Teamwork Resolves Medicare Conflict

Medicare recently backed down on their refusal to pay a number of ICD-9 codes to providers in the Midwest, thanks to a joint effort by the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology (AAOMP), American Dental Association (ADA), and American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS).

Wisconsin Physician Services (WPS), a Medicare Part B carrier for Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin and Illinois, was refusing to pay for diagnostic biopsies if certain lesions were not malignant. This involved codes 526.0, 526.2, 526.4, and 528.9. “It would have set back years of efforts to emphasize early detection of oral cancer,” says AAOMP President Mike Rohrer.

According to Dr. Rohrer, the ADA was quick to come to the aid of the AAOMP when he brought the situation to the attention of ADA President Bob Brandjord, an oral surgeon. The oral surgery group assisted in identifying the key decision-maker at the WPS. ADA contacted WPS and asked for a meeting.

WPS refused to meet unless ADA, AAOMP and AAOMS could provide examples of medically necessary cases that had been refused. Dr. Rohrer, with the help of AAOMP members, put together cases of procedures that were critical to rule out malignancies, but Medicare had denied because the ultimate diagnosis was benign.

Dr. Michael Rosenberg, a physician who is medical director for WPS, reviewed the cases and agreed that the ICD codes in question are appropriate for conditions that do not fall under the dental exclusion.

“The provision will be revised and these non-covered ICD codes will be removed from the dental exclusion,” says Dr. Rosenberg. Clinicians in affected areas should check the WPS website after January 1, 2007 to learn when the provision is officially revised. When that happens, they can resubmit claims retroactive to February 1, 2006.

Dr Rohrer is quick to point out that this regional matter could easily have spread to the rest of the country and been adopted by major third party carriers. He says it emphasizes how important it is for AAOMP to maintain close ties with the rest of organized dentistry, especially the ADA. “Oral Pathology is not longer just a specialty of a small group of academics and military personnel who don’t feel the ADA has any relevance to them,” says Dr Rohrer.

Welcome New Members!
Frank Aryan, Buffalo NY
Jones Bhat DDS, Chambersburg PA
Martin J. Bullock MD, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada
Behnam Eslami DDS, Brookline, MA
Silvia V. Lourenco DDS, PhD, Sao Paulo, Brazil
Mario Nava-Villalba DDS, Distrito Federal, Mexico
Kristina Okolisan-Mulligan RDH BS, Detroit MI
Kristina is our first Dental Hygienist member

Welcome New Fellows!
Mark A. Lerman DMD, Brookline MA
Angela J. Yoon DDS, MPH, MMSc, Clifton NJ
Nora A. Odingo DMD, MPH, Flushing NY
Wael Y. Elias DDS, Williamsville NY
Mark A. Scheper DDS, Gaithersburg MD
Risa Chaisuparat DDS, Baltimore MD
Patricia I. DeVilliers DDS, Chapel Hill NC
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Aparna Naidu DDS, Dallas TX
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ANNUAL MEETING & CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM
May 5-9, 2007
Kansas City, MO
The recent reversal of Medicare’s previous refusal to pay for biopsies of non-malignant lesions highlights the importance of organized dentistry teamwork.

The problem surfaced just before our April meeting in San Antonio. When we advised American Dental Association President Bob Brandjord, who was at our meeting, he mobilized the ADA. Before I returned to Minneapolis, the ADA had already emailed to offer help.

This “national” provision applied only to the four states whose Medicare billing was handled by Wisconsin Physician Services (WPS). The American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (AAOMS), helped us find out whom we should contact at WPS. WPS wanted examples of “medically necessary” procedures that had been denied. I sent documented cases of procedures absolutely needed to determine malignancy, which had been denied because they turned out to be benign.

I recently received a call from the Medical Director of WPS saying that he completely agreed with me, and that non-coverage would be rescinded December 31 retroactive to February 1, 2006.

AAOMP, ADA, and AAOMS considered the issue very serious, even though it applied only to part of the Midwest. It would have set back years of efforts to emphasize early detection of oral cancer. It could easily have spread to the rest of the country, and major third party carriers often follow Medicare provisions.

This underscores the importance of ADA membership for all oral pathologists and members of AAOMP. Although we are an extremely small component of dentistry, we are still considered an important group.

