

Report of the American Academy of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology to the Intersociety Pathology Council

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The annual meeting will be held **April 28 to May 3, 2011** in San Juan, Puerto Rico at the Caribe Hilton Hotel.

Speakers for 2011

“Selected Topics & Diagnostic Pitfalls in Thyroid Pathology”

Dr. Carol Adair

Symposium “Clinical Implications of HPV in Oral Cancer Pathogenesis”

Dr. Maura Gillison

Oral Mucosal Lichenoid Diseases: Diagnosis and Management

Dr. Alan Gould

AAOMP Seminar

Dr. John Kalmar

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Mesenchymal Lesions of the Oral and Maxillofacial Region

Dr. Julie Fanburg-Smith

Mohs Surgery of the Head and Neck with Histopathological Correlation

Dr. Marta Van Beek

Cone Beam CT: Principles and Applications in Imaging Oral & Maxillofacial Pathoses

Dr. Ernest W.N. Lam

Immunopathology: Tips, Tricks and Getting Out of the Quicksand

Dr. Rodney T. Miller

Interesting Cases in Head and Neck Pathology

Dr. Robert Robinson

Issues of interest in the past year:

**Working with the American Dental Association government affairs people in order to address the implementation of phase 2 of Change Request 6417, which disallows the payment of claims to Part B Medicare providers if the referring dentists or physicians are not Medicare providers or are not enrolled in the Provider Enrollment Chain and Ownership System (PECOS), a system in which dentists do not normally participate. The effect of this rule would be to deny access to care for millions of patients to appropriate oral health care providers, or to disallow payment to those health care providers if they do perform services, unless non-Medicare referring dentists are granted an exemption or unless the referring dentists can effectively register in the PECOS system. We have been successful in getting multiple delays in the implementation of this change and are now working toward a solution that would not inhibit dentists from successfully working with Part B Medicare providers.

**Working on educating the profession and public about the importance of advocating evidence-based practice in determining the value of current oral cancer screening devices being marketed to the profession.

**Working on educating the profession and the public regarding the risk of osteonecrosis of the jaws associated with the use of bisphosphonates for the treatment of both metastatic malignancy and osteoporosis/osteopenia.

** For the first time this year, the examination for ABOMP certification maintenance will be offered at the annual meeting.