

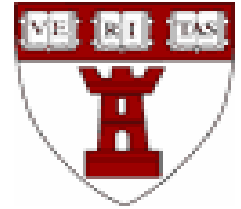
# The OMFS Newsletter



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It is again time for me to wish everyone a happy holiday season and a healthy and successful new year. The Department has had a terrific start to the academic year with our new group of residents and students. As I usually do in the winter newsletter, I will recap some of the highlights of the AAOMS Meeting in Hawaii and, this year, the International Association Meeting in Bangalore, India.

Attendance at the AAOMS meeting was somewhat less than usual for the MGH family. Even so, **Tom Dodson** presented his data on third molar surgery outcomes at one of the major symposia. All the presentations at the meeting are listed below. **Tom Flynn** and **Rabie Shanti** (HSDM IV) received the Daniel Laskin Award for their two-part article on Severe Odontogenic Infections (Part One: Prospective Report and Part 2: Prospective Outcomes Study. J Oral Maxillofac Surg. 2006 Jul;64(7):1093-1113.) **Tom Dodson** received the Ambassador of the Year Award for services to the OMS Foundation. **Bonnie Padwa** and **David Hiranaka** were kind enough to organize and host the alumni dinner at the La Mer restaurant on Waikiki beach. As usual, this event was a highlight of the meeting and enjoyed by all the alumni, faculty, residents and students who attended. The next annual meeting will be in Seattle. I hope many of you will be able to attend and I look forward to seeing you at our next alumni dinner.

This year, the 18<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery was held in Bangalore, India and was attended by over 1600 oral and maxillofacial surgeons from around the world. I represented the Department both at this meeting and at an AO Trauma Pre-Course aimed at oral surgeons from third world countries. I came away from the meetings exhilarated by the feeling that those of us fortunate to live in developed countries can make a real contribution to surgeons of the third world and to their patients.

I appreciate the difficulties that these surgeons have in acquiring knowledge and learning about new technology because of the limited resources available to them. I was also impressed by their hunger for knowledge. They were very grateful for the opportunities afforded by the conference.

On a local note, this will serve as my first reminder to alumni that 2011 will be the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the MGH and there will be many opportunities for celebration. We will be planning an OMFS alumni event for the year that will celebrate our contributions to the history of the MGH and the opening of a new inpatient tower and MGH museum. I will keep you all informed of events as the dates approach.

I will end my remarks by again wishing you all a happy, healthy and successful new year and by extending an open invitation for you to visit the Department when you are in Boston. I am now in my 14<sup>th</sup> year as Chief of OMFS at MGH and I enthusiastically look forward to the future as this Department continues to grow and evolve.

### MGH OMFS Presentations at 2007 AAOMS Annual Meeting – Honolulu, HI

Abstract: Risk factors for inflammatory complications following third molar surgery.

Presenter: Sung-Kiang Chuang

Abstract: Diagnosis of intimate partner violence: A new diagnostic protocol versus standard emergency department (SOP) protocol

Presenter: Leslie Halpern

Symposium: Strategies affecting the outcome of third molar surgery: Indications for advanced imaging in third molar management

Presenter: Thomas B. Dodson, DMD, MPH

Poster: Immediate vs. delayed-implant placement following tooth extraction: Survival analyses and factors associated with survival.