For several years we have had an annual meeting with the ADA President and Executive Director. This year the officers will meet with new ADA President Kathleen Roth on January 5. Larry Goldblatt, Dean at Indiana University, has been named our permanent ADA liaison.

The ADA often requests oral pathology presence on councils and committees. Only ADA members can participate. The presence of Bob Brandjord at our annual meeting was an indication of ADA’s recognition of our importance. We need to keep participation with the ADA at a high level. One of the most important things we can do is to have as high a membership level as the other dental specialties.

**President’s Banquet Now Included In Registration**

We want this year’s President’s Banquet at the Annual Meeting to be fun, affordable, tasty, and well-attended.

I like to think of the AAOMP as a family, and the banquet is like an annual family get-together. It is where we publicly thank those who’ve volunteered to run the organization for the previous year, and welcome those who will lead the organization for the next year. It’s where we publicly honor those who have won awards and socialize, as humans do, as a group with a meal.

We’ve recently added music and entertainment. This year we have made a big effort to have industry sponsors to reduce meeting expenses, especially the banquet.

This year the cost of the banquet will be included in the registration fee (as many organizations do). Although the meeting expenses go up every year, we’ve been able to keep the registration fee increase very reasonable. Including the banquet in the registration fee helps all of us with tax deductions and reimbursements. The cost for guests will be low and for residents very low. Because Kansas City is one of the cradles of jazz, we are planning to have some excellent Kansas City jazz after the banquet. I hope to see everyone there.

**Other Kansas City Highlights**

The Founders Memorial Seminar speaker in Kansas City will be Dr. Ed Stelow from the University of Virginia. Ed will talk about FNA and cytology. We won’t have glass slide sets, but a CD with his presentation and images will be available for $50.

The Executive Council decided that there will be a few changes in the program for guests and spouses. The cost of guests’ activities have been far outstripping income from their registration. This year we’ll have one spouses’ and guests’ breakfast, on Monday. The remaining mornings there will be meeting places arranged, but no food will be provided. The luncheon will include a visit to a museum and will be charged separately. Guest registration will be lowered to $50.

With lower registration and banquet fees it will be much cheaper to bring a guest this year, so we hope to see you in Kansas City.
ABOUT KANSAS CITY, MO.

No trip to Kansas City is complete without a visit to the Plaza. This 14-square-block outdoor shopping and entertainment district boasts romantic Spanish architecture, European art and dazzling fountains. Designed in 1922, the Plaza features boutiques and fashionable national stores as well as distinctive restaurants, outdoor cafes and nightlife hotspots. Two nationally renowned art museums are located nearby: The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art and the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

Register by mail as soon as possible to avoid delays on-site. Registration forms postmarked on or after April 3, 2007 and individuals registering on-site will be charged an additional $25.00 fee. A registration fee for spouses attending the meeting is being charged to offset a portion of the cost of the services which the Academy provides them. You must register to attend any portion of the meeting. To register, fill out the registration form, (in this package or available on the website) attach your payment in U.S. funds to American Academy of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology (AAOMP), and mail both to:

AAOMP
214 N. Hale Street
Wheaton, IL 60187 U.S.A.
Toll Free: 888/552-2667 or 630/510-4552

FELLOWSHIP EXAMINATIONS

The examination will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2007 from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. Applications to sit for the Fellowship Examination must be received by the AAOMP office by February 16, 2007. You may call 888/552-2667 for an application, or download from the AAOMP website.

STUDENT TRAVEL AWARD

The American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology is offering awards for students who have conducted research in the field of Oral Pathology to attend the annual meeting of the AAOMP and present their research findings. An award of $1,000 will be provided to cover lodging and travel to Kansas City, Missouri, May 4-9, 2007. Meeting registration fees are waived for awardees.

Presenters will have twelve minutes to present objectives, material and methods, results and discussion. Research topics include basic pathobiology, oral pathology and clinical oral pathology.

To apply for the award, you must submit an abstract of your research. You may, of course, list other authors who mentored or assisted you. Abstracts from previous Essay Programs and guidelines for submission of abstracts can be found at www.aaomp.org.

NOTICE: Be sure to indicate on the abstract submission form that you are applying for the “Dental Student Research Travel Award”. The deadline for electronic submission of abstracts is February 2, 2007.

