**CHAIR’S CORNER**
Dr. Thomas B. Dodson

It has been an active and productive six months since the distribution of the inaugural issue of the Department of OMS newsletter.

**Dr. Jas Dillon** received an OMS Foundation Research Support Award to fund a randomized clinical trial to study medical management of MRONJ using pentoxifylline and vitamin E. She also was recognized as the Stephen B. Milam Award winner for receiving the best score of all the grant proposals reviewed by the Foundation’s Committee on Research.

The Department was highly visible at the **AAOMS meeting in Las Vegas in September, 2016**. I am very proud of the leadership and recognition garnered by our faculty, as it demonstrates the bench strength we have worked to develop.

**OMS Grand Rounds:**
The Grand Rounds Lecture Series takes place on the first and third Wednesday of each month. The lectures are held from 6:00 – 7:00 PM in Turner Auditorium: Health Sciences Building room D-209.

Visit our website listed in the appendix of our newsletter, or click [here to subscribe](#) to the OMS Grand Rounds email bulletin.

**Wednesday January 4, 2017**
**Diagnosis and Management of Patients with Thrombotic Disorders**
Daniel Sabath, MD, PhD
Division Head
Director, Red Cell Disorders, Molecular Diagnosis and General Laboratories
Department of Laboratory Medicine
University of Washington Medical Center
Seattle, WA.

**Wednesday January 18, 2017**
**Vascular Trauma and Management**
Benjamin W Starnes MD FACS
Professor and Chief, Division of Vascular Surgery
University of Washington

**Wednesday, February 1, 2017**
**Eyelid Injury and Repair**
Christopher Chambers MD
Assistant Professor
Associate Residency Program Director
Ophthalmology
University of Washington
a. **Drs. Beirne, Dillon, and Egbert** gave oral presentations.

b. We had one resident, **Dr. Austin Gaal** and one 4th year student, **Mr. AJ Morrow**, present oral research abstracts.

c. **Drs. Srini Chandra, Ross Beirne, and I** were honored by receiving, respectively, the Faculty Education Development Award, the Daniel Laskin Pre-Doctoral Educator of the Year Award, and the AAOMS Clinical Investigator Award.

d. The Department hosted a wonderful alumni dinner at Bobby Flay’s Mesa Grill. We look forward to another alumni dinner at the 2017 AAOMS Meeting in San Francisco.

e. **Dr. Mark Egbert** was elected the District VI Trustee by the AAOMS House of Delegates.

**Drs. Guillermo Chacon, Mark Egbert and I** were among the first cohort of single-degree OMSs to be inducted as Fellows in the American College of Surgeons at the ACS Clinical Congress, October 16, 2016, Washington, DC. I would implore all of our OMS alumni to become ACS Fellows. ([See Editorial](#)).

Members of the OMS faculty (full-time and affiliate) were active in providing clinical services at the Seattle/King County Free Clinic held at the Key Arena in October. Together, local dentist volunteers provided care to 2,485 patients during the four-day event.

After a deliberate and through national search, the Department recruited and hired **Dr. Ryan O’Connor** to be the new program director of the General Practice Residency Program.

Regionally, **Dr. Dillon** was appointed an alternate delegate to the AAOMS House of Delegates. Dr. Chacon was elected as a delegate. I was elected to the WSSOMS Executive Committee as a member at large. I have always felt strongly that OMS faculty need to step away from the “ivory tower” and participate actively in local, regional, and national dental and specialty organizations.

**Dr. Franco Audia** received the Hungate Award at the School’s faculty retreat last August. The Hungate Award recognizes affiliate faculty for excellence in teaching.
Char Bell-Younger, RN, OMS nurse manager, received the 2016 Outstanding Staff Award. Additionally, after 41 years of service to the University of Washington, of which 31 years were in OMS, Char will be retiring the end of 2016. We wish her well as she turns to a new chapter in her life.

Looking ahead to the New Year, we anticipate several positive areas of growth and opportunity. Recently, the Center for Pediatric Dentistry consolidated its clinical activities to the first floor of the Washington Dental Services Foundation Building located in Magnuson Park. This created a fortuitous opportunity for our Department. For three years, the OMS Faculty Practice has been looking to relocate its clinical activities from the UW Campus to a more accessible, community site. I am happy to announce that on February 1st, the OMS Faculty Practice will begin clinical operations on the 2nd floor of the Magnuson building as the newly renamed Northwest Center for Oral and Facial Surgery.

Please join us at our open house, the date of which will be announced soon.

Finally, we are thrilled that Andrea Burke, DMD, MD has agreed to join the OMS faculty as an assistant professor on January 1, 2017. Dr. Burke is a graduate of Harvard Medical School and Harvard School of Dental Medicine, and completed her OMS residency in 2013 at Massachusetts General Hospital. Most recently, she completed a highly prestigious 3-year research experience in the bone biology lab of Dr. Michael Collins at NIH. We are excited about what she will bring to the Department’s research portfolio in addition to her clinical duties at Harborview Medical Center and the School.

