

## **American Board of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology**

There are currently 305 diplomates of the American Board of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology. 9 candidates challenged the certifying exam in October, 2009 and 4 candidates were successful. The exam is now administered in the following format:

Day 1, morning session: Surgical Pathology I (35 microscopic slides for diagnosis)  
Day 1, afternoon session: Clinical/Radiographic Pathology (50 cases, short answer format)

Day 2, morning session: Surgical Pathology II (35 microscopic slides for diagnosis)  
Day 2, afternoon session: Written examination (150 oral pathology and 50 general pathology multiple choice questions)

The Test Construction Committee has continued working toward creation of the Certification Maintenance (CM) examination. The first time-limited certificate was in 2004 and therefore the first recertification examination can be taken in 2011. The CM program is based on 3 components: **1) Evidence of professional standing; 2) Evidence of commitment to lifelong learning and involvement in periodic self-assessment; 3) Certification Maintenance examination**

The exam will be administered at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. At this time we expect the examination to be a closed book exam and to consist of 50 multiple choice questions focused primarily on histopathology and clinical/radiographic correlation of associated diseases of the head and neck. Diplomates with non-time-limited certificates who sit for the exam will not put their certification in jeopardy.

The Head and Neck Pathology Continued Competency Assurance Program administered by the Board continues to be very popular with diplomates and is fully subscribed this year. A total of 148 diplomates participated in the 2009 voluntary program.