MICROSCOPES AVAILABLE

Microscopes will be available for slide review and informal consultations in the CCA/Speaker Ready Room.
**KANSAS CITY SCHEDULE**

**Friday, May 4**
12:00 pm Executive Council Meeting

**Saturday, May 5**
8:00 - 5:00 pm Fellowship Exam
8:00 - 5:00 pm Fellowship Committee
8:30 - 11:30 am CE #1 28th Annual AFIP Seminar
1:00 - 4:00 pm Symposium

**Sunday, May 6**
8:30 - 11:30 am CE #2 - Dr. Seigel
CE #3 - Dr. Hadley
CE #4 - Dr. Thompson
2:00 - 5:00 pm CE #5 - Dr. Wong
CE #6 - Dr. Gremillion
CE #7 - Dr. Zunt
6:00 - 7:30 pm Welcome Reception

**Monday, May 7**
7:00 - 8:00 am Editor’s Breakfast
7:00 - 8:00 am Iowa Breakfast
7:00 - 8:00 am Navy Breakfast
7:00 - 10 am Spouse Breakfast
8:00 - 12:30 pm Essay I
12:00 - 1:00 pm Program Director’s Lunch
12:30 - 1:30 pm Army & Air Force Luncheons
2:00 - 5:00 pm Fellows’ Business Meeting
TBA Spouses’ Event - TBD
5:00 - 6:30 pm Indiana Reception
5:30 - 7:00 pm Canadian Oral Pathology Exchange
6:00 - 7:30 pm Emory Reception
9:00 - 10:30 pm Residents’ Reception

**Tuesday, May 8**
7:00 - 8:00 am Education Committee Breakfast
8:00 - 11:30 am Founder’s Memorial Seminar
11:30 - 1:00 pm Past President’s Lunch
11:30 - 1:00 pm ADEA Luncheon
1:00 - 5:30 pm Essay II
6:00 - 11:00 pm President’s Reception, Banquet & Entertainment

**Wednesday, April 26**
9:00 - 11:00 am Clinical Pathology Conference

**ABSTRACTS**

The abstract form is available on the website at www.aaomp.org. Deadline has been changed to February 2nd.

If you need a hard copy, please contact the office.

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**MEETING DETAILS**

**28th Annual AFIP Seminar**

*Robert D. Foss, CAPT, DC, USN*

*Christopher G. Fielding, COL, DC, USA*

*Duane R. Schafer, CAPT, DC, USN*

*Jose E. Colon, DDS, DMSc*

*S. Marc Stokes, LCDR, DC, USN*

CE Program #1 (3 credits)
8:30 am -11:30 am
Saturday, May 5, 2007

Ten challenging surgical pathology cases will be presented. The AFIP diagnosis for each will be offered and discussed in the context of the attendees’ diagnoses.

The Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, in conjunction with the American Registry of Pathology, is an international reference center for pathology. An act of the United States Congress authorizes this Department of Defense agency and its 23 departments to render consultative opinions on challenging and interesting cases from military, federal and civilian pathologists worldwide. The Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology maintains over 60,000 cases in the Registry of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. The staff of the department will present atypical, unusual or uncommon lesions from the head and neck region that have been accessioned through the registry. Emphasis will be placed on the histopathologic differential diagnosis, adjunctive special laboratory studies and the rationale used to arrive at a final diagnosis. The first 50 registrants will receive glass slides of the cases prior to the meeting. These slides need not be returned, however, these 50 attendees are strongly encouraged to submit their diagnoses for the cases. Diagnoses will be used as a framework to help guide the discussion. All attendees will receive a handout containing histories, diagnoses, discussion and references. A CD that contains the handout material as well as a number of representative images of each case is available for purchase following the meeting.

Objectives:
1. To review rare, unusual, or challenging cases from the Registry of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology.
2. To discuss the development of a clinical and histopathologic differential diagnosis.
3. To provide the rationale for the use and application of adjunctive histopathologic, immunohistochemical and molecular studies in challenging diagnostic scenarios.
**Head and Neck Cancer:**

**Application of Surgical Pathology to Patient Care**

*Russell Smith, MD*

Symposium (4 credits)

1:00 pm -4:00 pm

Saturday, May 5, 2007

This course will utilize a case presentation format. A variety of different pathologies that affect the upper aerodigestive tract, the skullbase, sinonasal cavity, and salivary glands will be presented. Each case will include a discussion of:

1. The patient’s pre-treatment evaluation including imaging and biopsy with a discussion of their impact on therapy.
2. The surgical procedure.
3. The surgical pathology with highlights of critical features and their impact on treatment planning.
4. Staging stressing the importance of clinical as well as pathologic features in determining pathologic stage.
5. Patient outcomes.

