

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORAL
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Your survival guide to
OMS Residency



Welcome to the Resident Organization of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (ROAAOMS).

This Resident Handbook is intended to better acquaint you to the services, benefits, programs and products available from the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS) and to help you better understand the role the Association and related organizations (American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Foundation, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Political Action Committee) relative to the specialty and your residency and professional life.

We hope that we can meet your needs as a resident throughout your training.

WHAT IS ROAAOMS?

The Resident Organization of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (ROAAOMS) was established in 1994 to provide OMS residents a forum for discussion of issues, to teach residents how to participate effectively in organized dentistry and medicine, and to support resident members in their development as future leaders of the specialty.

Since the organization's initiation as part of AAOMS, ROAAOMS has developed a comprehensive set of Operating Guidelines under which ROAAOMS functions. These guidelines include an election process, duties and requirements of all executive positions, criteria for membership in the organization, and the overall goals of ROAAOMS.

Additionally, ROAAOMS continues to produce successful educational programs for its members. The interactive programs give residents an opportunity to discuss issues and concerns relative to the scope of oral and maxillofacial surgery and their role in the future of the specialty.

ROAAOMS maintains a close relationship with the AAOMS governing bodies (Board of Trustees and House of Delegates), so that ROAAOMS may effectively represent the interests of OMS residents-in-training. ROAAOMS is geared toward providing exceptional educational programs for its members, facilitating relationships between residents and faculty/training programs, and providing a "voice" through which the oral and maxillofacial surgery resident may express concerns, opinions and ideas.

All residents of an oral and maxillofacial surgery program accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation are automatically members of the Resident Organization of AAOMS at no fee. ROAAOMS serves as a conduit of information of special interest to residents. It elects its own Executive Committee and convenes an annual meeting in conjunction with AAOMS's annual meeting. ROAAOMS also provides a quarterly newsletter, *Resident Reach*, to all members of the organization.

BECOME INVOLVED WITH THE RESIDENT ORGANIZATION

Residents are the lifeblood of the specialty of oral and maxillofacial surgery. Through ROAAOMS, residents gain early exposure to the specialty and AAOMS, are able share their common experiences, and can gain insights from their peers around the country.

Become a member of the resident organization executive committee! You have an opportunity to become involved within your resident organization and run for election to the position of district representative or vice chair.

Candidates for district representative and vice chair must submit an application with election platform prior to each annual meeting outlining their goals for the organization, including implementation strategies.

The items submitted will be processed and distributed at the ROAAOMS annual business meeting. Vice chair candidates will be presented to and elected by the entire organization, while district representative candidates will be introduced to and elected by ROAAOMS members from their respective geographic districts. Candidates not elected to vice chair may run for district representative. The candidate for vice chair will serve a three-year term on the executive committee: The first year as a vice chair, the following year as chair, and the final year as immediate past chair. District representatives serve a one-year term and can be re-elected to a second term at the following annual meeting program. The Executive Committee consists of chair, vice chair, immediate past chair, and 6 district representatives.

Election of the ROAAOMS Executive Committee will be completed at the annual business meeting. **Candidates for both vice chair and district representative must have at least eighteen months of residency training remaining.**

To obtain an application and/or further information, please contact Mary Allaire at AAOMS Headquarters at 800/822-6637 ext. 4315 or via e-mail at mallaire@aaoms.org.

WHAT IS AAOMS?

The American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons undertakes activities that are important to the advancement of the specialty. Whether it be representing the Association to the American Dental Association, protecting the oral and maxillofacial surgeon's scope of practice within a state's dental practice act or assuring hospital privileges are maintained for oral and maxillofacial surgeons, AAOMS is dedicated to enhancing and protecting the specialty.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Association's professional development opportunities are of significant benefit to fellows and members. Foremost among these benefits is the Association's annual meeting. Held in the fall of the year, the annual meeting is designed to address the multitude of issues facing oral and maxillofacial surgeons today. Scientific presentations, practice management clinics, coding workshops, programs for professional and allied staff and many others are among the program highlights of this major event.

Held at premier locations throughout the United States, the annual meeting allows fellows and members to update their armamentarium of knowledge and skills, while networking and socializing with their colleagues. An extensive scientific exhibition allows fellows and members to view the latest products and services available to oral and maxillofacial surgery, while the AAOMS Resource Center provides fellows and members with access to the Association's products and services.

The Association also sponsors conferences in conjunction with allied organizations. These educational events focus on specific areas of interest to oral and maxillofacial surgeons. These events attract leading speakers, scientists and clinicians, and are excellent opportunities for fellows and members to focus their skills in specific areas.