Authors: Markiewicz MR, Chuang SK, Weed M, Dodson TB

## Department Highlights

- **Baby!** Congratulations to **Daniel Richardson** (OMFS Resident) and **Shanta Richardson** (MGH Pediatric Dentist) on the December 7<sup>th</sup> arrival of their daughter, Victoria!
- **New Orofacial Pain Fellowship Program!** Over the summer, the Partners Executive Committee on Training and Education approved a new one-year Orofacial Pain Fellowship Program in the Department. This program will offer additional training for graduates of accredited US Dental Schools and consists of clinical rotations in orofacial pain as well as elective rotations through various related disciplines such as anesthesia, physical therapy, radiology, neurosurgery, and neurology. The fellow will also have the opportunity to work at Cambridge Health Alliance 1½ days per week providing direct patient care as an attending dentist. The program will be under the direction of Dr. Jeff Shaefer. Other Department faculty members will also be involved in this hospital-based, comprehensive training program for advanced students. OMFS residents might find this program to be particularly attractive if they have an interest in expanding their knowledge of facial pain and its management. If you know of any potential applicants, please have them contact Dr. Shaefer (jshaefer@partners.org).
- **Visiting Professor!** The Department was honored to have **Dr. Raymond Fonseca** serve as the third annual Residency Program Visiting Professor. Dr. Fonseca is the former Dean of the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine and editor of the multiple volume *Oral and Maxillofacial Trauma* (WB Saunders, Philadelphia). His presentation at OMFS Grand Rounds on October 15th was on surgically assisted maxillary expansion. He spent two days seeing patients, reviewing cases and talking with the residents. We had a wonderful dinner after Grand Rounds and his visit was a terrific learning experience for all.
- The Department successfully renewed a training grant to support predoctoral dental students pursuing research in OMFS. **Tom Dodson** is the program director for the grant titled, Student Training Research Award. The award was funded by the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Foundation. Also, **Dr. Dodson** will serve as PI on a recently awarded grant from the American Academy of Implant Dentistry titled, Immediate Loading of Dental Implants: Clinical and Radiographic Factors Associated with Implant Failure.
- **Edward Seldin** was honored with the MIT Lifetime Achievement Award on June 16th, at the MIT Medical Department Award Ceremony.
- **R. Bruce Donoff** was commencement speaker at the University of California San Francisco School of Dentistry graduation exercises on June 16th. His address was titled, We Treat People, Not X-Rays. On October 16th, **Dr. Donoff** was one of five individuals honored at a dinner by the American Friends of Hebrew University for his work in the bridge to peace program between Hebrew University and al-Qud University, a Palestinian institution. The dinner at the Hotel Pierre in Manhattan was attended by more than 200 people.

- **Leonard Kaban** received the Norman Rowe Medal and presented the Norman Rowe Memorial Lecture at the British Association of OMFS meeting in Aviemore, Scotland. Mr. Rowe was a pioneer in the diagnosis and treatment of facial fractures and co-authored the definitive textbook, *Fractures of the Facial Skeleton*. He was a legendary surgeon during WWII and many Americans spent time in London training with him in the 1960s and 1970s. During his time as an MGH OMFS resident, Dr. Kaban spent three months with Mr. Rowe in 1971. This is the only named Lecture of the British Association and Dr. Kaban spoke on the topic, Not All Hemangiomas Are Strawberries: Diagnosis and Management of Vascular Lesions in Children. **Dr. Kaban** also presented one of the plenary sessions at the International Conference on OMFS in Bangalore, India on November 16th. His two lectures at the Pediatric Plenary Session were: Jaw Tumors in Children: A 30 Year Experience and Maxillofacial Vascular Anomalies in Children.
- **Leslie Halpern** presented a paper titled, Predictive Model for Identification of Intimate Partner Violence, at the 40th Annual Society of Epidemiology Meeting at the Park Plaza Hotel on June 22nd. **Dr. Halpern** also received the Timothy White Take a Stand Award from RESPOND at their Gala celebration on October 13th. RESPOND was the first domestic violence agency in New England and offers free, confidential services for victims of domestic violence and their children. The Timothy White Take a Stand Award honors an outstanding individual who has drawn local or national attention to the issue of domestic violence, leveraging a strong public voice to encourage dialogue, promote awareness, and create change. The award is named for the late editor in chief of Billboard magazine who was committed to speaking out publicly against domestic violence.
- **Thomas Dodson** was recognized by the AMA's Women Physicians Congress Physician Mentor Recognition Program as a physician mentor who made a difference in the professional life of another physician. This program is designed to recognize physicians who have contributed to the achievements of women in the medical profession. Dr. Dodson was honored in a special presentation during the AMA House of Delegates meeting and on the AMA WPC website. Also, **Dr. Dodson** was appointed as Section Editor of the Research Section of the Journal of OMFS.
- **Maria Troulis** was appointed to the MGPO's Executive Committee and also to the Examination Committee of the American Board of OMFS.