**Objectives:** Following the completion of this course participants will be able to:

1. Describe in detail the pathologic findings of the primary tumor and the regional lymphatics that are utilized by the head and neck surgeon in treatment planning.
2. Discuss the impact of pathologic findings on therapy and outcome of multiple subsites encountered in head and neck cancer.
3. Discuss the survival and functional outcome of patients treated for head and neck cancer.

**Translational Oral Medicine**

*Michael Siegel, DDS, MS*

CE Program #2 (3 credits)

8:30 am -11:30 am

Sunday, May 6, 2007

The World Health Organization has predicted that, in the 21st century, dentists will assume the role of “Oral Physicians”. The Oral Medicine and Oral Pathology communities have already assumed this role. This course will cover some of the “oral medicine pearls” that translate well into oral pathology practice. The first part of this lecture will review the current guidelines for the management of hypertension that were published in May, 2003 (JNC-7) and will detail the genetics of drug metabolism, pathophysiology of hypertension, all of the major categories of antihypertensive medications and their pharmacologic actions, as well as the intraoral side effects caused by these medications. The second part of this course will present a number of radiographic and soft tissue pathology clinical cases that will highlight the management of patients taking multiple medications. The final section of this course will review the clinical work-up and biopsy techniques for patients with vesiculo-bullous diseases. Diagnostic and therapeutic modalities that can be utilized by the dental treatment team as well as current trends in oral diseases and their management will be addressed. Special attention will be given to the medical implications of these disorders. The format of this course will include case presentations; audience participation will be encouraged.

**Objectives:**

At the completion of this course, the participant will be able to:

1. Understand the genetics of drug metabolism so as to better predict potential drug interactions.
2. Understand the specific actions of antihypertensive medications and predict intraoral side effects they may cause.
3. Identify radiographic subtleties in the periodontal ligament space and correlate them with the resultant histopathology.
4. Clinically predict the histopathologic diagnosis of vesiculo-bullous diseases based on clinical appearance and manipulation of soft tissues.
5. Recommend appropriate biopsy techniques to those who submit cases to your pathology service.

**Emerging Technologies and Targets for Saliva Diagnostics**

*David Wong, DMD, DMSC*

CE Program #3 (3 credits)

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Sunday, May 6, 2007

There is a national initiative catalyzed by the National Institute of Dental & Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) to turn saliva diagnostics into a clinical reality. Currently seven engineering groups are spearheading the development of sensor technologies for the detection of virtually any analyte in saliva, while three proteomic groups are actively deciphering all the proteins in human saliva. The convergence of these two research initiatives of the human salivary proteome to identify signatures of major human diseases and the developed saliva biosensors will present a totally non-invasive disease screening platform. Our profession will be first to benefit from these emerging technologies which should soon migrate into the medical diagnostic domain.

**Objectives:**

1. Saliva diagnostics - a national initiative
2. Emerging technologies for saliva diagnostics
3. Proteomic and genomic targets for saliva diagnostics
4. Saliva diagnostics in the clinical settings
5. The role of the saliva diagnostics for dentistry and oral & maxillofacial pathology.
Sinonasal Tract Slide Seminar
Lester D.R. Thompson, MD
CE Program #4 (3 credits)
8:30 am - 11:30 am
Sunday, May 6, 2007
10 cases involving mucosa, soft tissue, and lymphoid tissue of the sinonasal tract and nasopharynx will be discussed. Although emphasis will be placed on a practical approach to this diverse group of lesions, pertinent clinical, immunohistochemical, and molecular/genetic features of diagnostic or prognostic significance will also be highlighted.

A glass slide set will be sent to each participant of this course. These glass slides must be returned at the meeting site.