The Dental Implant Conference also provides fellows and members the opportunity to stay abreast of the newest techniques in dental implant placement.

In addition to these events, the Association sponsors numerous continuing education programs throughout the year tailored to the needs and interests of oral and maxillofacial surgeons and their staff. These include anesthesia review courses, a manual series on surgical assisting, hands-on skill labs, coding workshops, and special conferences and programs during the AAOMS Annual Meeting.

As a recognized continuing education (CE) provider, AAOMS strives to provide as many CE opportunities as possible to its fellows and members. Most AAOMS educational programs are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the American Dental Association Continuing Education Recognition Program (ADA CERP) and the Academy of General Dentistry. From CE-qualified courses at meetings and conferences, to home study programs, AAOMS continues to identify opportunities for fellows and members to acquire CE credits.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Parameters of Care and Outcomes Studies

Through literature reviews, expert opinion and a consensus process, the Association is assuring oral and maxillofacial surgery's position as a state-of-the-art specialty by development of the *Parameters and Pathways: Clinical Practice Guidelines for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery*. The parameters include indications for therapy, therapeutic goals, outcome indices and known risks and complications for 11 areas of the specialty.

Association participation in consensus conferences, symposia, hearings, open forums, and its involvement in related scientific and educational associations assures oral and maxillofacial surgery's interest and advances are adequately represented.

Self-Regulation in Anesthesia

Coupled with and complementary to *Parameters and Pathways* is the *Office Anesthesia Evaluation Manual*. The Office Anesthesia Evaluation Program was initiated in 1971 and has been updated regularly with current ACLS algorithms, techniques, monitoring and equipment. The evaluation program includes a manual, a CD-ROM of the manual and a videotape, which can be used for staff training and evaluation, as well as review of pharmaceuticals, equipment and emergency protocols. Implementation of this program is required for state societies to maintain component status.

Hospital Matters

Association staff with expertise in medical staff affairs is available to assist fellows and members with concerns relating to hospital medical staff issues, including appointment, reappointment, credentialing and clinical privileges, hearing and appeal processes, and related matters.

BECOMING AN AAOMS MEMBER

As a member of ROAAOMS, you will also become a Resident Member of AAOMS. Your Resident membership entitles you to receive a subscription to the *Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery* at the member price, discounts on AAOMS products, free annual meeting registration, advance notice of AAOMS conferences, and much more.

When your Resident membership with AAOMS begins, you will complete a short application form and your program director will indicate your anticipated graduation date. This information will help us in assisting your transition to full membership during your last year of residency.

In January of your last residency training year, we will send you a membership application for review. Included in this packet are the following membership components:

1. Application form

This is a brief two-page form you complete, have notarized and return to AAOMS. As most component societies accept our application form for their membership process, please copy the form and send it to your component society with the verification form (see below).

2. Release of Information Form

Sign and return.

3. Component Society Verification Form

You are required to maintain Component/State society membership in the state in which you practice. Please do not complete this form until this is determined. If you are in the Federal Service, you will need to furnish a letter from your commanding officer stating your length of service in lieu of the component society verification. Also, if you practice and reside in a foreign country, you will need to maintain membership in your country's oral and maxillofacial surgery organization.

4. Confidential Evaluations

You will need three evaluations completed by current AAOMS members on your behalf. These names are also included on your application form and we will advise you when evaluations are received.

In your last year of residency, we encourage you to begin your journey from Resident member to Candidate member by simply completing the application and release forms and providing a copy of your curriculum vitae. This grants you full member benefits and moves you to Candidate membership. As a Candidate, you will have up to three years to submit the remaining application components.

By applying for membership prior to your graduation, you will qualify for the reduced Candidate dues schedule whereby full dues are not required until your third year of membership; pay 1/3 dues your first year of membership and 2/3 dues your second year of membership. **This benefit is only available to Resident members who apply for full membership prior to their graduation.**

New members are voted into membership each year at the AAOMS annual meeting and we will assist you throughout the year to complete the membership application requirements. As your membership is invaluable to us, we will contact you regularly throughout the year to ensure that your application is progressing in a timely manner so that you can be presented to your House of Delegates as a new member.

We value your membership in our Association and are here to serve you. Our Membership Services staff encourage you to contact them with any questions or concerns you may have about membership or the application process.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why should I begin the application process before I complete my training?

