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James T. Castle, DDS, MS

Dr. Castle is a Captain in the United States Navy who serves as Chairman, Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology Department at the Naval Postgraduate Dental School (NPDS), Bethesda, MD. He is active in resident education for Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology, Oral Surgery, Anatomic Pathology, ENT, AEGD and GPR residency programs at NPDS and Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. He is a graduate of the Naval Dental School's Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology residency program and has completed a Callendar-Binford Fellowship in Otorhinolaryngic, Head and Neck Pathology at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and is a section editor of the Head & Neck Pathology Journal. He received his Bachelors of Science degree from California State University at Fullerton in 1985 and received his D.D.S. from Creighton University School of Dentistry in 1989 and Master's Degree in 1998. His past duty stations have included Staff Dental Officer, Naval Air Station, Memphis, TN, Dental Department Head USS Tripoli, Staff Dental Officer, 1ST Dental Battalion, Camp Pendleton, California, served as a former Department Head and Program Director of the Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology Department at the Naval Postgraduate Dental School and as Staff Pathologist, Anatomic Pathology Department at Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, VA.



LCDR Colin Eliot, DMD, MS

LCDR Eliot is a native of Lexington, Kentucky and received his undergraduate degree from Centre College in Danville, Kentucky. He earned his Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from the University of Kentucky in 2008. Dr Eliot completed a residency training program in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology at the Naval Postgraduate Dental School in Bethesda, Maryland and received a Master of Health Science degree from the George Washington University in Washington, DC in 2011 before becoming a staff pathologist at the Joint Pathology Center, Silver Spring, MD. In 2012 he transferred to the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, Hawaii to serve as a staff forensic odontologist. Dr. Eliot is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and a Fellow of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. Dr. Eliot additionally holds a Master of Science in Physical Therapy degree from the University of Kentucky.



Jason L. Hornick, M.D., Ph.D.

Dr. Jason Hornick received a BA from Amherst College and an MD/PhD from the University of Southern California. He trained as a resident in Anatomic Pathology and pursued subspecialty fellowships in soft tissue pathology and gastrointestinal pathology at Brigham and Women's Hospital, where he is now the Director of Surgical Pathology and Director of the Immunohistochemistry Laboratory. He is an Associate Professor of Pathology at Harvard Medical School and a consultant at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

Dr. Hornick is Chair of the USCAP Abstract Review Board and Assignment Subcommittee and Chair of the CAP Immunohistochemistry Committee. Dr. Hornick was a member of the 2012 consensus and editorial working group for the WHO Classification of Tumors of Soft Tissue and Bone. He serves on many editorial boards, including the *American Journal of Surgical Pathology* and *Modern Pathology*. He is a Regional Editor for *Histopathology*, an Associate Editor for *Advances in Anatomic Pathology*, and the Consulting Editor for *Surgical Pathology Clinics*. Dr. Hornick has published over 275 original papers, review articles, and book chapters and has edited a textbook, *Practical Soft Tissue Pathology: A Diagnostic Approach*. He is an Associate Editor for *Sternberg's Diagnostic Surgical Pathology*.

Dr. Hornick received the 2012 Arthur Purdy Stout Society of Surgical Pathologists Annual Prize and the 2014 Jack Yardley Investigator Award from the Gastrointestinal Pathology Society. He teaches national and international courses on the diagnosis of soft tissue tumors, gastrointestinal pathology, and diagnostic immunohistochemistry.



Mikelle L. Kernig, DDS, MS, Lt Col, USAF, DC

Lt Col Kernig is an Oral and Maxillofacial Pathologist (OMFP) stationed at Joint Base San Antonio, TX. She graduated in 1999 with her DDS from University of Maryland, Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, and went on to complete an AEGD-1 program at Keesler AFB in Biloxi, MS. From 2000 to 2003, Lt Col Kernig was a general dentist at Misawa AB, Japan. She returned to Maryland in 2003 to begin her pathology residency at National Naval Medical Center, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, and the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. After completing the residency program in 2006 and receiving a Master's Degree in Oral Biology (Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology) through George Washington University, Lt Col Kernig spent the next 5 ½ years at Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, OH, as the Chief of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. In July of 2012, she moved to Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA), where she currently is a staff Oral and Maxillofacial Pathologist at San Antonio Military Medical Center (SAMMC). Lt Col Kernig is one of four OMFP's stationed at JBSA, and is responsible for managing diagnosis of head and neck pathoses, as well as teaching multiple dental and medical residency programs. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, and a Fellow of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. She currently is the Air Force Special Consultant to the Surgeon General for Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and Forensic Dentistry. Lt Col Kernig lives in San Antonio with her husband and two daughters, ages 9 and 7.



James Lewis, Jr., M.D.

Dr. Lewis is a head and neck pathologist at Vanderbilt University whose primary academic focus is on HPV and HPV-related lesions of the head and neck. He attended medical school at Washington University in St. Louis and did his residency training and a general surgical pathology fellowship there as well. After 9 years on the faculty there, he moved to Vanderbilt University in early 2015 where he is Associate Professor, Associate Director of Surgical Pathology, and lead for the head and neck subspecialty section.