Objectives:
On completion of this seminar, participants should be able to:
1. Recognize a variety of lesions of the sinonasal tract and nasopharynx, formulate a differential diagnosis, and identify important histologic criteria to separate them
2. Select and integrate immunohistochemical, molecular and/or genetic procedures that aid in diagnosis or have prognostic significance
3. Understand their clinical behavior and be able to communicate effectively with clinicians about their management.

Fungal Infections of the Mouth: Who, What When, Why
Susan Hadley, MD
CE Program #5 (3 credits)
8:30 am - 11:30 am
Sunday, May 6, 2007
This 3 hour course will review clinical presentations, histopathology, diagnostics, host characteristics and treatment options of fungal pathogens responsible for superficial and invasive disease in the mouth. Characteristic pathogens affecting immunocompromised hosts and those acquired within the community will be reviewed. New antifungal agents will be discussed in the context of antifungal resistance, emerging pathogens and drug interactions. A treatment approach from the general Internist’s and Infectious Disease specialist’s view will be discussed with emphasis on approaching the infections utilizing the expertise of the dental and medical disciplines.

Objectives:
On completion of this seminar, participants should be able to:
1. To review the clinical manifestations, histopathology, diagnosis and treatment of oral fungal disease including emerging pathogens.
2. To review advances in antifungal therapies and epidemiology of fungal resistance
3. To understand host characteristics, immuno-biology and treatment goals for specific infections
4. To review whom to call for help when encountering oral fungal infections and how to respond to a call for help.

TMD Diagnosis and Management: Clarifying the Issues
Henry A. Gremillion, DDS
CE Program #6 (3 credits)
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Sunday, May 6, 2007
Temporomandibular disorders (TMD) encompass a multitude of conditions which involve the temporomandibular joints, muscles of mastication, and/or contiguous structures. Many TMD diagnostic subgroups share common clinical characteristics. Diagnosis and management of TMD has been associated with many misconceptions and much debate. It is now recognized that multiple factors are involved with the initiation and/or perpetuation of TMD. Additionally, we now have a greater appreciation for the total pain experience including pain mechanisms/pathways and pain referral in the head and neck. The importance of individualizing diagnosis and management for optimum therapeutic outcomes in well-organized. This course will emphasize diagnosis and nonsurgical management of this challenging, yet common group of musculoskeletal disorders.

Objectives:
This program will provide the participant with a better understanding of:
1. The rationale for a thorough history and examination
2. Current concepts of pain referral in the head and neck diagnostic criteria for commonly occurring TMD subgroups.
3. Etiologic considerations essential for case-specific management.
4. Reversible approaches to management in the vast majority of cases.
5. The development of a “case-specific” plan of care for each patient.
6. The concept of multidisciplinary management of TMD.

Xerostomia: Diagnosis & Management
Susan L. Zunt, DDS, MS
CE Program #7 (3 credits)
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Sunday, May 6, 2007
Xerostomia (salivary gland hypofunction, SGH) is a common problem in dental patients resulting in oral mucosal discomfort, burning, increased risk for oral and dental infections including candidiasis, and loss of dental hard tissues through
dental caries, erosion and abrasion. Complex patients managed by the oral and maxillofacial pathologists frequently have vesiculo-ulcerative disease complicated by SGH. This course explores the objective diagnosis and management of xerostomia including secretagogue medications pilocarpine and cevimeline. The patient must be drinking adequate water daily. Please read all prescribing information prior to introducing new medications into patient care.

Objectives:
1. Discuss the impact of xerostomia/dry mouth/hyposalivation on oral soft and hard tissues
2. Discuss methods to measure salivary flow
3. Discuss therapeutic and palliative measures to manage dry mouth.
4. Please read all prescribing information prior to introducing new medications into patient care.

FNAB Cytology of the Head and Neck
Edward Stelow MD
Founders Memorial Seminar (4 credits)
8:00 am - 11:30 am
Tuesday, May 8, 2007
Dr. Stelow will give an overview of the cytology of fine needle aspiration of the head and neck including a brief history and a discussion of its overall function. He will then present the clinicopathologic features of ten interesting cases that cover the spectrum of diseases of the head and neck. These will include non-neoplastic and neoplastic diseases with an emphasis on some of the more common recurrent patterns. He will use the cases as starting points to discuss the disease processes, the differential diagnoses, the limitations of cytology, and the use of ancillary testing such as immunocytochemistry, flow cytometry and molecular techniques for particular diagnoses.