A: You can take advantage of a special graduated fee structure when you apply for AAOMS membership during your last year of training. Also, establishing membership early in your practice allows you to immediately benefit from the myriad of programs offered by AAOMS and your state OMS society.

Q: Can I apply for membership even if I don't know where I will be practicing?

A: Yes. Since you have three years to complete your application process, you may send us information as you have it completed and complete the component society information once you know where you will practice.

Q: Who should I ask to complete the confidential evaluations?

A: Your evaluations should be completed by AAOMS members or fellows familiar with you and your work.

Q: When will I be elected into membership?

A: Elections into membership are held in the fall of each year at the annual meetings. All application components must be received prior to election into membership.

Q: If I am continuing in residency for additional training, a dual degree or serving a fellowship, when should I apply?

A: You should apply for membership in your last year of oral and maxillofacial surgery residency training.

Q: Do I have to be board certified before I can apply for membership?

A: No. You can be elected as a member. Once you receive ABOMS certification, you will be transferred from member status to fellow status.

Q: Should I send in my AAOMS application components as one package when they are completed?

A: No. Please feel free to submit your application components as you complete them. The most important piece necessary to ensure your Candidate status is the membership application, however, we will file all other components received and will transfer you to Candidate status once your application form is received.

Q: Do I have to be a member of my state oral and maxillofacial society to be a member of AAOMS?

A: Yes. Membership within the state society of the state in which you practice is a requirement of membership.

Q: How do I apply for membership within my state society?

A: When you submit your application for AAOMS membership, a copy of your application is sent to your state society for review. AAOMS will send you a letter stating that we have done this on your behalf and provide the contact information of your state society. Your state society will contact you to discuss their membership criteria.

Q: I understand I need to belong to the state society, but what services to they provide?

A: Your state society conducts annual meetings that give you the opportunity to acquire necessary continuing education credits so that you can maintain your anesthesia licensure. Additionally, your state society meetings serve as an excellent opportunity to network with your regional colleagues. They also serve as a resource to help you resolve patient insurance issues and strategies to increase and improve your practice. Your state society will keep you aware of legislation that affects the specialty and the corresponding programs to represent you. Your state society has representation at every state dental board meeting and your attendance is welcomed.

As your state society provides you with opportunities to gain the mandatory credits needed to maintain anesthesia licensure, they will also conduct an office anesthesia evaluation for each new member. This evaluation is a requirement of your AAOMS membership. You can become a provisional member of AAOMS if you have become a member of your state society even if your anesthesia evaluation has not been conducted. As a provisional member, you will have full membership benefits and are allowed two years to complete the office anesthesia evaluation.

THE AAOMS CAREER LINE

The AAOMS Career Line is the Association's online recruitment service. Accessible through our website (www.aaoms.org), the Career Line offers Residents and Candidates the opportunity to review available positions across the United States and Canada, as well as to post their curriculum vitae in the candidate job bank. You can respond to posted jobs by generating a confidential mini-CV, sending an e-mail, or contacting the advertiser directly. This state-of-the-art service is free to Residents and Candidates and is accessible 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week.

LET AAOMS WORK FOR YOU

AAOMS is dedicated, above all, to serving its fellows and members, and we are eager to assist you with any professional concerns regarding your practice or the specialty. Fellows or members may call AAOMS headquarters with problems or questions in any relevant area from specialty licensure or hospital privileges to insurance claims or practice marketing and management.

If you would like more information about how AAOMS works for its fellows and members—or if you are not yet a member and would like to join—please contact AAOMS headquarters:

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GETTING INVOLVED

There are many avenues for involvement with AAOMS. Volunteering for your state society, getting involved with ROAAOMS, and attending open hearings of the reference committees during the annual meeting are good ways to begin. Serving in local, state and national dental associations is another important avenue for involvement. Election to the House of Delegates or appointment to a committee is another possibility. Members should alert their district trustee of those committees or issues that are of special interest. Finally, take advantage of the numerous networking opportunities at AAOMS meetings and conferences to exchange ideas and thoughts with other fellows and members.

WHAT IS OMSITE AND WHAT ARE ITS BENEFITS?

The Oral and Maxillofacial In-Training Examination is offered to all residents enrolled in accredited OMS programs. The 200-question exam and 150 pretest items are administered annually in 80 locations across the United States. Questions reflect the current knowledge, scope, treatments and techniques taught in residency at various levels of training. OMSITE results are utilized by program directors as one outcome assessment measure, and participation in the examination is voluntary. OMSITE is a self-evaluation tool and has proved to be a reliable measuring device for program directors and residents to identify the residents' strengths and weaknesses at various levels of training and how they compare nationally with residents at comparable levels in other programs.