As we close out this remarkable year, I would like to offer a special thanks to our full-time and affiliate faculty who provide teaching services in the pre-doctoral and resident clinics. There is no greater gift than to share a lifetime of learning with the next generation.

Best Wishes for the Happiest of New Years.

Thomas B. Dodson, DMD, MPH, FACS

OMS RESIDENCY PROGRAM
Dr. Jasjit Dillon

I cannot believe the year is flying by so quickly that we are half way through another cohort of Chief resident’s. Currently Ben Bailey, Lauren Basile and Sapna Lohiya are in the process of looking for jobs after residency. They will be scattering, Ben will be returning to Canada, Sapna...
to California (maybe…) and Lauren is yet undecided having had multiple offers.

Our first double degree cohort – David Ludwig, Rodney Nishimoto and Karen Zempleyni all passed their Step 1 USMLE exams and are well into medical school life. The next year’s entering class, Nicholas Smiley, Philip Hurst and Jesse Han, just sat their OSCE examinations. We have been working closely with the medical school representatives who have been tremendously supportive in our goals and future ambitions. I have what appears to be a fully operational finalized schedule for all 6 years. For those of you that don’t know, our medical school is also undergoing a major curriculum change and we have jumped onto a fast moving train with multiple twists and turns along the way. We are finally on a smooth track. Our graduates will complete 31 months of OMS, 5 months of anesthesia, complete medical school in 8 quarters, and get credit for 2 years of general surgery enabling WA medical licensure. It is likely we will increase our complement of non-categorical residents to 4 per year due to our continued growth at all sites with all faculty and residents noting the need for more bodies to cover the sites and all take advantage of the fantastic opportunities.

We have all returned from another very successful AAOMS national meeting. I left proud knowing the OMS program at the University of Washington is clearly standing out as a national leader. We had several residents attend the meeting and Dr. Austin Gaal presented an oral abstract entitled ‘Role of antibiotics in the management of open mandible fractures’. In addition, Austin is also the ROAAOMS representative for district IV.

A few weeks ago we had our resident interviews. This was a fantastic cohort of dental students and we were all very impressed. I look forward to the match and seeing who else will be joining us and will keep you all updated in the next new letter. In the meantime, I am off this New Year to see the Huskies play in the Peach Bowl. Go DAWGS!

OMS PRE-DOCTORAL PROGRAM
Dr. John Evans

The big news in the School of Dentistry this autumn was the accreditation of our new dental curriculum by the American Dental Association. Every seven years’ representatives from the Committee on Dental Accreditation (CODA) visit the school for three days to assess our entire undergraduate teaching program and several of the graduate programs.
Our undergraduate program was reviewed in late November from the admissions process right through to competency testing and graduation. An extensive self-study was prepared beginning in early 2015 by a committee of our full-time faculty.

Several thousand pages of documentation was written and submitted to CODA in late summer of 2016. The document was extensively reviewed and revised to reflect the true state of our school. This task was accomplished while we composed and implemented a new, four-year, dental curriculum.

Needless to say the UW School of Dentistry is now fully accredited. The site visitors had a few suggestions but were, by and large, pleased with our new curriculum citing its fresh and innovative approach to dental education. Using the words of several site visitors we now have a “state-of-the-art” curriculum in place.

We also, of course, have implemented a new surgical curriculum for dental students. We begin with a course in local anesthesia in summer quarter between the first and second years of dental school. Virtually all second year dental students have the opportunity to inject real patients in real clinical settings either in the School of Dentistry or in community clinics in Washington or Montana. In the third year of dental school the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Clerkship continues to be rated by students as the best of the eight clerkships they are required to complete. We are in the thirteenth iteration of the clerkship and are blessed with a superb and award-winning cadre of affiliate faculty to help us. In fact, we are on the verge of adding significantly to our student’s clinical experience. The clerkship offers twenty percent more experience than the old curriculum and we are on the verge of adding another twenty percent to that if our clinical plans are implemented. Our elective courses continue to be well received with OS 550, a fourth-year course, maintaining its position as the most popular elective course taken by fourth-year students. Over sixty percent of our senior students request at least one additional quarter of surgical experience. In the next year we will also be expanding the content of our didactic courses to reflect the ever-expanding scope of Oral and Facial Surgeons in our community. We think it important that our graduates understand the role community-based Oral and Facial Surgeons have assumed in our health care system.
GERIATRIC DENTISTRY PROGRAM
Dr. Susanne M. Kolare Jeffrey

So what has happened in Geriatric Dentistry since our last newsletter? Here it is:

We have continued to host 4th year students two days per week for their external Geriatric Dentistry rotations at FOSS Home and Village in Shoreline, and the Center for Healthy Living in Lynnwood. Both these dental clinics give excellent exposure to the more complex scenarios in maintaining and restoring an aging dentition. This summer, Dr. Allison Legendre, now working full-time at the FOSS clinic, was also able to host a 2nd year student for the RUOP rotation! Go Allison!

