

**Intersociety Pathology Council Report 2013
American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology**

The Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology (AAOMP) represents the dental specialty that identifies and manages diseases affecting the oral and maxillofacial regions and investigates the causes, processes and effects of these diseases. Our clinical practitioners, researchers, educators and microscopic diagnosticians collaborate with other dental and medical professionals to advance oral health care.

Oral and maxillofacial pathologists (OMP) are uniquely trained to:

- **Efficiently address both diagnosis and treatment of oral disease.**
- **Rapidly and reliably establish the critical connection between oral disease and systemic disease.**
- **Combine expertise in histopathologic diagnosis, clinical diagnosis and treatment.**

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Annual Meeting: June 14-19, Portland, Oregon

Speakers: AAOMP Case Seminar (multiple academy members) and Symposium - Dr. Leon Assael - Saturday, June 15th

Drs. John Hicks and Roman Carlos - Sunday, June 16th

Founders' Seminar - Dr. Cynthia Magro - Tuesday, June 18th.

News and Issues

Dr. Doug Gnepp has been appointed as the AAOMP liaison to CAP to foster communication and increase ties between the two organizations.

Consumer Reports, March 13, 2013 edition has a cover article entitled: **“3 cancer tests you need, plus 8 you don’t”**. Oral cancer screening was listed as one in the latter category. AAOMP partnered with the ADA to write a letter addressing this issue, essentially stating that dentists do “oral cancer screening” as part of an inclusive oral examination, not as a separate process.

AAOMP has partnered with 36 other organizations recognized as experts in the field of oral health in the ad campaign **“Partnership for Healthy Mouths, Healthy Lives”**.

Dental decay is the most common chronic childhood disease with more than 16 million kids suffering from untreated tooth decay in the U.S. The mouth is the gateway to a person’s overall health. In the U.S., oral disease causes children to miss 51 million school hours and their parents to lose 25 million work hours annually. Additionally, oral disease disproportionately affects children from low-income families and these children have almost twice the number of decayed teeth that have not been treated by a dentist as compared to others in the general population. The Partnership for Healthy Mouths, Healthy Lives was created to help the public take action and teach children the importance of good oral health. A website was created to provide information to help parents and children in this cause.