WHAT IS AAOMS SERVICES INC.?

AAOMS Services Inc. (ASI) is AAOMS' for-profit subsidiary and offers a number of special discounted services to AAOMS fellows and members. These include a group purchasing plan for supplies and pharmaceuticals; an in-office prescription dispensing program; an affinity card; car rental programs; a patient financing plan; and a credit card processing service for members' offices.

WHAT IS THE ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY FOUNDATION?

The Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Foundation (OMSF) was originally incorporated in 1959 as an affiliate of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS). It is a 503c(3) organization. The Foundation has traditionally been committed to securing the future of the specialty as a means of assuring public access to appropriate, scientifically validated treatment.

MISSION

The Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Foundation is dedicated to advancing the long-term development, health and well-being of the specialty and the public it serves through the financial support of research and education consistent with the goals of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons.

PURPOSE

- To promote the health and well being of the public by fostering the improvement of patient care through financial support of research and education consistent with the goals of AAOMS.
- To award research grants to encourage the further development and advancement of the specialty.
- To support priority AAOMS projects and events that benefit the specialty.
- To award post-residency clinical fellowships for promising oral and maxillofacial surgeons.

RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

In the absence of new scientific and clinical research, practitioners will be limited in their ability to expand the type and quality of patient care they provide. The rapid technological progress that characterizes today's environment makes it imperative that practitioners have access to the most current thinking.

The Foundation Research Fund, created through the generosity of oral and maxillofacial surgeons and their corporate colleagues, exists to support priority, clinically relevant research. Only the investment income is used to support research; the principal is preserved to ensure the integrity of the fund.

The research endowment was established to support scientific and clinical research aimed at priority patient care issues. Since the first research grant was awarded in 1992, the Foundation has supported more than \$2.8 million in funding for research awards relevant to the clinical scope of the specialty. An independent committee that has employed objective criteria based on the National Institutes of Health study section format has selected awards on the basis of scientific merit.

The Foundation is jointly funding this \$2 million study with AAOMS. Research grants are awarded to experienced investigators; investigators in training; oral and maxillofacial surgeons in private practice; residents; and health-professions students. The Foundation takes pride in the fact that it has been able to serve as a source of support for the important and evolving work of both promising pre-doctoral students as well as fully trained oral and maxillofacial surgeons who have pursued a career involving scientific inquiry. The Foundation is jointly funding with AAOMS a five-year study of third molar patient management.

EDUCATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS

Education has always been an important part of the Foundation's mission and the establishment of a Fellowship Fund in 1993 truly affirmed that objective. The purpose of the Fellowship Fund is to support post-residency fellowships for promising oral and maxillofacial surgeons pursuing a career in academic oral and maxillofacial surgery. Since inception, the Fellowship Fund has provided \$560,000 in clinical training fellowships. The fellowships have provided the opportunity for young surgeons to develop specialized surgical skills and to broaden knowledge, experience and judgment in several areas of oral and maxillofacial surgery practice. Those selected for a one-year fellowship make a commitment to spend two years on the staff of an oral and maxillofacial residency-training program thus disseminating the information and skills they have acquired to the next generation of surgeons.

ESTATE AND PLANNED GIVING

In 1996, the Foundation launched an opportunity for members to invest in the future of the specialty and to realize personal tax benefits from doing so. The development of the Estate and Planned Giving Program was sparked by members' interest in ways to protect their assets and provide for their families, while supporting the education and research programs they believe to be vital. The Foundation offers individualized consultation for those interested in planned giving. Those who establish a planned gift of \$10,000 or more become members of the exclusive *Robert V. Walker Society*.

ALLIANCE

In 1993, the Foundation established the Alliance to involve the spouses, allied staff and friends of the specialty. As the auxiliary organization of the Foundation, the Alliance is dedicated to supporting current health and social issues related to the family, community and specialty of oral and maxillofacial surgery with special emphasis on estate planning for spouses and events at the AAOMS annual meeting.

RESIDENT MEMBERSHIP

How are your annual \$10 membership dues used?

- Research Recognition Award
- Living History Videos of OMS Pioneers
- Fund raising and operational expenses of the Foundation and its Research and Fellowship Funds

WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN?

Membership is critical to the Foundation's ability to continue to provide for research and education. Members will:

- Receive recognition at AAOMS meetings and in print media distributed by the Foundation.
- Receive exclusive communication information, including the Foundation *Torch* newsletter and Annual Report.