## Obituary: Dr. Mortin Olin

*By Walter C. Guralnick, DMD*

Dr. Mortin Olin, an active and respected member of our staff since 1968, died at the age of 81 on May 12<sup>th</sup> as the result of complications from an athletic injury. Mort Olin was appointed an MGH Visiting Oral Surgeon in 1968, a title he maintained until 2001. He then served as a Senior Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon until his retirement in November 2004. During his active years, he was a dedicated,

enthusiastic, capable and kindly teacher of residents in the Department's outpatient clinic.

Dr. Olin received his BA from Harvard and his DMD from Tufts in 1950. He trained in oral surgery at the Hospital for Joint Diseases in New York, the University of Pennsylvania and Johns Hopkins Hospital. Dr. Olin taught at both Tufts and BU upon completing his residency and spent several years as an oral surgeon in the Navy. He returned to Boston in 1966 and became an associate in Dr. Guralnick's practice. After two years, he opened his own office in Arlington, where he practiced until his death. Mort was a Diplomate of the American Board of OMFS and was appointed Associate Professor of Oral Surgery at BU in 1961.

Besides his professional work, Mort had an abiding interest in music and regularly attended the Boston Symphony Orchestra. He was also an avid tennis player and skier with whom several residents shared experiences. Although he had retired from our active staff, Mort was a regular attendant of the bi-monthly Grand Rounds in the Ether Dome. After his wife's death several years ago, he moved from his home in Chestnut Hill to Winthrop where he delighted in the view overlooking the ocean from his condo window. Mort is survived by his son Nicholas and two daughters, Leslie and Lee.

## Residency Program

*By Maria Troulis, DDS, Msc*

A Happy New Year to all! First, I want to thank our Residency Coordinator, **Jennifer Ferguson**. Jennifer has been doing a fantastic job with all the "upgrades" to the program. Secondly, I would like to thank our co-director, **Bonnie Padwa**. She has been terrific keeping the Longwood Area as a great experience for our residents, despite the changes. The Longwood resident is now merged with the Children's Hospital Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery team. Our four new interns (**Andrea Burke, Seenu Susarla, Ryan Smart, and Eric Crum**) have adjusted well to our fast-paced internship year. They are all working hard and doing an absolutely fabulous job! Keep it up! The three chiefs are simply wonderful. **Chris Rouleau, Nancy McDermott, and Dan Richardson** (aka "Daniel T" Richardson) are not only well-organized, caring, and hard-working, but also wonderful teachers to the "younger ones". Thank you for being such terrific leaders. It is a pleasure working with you!

The Residency "mid-course corrections" implemented last year have been proceeding very well. The three interns are attending Patient-Doctor II (and doing very well.) We have formal chief rounds every Wednesday morning at 6:45am, headed by **Dr. Kaban**. They are followed by a formal didactic session (Course Directors: Meredith August and Maria Troulis.) During our didactic sessions we have included a pathophysiology review course. I want to thank the lecturers for contributing: **Melanie Hoenig, Trish Kritek, Stephen Chan, and Misha Pless**. Dr. Chan also did the crash-course in physical diagnosis which was a terrific few weeks for our interns. I'd also like to thank **Dr. August**, who is an inspiring, committed and caring teacher!

I am most pleased to be working with a fabulous faculty, outstanding resident team, and terrific auxiliary staff. This team is fulfilling our purpose to provide top patient care and concurrent outstanding teaching on a daily basis. I hope everyone is having as much fun as I am!!