He has published more than 110 peer-reviewed manuscripts across a broad swath of head and neck subject areas and has helped define the presence of HPV in, and the morphologic features of, head and neck carcinomas. He has presented at numerous national and international meetings including the USCAP, CAP, and ESP. This past year, he was a speaker for the long course at the USCAP on HPV-related oropharyngeal squamous cell carcinoma and also taught a short course on HPV-related head and neck lesions. He is co-chair of the College of American Pathologists evidenced base guidelines for HPV testing in head and neck cancer initiative, for which recommendations are expected by the end of 2016.



John Reith, M.D.

Dr. Reith earned his M.D. from the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine. Following a residency in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, he completed a fellowship in Surgical Pathology (with an emphasis on soft tissue pathology) at the University of Michigan, and a second fellowship in Orthopaedic Pathology at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, New York.

He has practiced at the University of Florida since 1998, where he currently serves as the Director of the Unit of Bone and Soft Tissue Pathology and the Director of Anatomic Pathology.

His research interests focus on issues that directly affect the management of musculoskeletal diseases, such as tumor grade, stage and margin status. He is particularly interested in the radiographic and pathologic assessment and management of benign and malignant cartilage tumors.



Raja Seethala, MD

Dr. Raja Seethala is a Head and Neck/Endocrine Pathologist at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center where he has been faculty for 10 years. He is currently the director of the Head and Neck/Endocrine Pathology section and the Head and Neck/Endocrine Pathology fellowship. He has directed and participated in several national courses. While Dr. Seethala is interested in all head and neck and endocrine pathology, his focus has been salivary glands, particularly the correlation of clinicopathologic and molecular features in both common and rare entities.

He lives in a 100 year old Victorian house in Squirrel Hill with his wife and furry feline children. He is a casual video gamer and anime watcher.



Kevin R. Torske, CAPT, USN, DDS, MSc

Dr. Kevin R. Torske is a Captain (CAPT) in the United States Navy, and is the current Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and Forensic Odontology Specialty Leader. Currently stationed within the Department of Pathology, Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, Virginia, CAPT Torske is the lead staff Oral and Maxillofacial pathologist, diagnosing cases of the ear, nose, throat, oral cavity, salivary glands, and skin of the head and neck. He also serves as the Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology mentor for multiple dental residency programs, to

include: the Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) programs at Langley Air Force Base, VA and Sewells Point Naval Dental Center, VA; the General Practice Residency at Naval Medical Center (NMCP) in Portsmouth, VA; and the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery residency, also at NMCP. Previous duty assignments include Dental Corps Assignments Officer, Navy Personnel Command, Millington, TN; Department Head and Program Director, Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, Naval Postgraduate Dental School, Bethesda, MD; Laboratory Manager and Lead Forensic Odontologist, Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, Hickam Air Force Base, HI; staff Oral and Maxillofacial Pathologist, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Washington, DC; residency in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, Naval Postgraduate Dental School, Bethesda, MD, and staff dental officer, Naval Dental Center, Okinawa, Japan. He is a graduate of the University Of Minnesota School Of Dentistry, earning his degree with “high distinction.” Military awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards), Joint Service Commendation Medal (2 awards), and the Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal. He is also highly active in his field, having academic appointments at three universities, authored chapters in three pathology textbooks, and written multiple contributions within the professional literature. He is married to the former Holly Jo Mosher since 1992.



David L. Wells, DDS, MS

Colonel Wells is currently the Commander of the 673rd Dental Squadron, Joint Base Elmendorf in Richardson, Alaska. He completed his undergraduate education at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas in 1980 and dental school at Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas, Texas in 1984. Dr. Wells completed residency training in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology at the Naval Postgraduate Dental School in Bethesda, Maryland in 2004. Previous assignments have included the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology and the 59th Dental Squadron, Lackland AFB, Texas.

AAOMP Business Meeting Guest



Carol Gomez Summerhays, DDS

Dr. Carol Gomez Summerhays, a San Diego-based general dentist, is the President of the American Dental Association. Dr. Summerhays graduated from the University of San Francisco with a B.S. in Biology and earned her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the Ostrow School of Dentistry at the University of Southern California in 1978. She attended dental school on a full scholarship through the Armed Forces Health Professions program.

Dr. Summerhays served four years on active duty in the Navy Dental Corps and 11 years of inactive duty rising to the rank of Lieutenant. She started full time private practice in 1982. Some of her past positions include past president of the California Dental Association, Board member of The Dentists Insurance Company as well as the CDA Foundation. She has held positions with the Academy of General Dentistry and was a Board member for 10 years at the Pankey Institute. Dr. Summerhays served as the Thirteenth District trustee of the American Dental Association. ADA committee appointments include Compensation, Governance, Pension, and the FDI delegation. ADA trustee liaison appointments include the New Dentist Committee, the Council on Government Affairs, and the Council on Members Insurance and Retirement Programs. Dr. Summerhays served as an at-large member of the Strategic Planning Committee for four years with an additional two years as trustee, and as a national advisor to the ADA Institute for Diversity.

She is a fellow of the American College of Dentistry, the International College of Dentistry, the Academy of Dentistry International, the Academy of General Dentistry, and the Pierre Fauchard Academy. Additionally, she earned a Master in the Academy of General Dentistry and the AGD LLSR Lifelong Learning and Service Recognition Award.