD M. COURTNEY • died June 4, 2009 after a battle with colon carcinoma. He was president of the AAOMP in 1981-1982. He also served as Secretary/Treasurer.

Dr Courtney was born in Highland Park, Michigan, on July 27, 1934. He received his DDS from the University of Michigan in 1959 and was a lieutenant in the U.S. Naval Dental Corps from 1959 to 1962. He spent 2 years in general practice in Franklin, Michigan, and then completed oral pathology training at the University of Michigan, receiving his MS in 1967.

Dr Courtney joined the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry in Chapel Hill in 1970, where he was Assistant Professor of Pathology and Chairman of the Section of Oral Pathology in the Department of Oral Diagnosis, and Instructor in the medical school. He joined the University of Michigan School of Dentistry in 1975, where he spent the majority of his professional career. A popular professor, he served as chairman of the department of oral pathology from 1977 to 1987. He retired from U of M in 1991 and was granted emeritus status as professor of dentistry and assistant professor of pathology. He then joined the Department of Diagnostic and Surgical Sciences of the University of Detroit Mercy as Professor from 1991-1996, and also was an oral pathology consultant at St. John Clinical Pathology Laboratories until he retired at the end of 1999.

Dr. Courtney served a 7-year term on the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, the last of which he was President. He was also a member of the Oral Pathology committee for the ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation.

Dick Courtney was much loved by his family and friends, and is remembered for his ever-ready smile and sense of fun. He had a full life outside of pathology; he played bridge, pool and golf, and was an avid fly fisherman. He loved jazz and classical music, and was a longtime stamp collector and member of the American Philatelic Society.

However Dick’s greatest joy was his family. He and his wife Joanne loved to travel. He took great joy in two daughters and four grandchildren, who all lived nearby. After his retirement, his favorite place to be on a warm summer evening was with Joanne at his condo on Lake Charlevoix watching a beautiful Michigan sunset while sipping single malt scotch.

Dick Courtney is survived by his wife Joanne; two daughters, Pamela (Robert) Montgomery and Kristen (Ronald) Evers; one brother, David Courtney; and four grandchildren, Robert and Austin Montgomery, and Mitchell and Paige Evers. He was predeceased by his sister, Barbara Allen and his parents.

DR. HENRY SCOFIELD • died on May 17, at the age of age 91. He was former President and Secretary-Treasurer of the American Board of Oral Pathology.

A native of Chicago, IL, Hank received his BS and DDS from Loyola University, Chicago. He also received a master’s degree in oral pathology from Georgetown University. He served in the Navy’s Dental Corps for 30 years, retiring with the rank of Captain in 1972. His postings included Klamath Falls, Oregon and Beijing, China. He served as Chairman of the Department of Oral Pathology at the National Navy Medical Center and Chief of Oral Pathology at the AFIP. After his retirement from the navy, he became Associate Professor of Oral Pathology at Georgetown University School of Dentistry and Professor and Chairman in 1976.

Georgetown University presented him with an honorary doctorate in 1983. He also received the Navy Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Republic of Viet Nam Presidential Unit Citation and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

Capt. Scofield is survived by his daughters, Kathleen Porter, and Mary Jo Doyle, their spouses, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his beloved wife Pat whom he met as a teenager while ice skating on a Chicago pond.

DR. SHELDON ROVIN • 76, an oral pathologist who became an expert in healthcare management, died July 11 of cancer at home. He was a diplomate of the American Board of Oral Pathology and a former AAOMP member.

A native of Detroit, Dr. Rovin earned a DDS and MS in pathology from the University of Michigan. He was professor and Chair of the Department of Oral Pathology and professor of General Pathology at the University of Kentucky Colleges of Dentistry and Medicine, respectively. He was the Dean of the University of Washington, College of Dentistry from 1973 to 1977. From 1977 until 1979, he was a fellow in the scholars program at the Veterans Administration in Washington. Dr. Rovin wrote more than 90 articles and book chapters, and nine books. He won several teaching awards.

He was Emeritus Professor of Healthcare Systems and Director of Healthcare Executive Management Programs at the University of Pennsylvania. He was also Emeritus Professor and Chair of the Department of Dental Care Systems, School of Dental Medicine.

In addition to his wife of 52 years. Nancy Gold Rovin, Dr. Rovin is survived by daughters Suzan and Lisa; a son, David; two sisters, and several grandsons.
SAVE THE DATE
AAOMP Meets in Tucson, AZ
May 15 - 19, 2010

SPEAKERS FOR 2010

NEW IN 2010
Founders’ Memorial Seminar
“Melanocytic Lesions Involving the Head and Neck”
Dr. Thomas Krausz
Dir. Of Anatomic Pathology
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CE: Conebeam CT & the Oral Pathologist
Dr. Ernest W.N. Lam
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Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology
University of Toronto

CE: Immunopathology
Dr. Rodney T. Miller
Director of Immunohistochemistry
ProPath Laboratory, Inc.

CE: Head and Neck Pathology
Dr. Robert Robinson
Dept. of Pathology
University of Iowa

“Genetic Testing of Syndromes With Head and Neck Involvement”
Dr. Sheri Bale
Anthony (Bud) Caruso

AAOMP Seminar (previously AFIP Seminar)
Dr. John Hellstein
Dr. James T. Castle
Dr. Harvey P. Kessler
Dr. Kevin R. Torske
Dr. John M. Wright

Returning Favorites
TMD Diagnosis and Management: Clarifying the Issues
Dr. Henry A. Gremillion

Mesenchymal Tumors of the Head and Neck
Dr. Julie Fanburg-Smith

Advances in Mohs of the circumoral region
Dr. Marta Van Beek

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