

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

### **Report to the Intersociety Pathology Council**

**March 18, 2018**

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#### **Membership**

Fellows - 216

Members - 82

Dental Students - 20

Emeritus Fellows - 89

Life Members - 37

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#### **The objectives of the AAOMP are:**

To promote the highest standards in education, research and the practice of oral and maxillofacial pathology.

To elevate the scientific and professional status of those practicing this specialty of dentistry.

To advance the science of oral and maxillofacial pathology and to improve laboratory service to dentists, to hospitals and to the public through study and education.

To encourage closer cooperation of oral and maxillofacial pathologists with other dentists, with physicians and with other pathology organizations.

To aid in establishing standards for the performance of various laboratory procedures and to monitor and assist regulatory agencies in the establishment of standards for the operation of oral and maxillofacial pathology laboratories.

To aid in maintaining and strengthening the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology.

To recognize and support the practice of forensic odontology as part of the practice of oral and maxillofacial pathology.

To promote oral and maxillofacial pathology as a career.

To represent and promote the value of oral and maxillofacial pathology to other medical and dental organizations, legislative bodies and governmental agencies.

## **Annual Meeting**

The American Academy of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology and International Association of Oral Pathology Joint Annual Meeting will be held June 23 – 28, 2018 at the Westin Bayshore Hotel in Vancouver, BC, Canada.

*Theme: “21st Century Diagnostics: Molecular Genetics to Immunohistochemistry”*

Speakers:

Brian Rubin: Soft tissue and bone sarcomas of the head and neck with emphasis on ancillary studies to include IHC and molecular

Bob Robinson: "Challenging Cases in Head and Neck Pathology"

Rossitza Lazova: Dermatologic Tumors for Oral and Maxillofacial Pathologists (Tumors of the Face, etc)

Thomas Underhill – Neuro Head and Neck Radiologist: Case studies Involving Head and Neck Radiology

Nishant Agrawal: Molecular alterations in head and neck cancer/salivary gland tumors/thyroid cancer with emphasis on diagnosis and treatment

Kristiina Heikinheimo, Rob West, Mary MacDougall, Ricardo Gomez: Odontogenic Tumors: Molecular Pathology to Personalized Medicine

2017-2018 Issues

### **PECOS: Provider Enrollment Chain of Service:**

-Continuing failure of contributors to register in the system as ordering and referring providers penalizes providing pathologists as Medicare will still continue to deny payment if the ordering provider is not registered. Work with ADA lobbyists has not been productive concerning this issue. Issues with PECOS also include the requirement that the contributor renew registration every 3 years. (Contributors who have opted out of Medicare are automatically renewed every two years.) Finally, all providers need to update their NPI numbers every time they move, as claims for service where the NPI address of record does not match the current address of the referring provider will not be paid

**Non-recognition of specific codes for odontogenic cysts and inflammatory conditions in the oral cavity as billable codes** that merit payment by Medicare and other medical insurers.

Examples include: Radicular cyst, dentigerous cyst, lateral periodontal cyst, etc.

**Restructuring of Specialties in Dentistry:**

Previously-recognized ADA specialties

Newly created American Board of Dental Specialties

Specialty issues being decided based on legal actions in the various states where petitioners have litigated on the basis of “free speech” that they have the ability to declare that they have “specialty” expertise. Implantology is one of the areas driving this issue.

**The most recent AAOMP Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Laboratory Survey** shows overall increase in volume of accessions but overall decrease in revenue.