## MGH Dental Group

*By Agnes Lau, DMD*

The MGH Dental Group is continually expanding and increasing its scope of services. **Anthea Resnick**, wife of OMFS resident Cory Resnick, joined the group as an orthodontist after completing her postdoctoral training at Tufts School of Dental Medicine. Members of the MGH Dental Group staff have been active in a number of professional activities. **Miguel Vidal** authored a study article in the Nov/Dec issue of the Journal of Prosthodontics titled, Investigation of a Thermoplastic Polymeric Carrier for Bone Tissue Engineering Using Allogenic Mesenchymal Stem Cells in Granular Scaffolds. He also has a case report in the December issue of Quintessence of Dental Technology titled, Achieving Natural Esthetic Restorations with Porcelain Veneers. We'd also like to congratulate **Dr. Vidal** for being awarded the Partners Award in Excellence in Leadership and Innovation. **Nicholas Dello Russo** has a case report in the November issue of the Journal of the Massachusetts Dental Society titled, Rescuing a Failing Implant. **Jeffrey Shaefer** received funding from Palomar Medical Technologies for a study titled, Development of a Light-Based System for Treatment of TMJ Arthralgia. He also co-authored a chapter (Head, Face, and Neck Pain: Science, Evaluation, and Management) in the book *Head, Face, and Neck Pain* by Mehta, Maloney, Bana, and Scrivani. **Leslie Will** became Professor and Graduate Program Director in the Department of Orthodontics at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in October. She is also President-Elect of the Northeast Society of Orthodontists, and was named to the American Association of Orthodontics national task force on Recruitment and Retention of Orthodontic Faculty.

We thank **Benjamin Warren** on a job well done as he completes his rotation as a general practice resident. **Kerri Bourgeois**, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, is the next GPR at the MGH.

## Center for Applied Clinical Investigation

*By Thomas Dodson, DMD, MPH*

CACI faculty continue to be active investigators and mentors in patient-oriented research. At the 2007 AAOMS annual meeting in Honolulu, **Sung-Kiang Chuang** presented an abstract titled, Risk Factors for Inflammatory Complications after Third Molar Surgery. The abstract was coauthored by former CACI/OMS Foundation Clinical Investigation fellow **Seenu Susarla** and CACI Director **Dr. Dodson**. The study utilized data from the AAOMS-sponsored third molar outcome studies. **Leslie Halpern** presented an abstract titled, Diagnosis of Intimate Partner Violence: A New Diagnostic Protocol Versus Standard Emergency Department (SOP) Protocol. Her research is a collaborative effort between the

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MGH OMFS and Emergency Medicine Departments. Former CACI mentee **Michael Markiewicz** (University of Buffalo School of Dentistry) presented a poster titled, Immediate- Versus Delayed-Implant Placement Following Tooth Extraction: Survival Analyses and Factors Associated with Survival, co-authored by Drs. Chuang and Dodson. **Dr. Dodson** presented at the Symposium on

Strategies Affecting the Outcome of Third Molar Surgery on the topic of Advanced Imaging in Third Molar Management. **Dr. Halpern** received the Timothy White Take a Stand Award from RESPOND (see page 2) for her continued outstanding work drawing attention to the issue of domestic violence.

For continued updates on CACI's activities and opportunities, bookmark our site at [www.caciOMS.org](http://www.caciOMS.org).

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS!**

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

### **MGH OMFS ANNUAL CHANGE PARTY**

6:00 p.m. Thursday, June 19, 2008, Exchange Conference Center, Boston, MA

### **AAOMS ANNUAL MEETING**

September 16-20, 2008 in Seattle, WA

### **NEXT NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2008**

*We plan to feature the graduates of 1968, 1978, 1988, and 1998.*

*If you have any Alumni News or other information you'd like to share, please let us know!*

*If you would like any further information on these events, please contact the Department at 617-726-8222 or [oralsurgery@partners.org](mailto:oralsurgery@partners.org)*

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