Objectives:
At the end of these lectures:
1. Participants should understand the uses and limitations of fine needle aspiration for the diagnosis of particular head and neck lesions.
2. Participants should understand the role of ancillary testing for the diagnosis of particular head and neck lesions, such as lymphoma.
3. Participants should understand the differential diagnoses for some of the recurrent cytologic patterns that can be seen with aspirates from the head and neck, e.g., the basaloid epithelial pattern.

2007 CONTINUED COMPETENCY ASSURANCE PROGRAM (3 credits)
The Academy is again sponsoring a Continued Competency Assurance program (CCA). The CCA was formerly for Diplomates only, but on a trial basis, all AAOMP members and meeting registrants may participate this year. The CCA is in a self-assessment format. When you arrive at the meeting, pick up your CCA packet from the registration desk. It will contain self-assessment questions relevant to the CCA materials, along with an AAOMP CCA Participation Document.

The CCA cases will be available in the microscope room. See the Schedule at a Glance for times and location. Cases are individually packaged with appropriate histories, clinical photographs, radiographs and glass slides. Review each of the 20 cases individually and completely, and return them to their containers. When you are finished, return the Participation Document to the registration desk, and pick up the diagnoses, discussion and references for all cases.

The AAOMP will send the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology a list of completed participants.

The fee is $50 for members and $65 for non-members. Please include it with your registration form.

ADA CONTRACT ANALYSIS SERVICE
January 5 the officers met with the new ADA President, Kathleen Roth, the new Vice President, Mark Feldman, and the ADA Executive Director, James Bramson. Of several items discussed, one which might be of use to AAOMP members right away is the Contract Analysis Service. The ADA provides this legal service to its members to analyze agreements with insurance companies, HMOs, etc. Dr. Bramson checked with the ADA General Counsel and found that they will also analyze agreements that are issued by a medical provider where oral pathologists might be considering joining that panel. The service helps the oral pathologist more fully understand the terms of the agreement but does not recommend whether someone should sign or not and would not comment on the appropriateness of the fees. This is available only to ADA members and the $50 fee is waived if the contract for analysis is submitted to the state dental society to, in turn, submit it to the ADA so the fee is waived.
CARL THOMAS HANKS, D.D.S, PH.D
August 10, 1939 - September 14, 2006

Carl Thomas (Tom) Hanks, Professor Emeritus, former Director of Research and former Director of the oral pathology biopsy service at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry died on September 14, 2006 in Ann Arbor, Michigan after a short battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife, Judy, daughter, Brett, son, JC, and their families.

Dr. Hanks grew up in Oklahoma and received a Bachelor of Science from Phillips University at Enid, Oklahoma. After graduating in 1964 from Washington University School of Dentistry, Dr. Hanks received his oral pathology training and a PhD in experimental pathology at the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1970. That same year he became assistant professor in the Dental School and a Research Associate in the Dental Research Institute at the University of Michigan. He had a joint appointment in the Department of Pathology at the Medical School. Dr Hanks became a diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology in 1973. His hard work was rewarded with full professorship at the University of Michigan in 1979. Dr. Hanks became an Emeritus Professor with his retirement in 2002.

Dr. Hanks was the complete academic. He was dedicated to his research, thoroughly enjoyed teaching, was serious about his clinical practice and was well liked by his peers. He became a highly respected scientist in the field of dental materials research and biocompatibility. He received National Institutes of Health funding for over 30 years. Besides being a scientist and pathologist, Dr. Hanks was a dedicated educator. He directed and taught in many courses for dental and dental hygiene students, stimulating interest and in part, leading to the next generation of pathologists. In addition to classroom teaching, he mentored several PhD, Masters and undergraduate students as they performed research in his laboratory. In addition to committee assignments for the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, he actively participated in numerous national and international societies. Dr. Hanks was a reviewer for several prestigious journals.

Dr. Hanks will be greatly missed by everybody who knew him. It is a shame that he could not enjoy more of the retirement, which he so richly deserved.
AAOMP Annual Meeting – May 5 - 9, 2007
Kansas City, Missouri - Registration Form

Please print or type all information clearly. Thank you!