Opportunities to support the Foundation include membership dues, pledges and direct contributions, planned giving arrangements, special events and memorials.

All contributions to the Foundation are voluntary and tax-deductible to the fullest extent provided by law. For more information about Foundation programs, please call the Foundation at 866/278-9221 or visit the Foundation website at www.omsfoundation.org.

WHAT IS OMSPAC?

The Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Political Action Committee (OMSPAC) is a nonpartisan political action committee which operates exclusively to raise funds to make contributions to candidates for federal and state elected office. By supporting candidates who will uphold the principals of quality oral and maxillofacial surgery care, OMSPAC helps ensure that elected officials are knowledgeable about and supportive of the specialty. OMSPAC does not lobby, ask for votes or conduct legislative visits. *ImPACT*, the OMSPAC newsletter, focuses on topical political issues.

OMSPAC protects the specialty by supporting those candidates for federal and state legislative office who will work toward the principles of quality oral and maxillofacial surgery care. OMSPAC's contributions to candidates' election campaigns are made possible by the membership contributions of individual oral and maxillofacial surgeons.

Your contribution to OMSPAC enables oral and maxillofacial surgery to speak with unity to candidates in the Congress and state legislatures on issues of concern to the specialty.

OMSPAC chooses candidates by carefully analyzing information gathered from a network of local, regional and national sources. Incumbents and challengers are each considered, especially with regard to their position on health-related issues. AAOMS fellows and members also are frequently consulted and after thorough analysis, the OMSPAC board makes the final contribution decision. Contributions are distributed to candidates through local AAOMS member contacts identified by the board.

OMSPAC is not affiliated with any political party. OMSPAC is your primary means of influencing legislators and ensuring the specialty's position is heard.

If you want to know more about protecting your specialty and your future, please contact OMSPAC staff at 800/822-6637.

WHAT IS THE AMERICAN BOARD OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY?

The American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (ABOMS) is the certifying board for the specialty of oral and maxillofacial surgery in the United States and is recognized and approved by the Council on Dental Education and Licensure of the American Dental Association.

The Board establishes criteria for competence and knowledge that determine a sufficient and acceptable performance for safe practice of the specialty. To this end, the Board's mission includes examination and certification of candidates, and recertification of Diplomates. Those individuals who demonstrate achievement of the requisite training, experience, and knowledge are granted Diplomate certificates.

The operation of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery is entrusted to a seven-member Board of Directors. These directors are Diplomates of ABOMS and Fellows of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. One director is elected each year to a seven-year term by the AAOMS House of Delegates. An Examination Committee composed of ABOMS Diplomates is appointed by the Board of Directors to prepare and conduct the annual examinations. The Board of Directors and its Examination Committee serve without salary.

CERTIFICATION

Certification of a Diplomate requires completion of training in an accredited residency program, evidence of post-training experience, and successful completion of written and oral examinations on the entire scope of the specialty.

The Board issues time-limited certificates to candidates who successfully complete the certification process. The certificates are issued for a ten (10)-year period of time. Diplomates are eligible to take a recertification examination beginning three (3) years before the expiration of their time-limited certificates.

Successful recertification candidates will be issued new certificates. The new certificate will expire 10 years after the current (original) certificate, and ten years thereafter, not necessarily the year the candidate passed the Recertification Examination. It is to the Diplomate's advantage to participate in the recertification examination process early.

BOARD ELIGIBILITY

“Board Eligible” is a status designated by the Board for candidates who have made application for certification, whose credentials have been approved by the Credentials Committee of the Board, and who are actively engaged in the certifying process. An individual whose application has not been approved by the Credentials Committee, or whose eligibility for either the Written or Oral Examination has expired, may **not** use the designation “Board Eligible.”

REQUIREMENTS FOR BOARD CERTIFICATION

1. General

Acceptable ethical and moral standing in the specialty, attested by letters of recommendation described subsequently in these Requirements, and by review of other data pertaining to such standing as may be requested by the Board.

2. Educational

- A. Graduation from a dental school recognized/accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, or graduation from a foreign dental school that provides an equivalent educational background;
- B. Completion of residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery in an advanced educational program accredited by the ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation. An applicant who received training in programs not accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation must:
 1. Provide formal written verification by the program director involved in paragraph two (2) below of the oral and maxillofacial surgery training having been of equivalent educational background; the Board reserves the right to further investigate the applicant’s educational background and training; and
 2. Complete at least twelve (12) months of oral and maxillofacial surgery training at the senior resident level, enrolled as a resident in an ADA accredited program and be certified by the program director as meeting all educational requirements of the program.

