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## Report to Intersociety Pathology Council, March 2016

There are currently 344 registered Diplomates of the Board. This total includes 283 actively practicing Diplomates and 61 Diplomates who are retired from active practice and hold Emeritus status. In 2015, 68 of the active Diplomates participated in the Board's voluntary Continued Competency Assurance Program. The Board's Head and Neck Pathology Slide Review Program remains fully subscribed. In 2015, 216 individuals participated in the program, 102 receiving glass slide sets, 43 shared slides with someone at their institution, and 71 participated in the virtual slide format.

The most recent examination of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology was held in Tampa, Florida on October 8-9, 2015. A total of 13 candidates challenged the examination, with 9 passing and 4 failing. The next examination will be held in Tampa, October 6-7, 2016

The Board has developed a Certification Maintenance (CM) program, patterned after that of the American Board of Pathology. Specific information is available on the [abomp.org](http://abomp.org) website at the Certification Maintenance tab. The Certification Maintenance program is directed primarily toward Diplomates with time-limited certificates (certificates received in 2004 or after). However, the process will be open to all certified Diplomates. Certification Maintenance is based on three components: 1) evidence of professional standing (licensure), 2) evidence of commitment for lifelong learning and involvement in periodic self-assessment (organized CME and self-learning), and 3) evidence of cognitive expertise (CM examination). In 2015 2 Diplomates have been dropped for noncompliance.

In 2015, 10 Diplomates plus 1 new Director passed the Certification Maintenance examination. The next Certification Maintenance examination will be administered May 2016 at the AAOMP annual meeting in Cincinnati. The format for the exam is 50 multiple choice questions, the majority of which focus on histopathologic and clinical diagnoses, but may include some written questions. The exam contains questions relating to 1) fundamental knowledge and 2) current and clinically valid practice-related knowledge, including information new to the field designed to evaluate the Diplomate's lifelong learning and self-assessment experience. We are investigating alternatives to the examination for our Diplomates who live outside the country and do not always attend the AAOMP meeting. Starting in 2017, verification letters for time-limited Diplomates who are not fully participating in a slide program or don't have enough CE hours the verification letter will read "Dr. Name is not fully compliant with Certification Maintenance and therefore his/her certification in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology is at risk for early expiration."

July 2015 ADA Recognized Dental Specialty Boards Meeting – the non-ADA recognized dental specialties' Boards have copyrighted the name of American Board of Dental Specialties. The current ADA-recognized dental specialties' Boards are copyrighting the ADA Recognized Dental Specialty Certifying Boards. Jan 21, 2015 a Texas court ruled that these non-ADA-boarded specialties can advertise as specialists (American Academy of Implant Dentistry, American Society of Dental Anesthesiologists, American Academy of Oral Medicine and the American Academy of Orofacial Pain).

The ABOMP has a new website that allows Diplomates to log in their CE and upload the scanned certificates. This should allow for better documentation for both the diplomate and the board.

The Board continues to benefit from its close association and affiliation with the American Board of Pathology in Tampa.

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