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(as it should appear on the badge)

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### DESCRIPTION | TICKET PRICE | AMOUNT
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Meeting Registration Fee - Must be paid by ALL Attendees! | Members & Applicants | Non-Member
| $245 | $320 |

**NOTE:** REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES PRESIDENT’S DINNER ON TUESDAY. YOU MUST ANSWER “YES” OR “NO” FOR ATTENDING IT ON THIS FORM.

Members who currently are in a **residency training program** may pay a reduced registration fee of $110. A letter must accompany this form from your Program Director verifying your residency status. **Life Members & Emeritus Fellows** may pay a $125 registration fee.

| Spouse/Significant Other – Monday Continental Breakfast and Welcome Reception | $50 | $80 |

**Continuing Education Programs**

| Sat. | AM | CE #1: 28th Annual AFIP Seminar
The first 50 registrants with glass slides | $150 | $170 |
| Sat. | PM | Symposium: Head & Neck Cancer: Application of Surgical Pathology to Patient Care / Dr. Smith | $95 | $110 |
| Sun. | AM | CE #2: Translational Oral Medicine: 2006 / Dr. Seigel | $95 | $110 |
| Sun. | AM | CE #3: Fungal Infections of the Mouth: Who, What, . . / Dr. Hadley | $95 | $110 |
| Sun. | AM | CE #4: Sinonasal Tract Slide Seminar / Dr. Thompson
*Glass Slides to be returned* - Separate check or credit card # | $95 | $110 |

*GLASS SLIDE DEPOSIT*

A **$200.00 Deposit** is required by a separate check or credit card # for each set of slides ordered. If the slides are returned, your check will be returned or your credit card will not be charged.
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As a living, perpetual memorial to Dr. Robert J. Gorlin, the Robert J. Gorlin Endowed Visiting Professorship at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry will sponsor an annual event, **The Gorlin Conference**. The AAOMP Executive Council has committed a donation of $5000 and has authorized the solicitation of all AAOMP members through the newsletter.

The first **Gorlin Conference** will be held October 5-7, 2007. Details of the conference:
- An annual conference at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry
- All Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology residents/graduate students enrolled in accredited Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology programs in the United States and Canada will be invited.
- All food and lodging for the residents/graduate students will be provided as well as a significant percentage of their travel expenses.
- Distinguished visiting professors in the fields of dysmorphology, genetics, and Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology will be the named **Visiting Gorlin Professors**. These will be eminent scholars to whom all of the Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology residents/graduate students would not normally have access during their years of specialty education.
- Attending **The Gorlin Conference** every year of their specialty training will solidify in their minds the place Professor Robert Gorlin occupies in the history and development of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. This image will carry through their future careers in academics and practice.
- Every conference will feature a video of Professor Gorlin explaining how he became involved in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and the study of syndromes. One or more of the videos of his special, world-renowned lectures will be presented each year. The Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology has enough videos so that no resident will see the same special lecture repeated in the three years he or she will be in attendance.
- In addition to the intellectual and academic stimulation that the residents/graduate students will receive at **The Gorlin Conference**, a network of interaction among them will develop over their years of attending the conference that will continue for years to come. In addition to improving their knowledge and interests in dysmorphology and genetics, this interpersonal network will help improve the specialty of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology.

The **Gorlin Visiting Professors** for 2007 are Drs. Tim Wright and Gary Ellis. Dr. Wright is Chair of Pediatric Dentistry at the University of North Carolina. He is an international expert on amelogenesis imperfecta. Dr. Ellis has recently retired after a full career at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. Many consider him the world’s top expert on salivary gland tumors.

Preliminary registration has already begun. Graduate program directors are truly excited. A couple of comments from directors as they sent in the preliminary registrations for their students:

“What a wonderful legacy for Dr. Gorlin!”
“...a wonderful idea! I am sure that the Gorlin Conference will become a cornerstone in the formative life of our Oral Pathology residents. On behalf of our current and future residents, thank you for this thoughtful program. Dr. Gorlin will be properly memorialized every year through this unique event.”

Donors who give $500 or more will receive at least one DVD of one of Dr. Gorlin’s famous special lectures. (see below for details)

To make a tax deductible donation to the Robert J. Gorlin Endowed Visiting Professorship return this portion to:
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