Aging and Geriatric Dentistry is now introduced in the dental curriculum as part of the Basic Science Foundation during fall of 2nd year in “Lifecycle and Reproduction”. This means that very early on, our dental students learn how to manage the diseases and medical needs of the aging body while doing dentistry. As part of the block we were reading and watching Atul Gawande’s book *Being Mortal: Medicine and what matters in the End*, which is also available as a PBS Frontline program, and reflecting on the palliative care aspects of dentistry: When to treat, when to maintain and when to let go. We also visited our rotation sites to learn more about the community organizations behind the external clinics and the additional services they provide to the community. Mental health and Meals on Wheels are a huge part of the aging program at Senior Services in Lynnwood, and FOSS provides care to all stages of the aging process through stroke rehabilitation, assisted living and skilled nursing care.

Also during the block, Dr. Douglas Paauw, Professor of Internal Medicine at UW, gave an interactive presentation about Geriatric Polypharmacy, which is recorded on Panopto if you are interested – just contact sjeffrey@uw.edu – and we learned that also Acetominophen (as in Tylenol) affects INR levels in patients on blood thinners!

*News moving forward:* We are connecting with the nursing and medical community as Dr. Susanne Kolare Jeffrey will present her Geriatric Oral Health perspective as part of UW School of Nursing’s telecasted NW GWEC Geriatric Health Series in February, and as part of grand rounds to geriatric physicians at Harborview in March.
The UW General Practice Residency continues to do well. We have had a transition in directorship. Dr. Nieman is handing over the reins to me. I have been working in the GPR program for 5 years and hope to build on the solid foundation the program already has.

The Advanced General Dentistry Clinic, the “home base” of the GPR program, is scheduled to consolidate with the UW Dentists Faculty Group practice in January. I believe this move will strengthen our educational opportunities in the long-run. Our residents will treat their own complex patients while working side-by-side with our top-notch UW faculty specialists.

We recently had our resident interviews for the 2017-2018 class. It was promising to interview such great candidates, and we are looking forward to a good Match.

On behalf of all the current and former GPR residents, I want to thank Bob Nieman for his work in our program. His breadth of knowledge and scope of dentistry is something all general dentists aspire to have. I hope that Dr. Nieman will continue to teach in our program in some capacity, but I know the links at Overlake Country Club are enticing.

2016-2017 General Practice Residents
Picture from Left to Right: Ryan O’Connor, Chris Carlson, Amir Nojoumi, Casey Jacobsen, Colleen Hennessey, Kathleen Mulligan, Danielle Ploussard, Bob Nieman, Ellie Ott, Tyler Hesselgesser, Haley Hoffman
ORAL PATHOLOGY

Dr. Thomas Dodson

The oral pathology unit is composed of two full-time faculty, Drs. Dolphine Oda and Yeshwant Rawal. The team continues to engage in an active teaching service instructing the full spectrum of professionals from pre-doctoral students to providing continuing education to colleagues. Dr. Rawal co-authored four papers with members of the OMS faculty, Drs. Chandra and Dodson. One of Dr. Rawal’s current projects is to compare and contrast the histologic appearance of benign human tumors of the jaws to those found in pre-mammalian/mammalian fossils. The project is a joint effort with a team from the Burke Museum, University of Washington.

WORTHINGTON LECTURE:

Save the date: October 4, 2017

2017 Worthington Invited Professor: Dr. Edward Ellis, Professor and Chair, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, University of Texas-San Antonio

FACULTY PUBLICATIONS/MEDIA COMMENTARIES


**FACULTY PRESENTATIONS**

**O. Ross Beirne, DMD, PhD**
2) “Anesthesia Update on Geriatric Care”
3) Panelist for “Discussion of Cases Related to Treating the Elderly” – AAOMS Annual Meeting

**Srinivasa Chandra, MD, BDS, FDSRCS**
1) Key note speaker " Calvarial Reconstruction- options & techniques' 41st Annual conference of Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons of India.

**Thomas B. Dodson, DMD, MPH**
1) University of Washington Pre-professional Club - Hand2Hand's 7th Health Career Fair. “Scope and experience of oral and maxillofacial surgery.” Invited presentation, Seattle, WA
2) Invited lecture “Mentored topics in oral and maxillofacial surgery.” Western Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, Whistler, BC, Canada

**Jasit K. Dillon, DDS, MD, BDS, FDSRCS**
3) Dental and Craniofacial Trauma management: HMC EMS Trauma conference. Seattle September 29 2016
6) Oral Cancer: The silent killer. Pacific Northwest Dental Conference CDE 1.5 hours June 16 2016
7) Biopsy techniques: what when why? WAGD CDE 7 hours 5 November 2016 Seattle
8) Dental and Craniofacial Trauma management: EMS & Trauma Conference. Sept 29-30 2016 1 hour CME
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