3. Licensure

Evidence of an active license is required from the appropriate authority enabling the individual to practice independently the specialty of oral and maxillofacial surgery in the location of the individual’s practice, or certification of being on active duty with the U.S. Federal Services. Limited licensure which permits practice only under supervision (such as a resident license) is not sufficient to satisfy this requirement.

4. Scope of Practice

To insure the quality of patient care, the candidate shall limit his/her practice to oral and maxillofacial surgery and any other specialty for which he/she is educationally qualified.

- A. A candidate with a dental degree who practices on a dental license, or a candidate with dental and medical degrees who practices on a dental license, is limited to practice oral and maxillofacial surgery and any other specialty for which he/she is educationally qualified by virtue of his/her completion of a specialty training program accredited by the ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation, or by demonstration of having received equivalent training and the acquisition of the necessary surgical skills to enable that Diplomate to perform procedures as allowed by the appropriate state dental licensing authority.
- B. A candidate with a medical degree who practices on a medical license is limited to the practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery and any other specialty for which he/she is educationally qualified by virtue of his/her completion of a specialty training program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation or by demonstration of having received equivalent training and the acquisition of the necessary surgical skills to enable that candidate to perform procedures as allowed by the appropriate state medical licensing authority.

5. Examinations

The certification examination is comprehensive, covering the biological sciences and clinical practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery. The certification examinations in oral and maxillofacial surgery consist of two parts:

- A. Written Qualifying Examination
- B. Oral Certifying Examination

A candidate must pass the Written Qualifying Examination before being able to take the Oral Certifying Examination.

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WHAT IS OMS NATIONAL (OMSNIC)?

OMS National Insurance Company (OMSNIC) provides professional liability insurance coverage exclusively to oral and maxillofacial surgeons who are members of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons.

COMPANY HISTORY

Prior to the Company's formation, AAOMS formed the Committee on Professional Liability and Insurance to address the specialty's insurance needs and options. At that time, insurance rates for the oral and maxillofacial surgeon had been escalating rapidly. Many carriers were leaving the market reducing the options available for coverage. In 1986, Congress passed the Liability Risk Retention Act allowing the formation of risk retention groups (RRGs) by professional associations or trade groups in order to insure their members in the area of professional liability. The Company was incorporated in February 1988 as a RRG under the laws of the State of Illinois to provide professional liability insurance to oral and maxillofacial surgeons nationally. The Association has provided its exclusive endorsement of OMS National's professional liability insurance product. Today, OMS National insures over 3,000 members of the Association located in all fifty states and the District of Columbia.

OMS NATIONAL PROMISE TO THE ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEON

OMS National was founded by oral and maxillofacial surgeons with a vision to create a professional liability insurance carrier catering to the needs of the oral and maxillofacial surgeon. The Company's goal is delivering an exceptional level of service to the oral and maxillofacial surgeon. OMS National prides itself on offering the oral and maxillofacial surgeon a variety of special programs and services to assist in managing and reducing professional liability claims. With OMS National, you're not just a policyholder, you're an owner, too. Every policyholder is required to purchase one share of common stock in the Company at a cost of \$1.00 and a number of shares of preferred stock determined by the premium rate and the current price per share of the preferred stock. Through common stock ownership, each policyholder has a vote in business matters brought to the shareholders by the Board of Directors. As a preferred shareholder, each policyholder shares in the profits the Company achieves from its underwriting and claims management.

For additional information regarding the Company or its products, please call 800/522-6670.

WHAT IS TRELOAR & HEISEL, INC.?

Unique in the insurance industry, Treloar and Heisel, Inc., was organized over forty years ago specifically to design, provide and service *quality* insurance plans for professional associations.

Today, it is the exclusive administrator of insurance programs for a number of national, state and county professional organizations. Its programs are marketed exclusively through, and with the endorsement of these groups. As a broker, and not liable to specific insurance companies, Treloar and Heisel is free to represent the best interests of your association and its individual members.

Treloar and Heisel's forte is personal service. Carefully selected, highly trained and ethical representatives have a qualified understanding of the careers and needs of the active professional. They provide dedicated, conscientious and personal service to your individual members.

Finally, and highly important, your Association's input and oversight of the programs provide assurance to the membership that their best interests are being protected. The results of any program must present a win - win - win situation.

For individual members - *quality benefits at a cost unavailable on an individual basis.*

For the association - *enhancement of the value of membership and non-dues income.*

For Treloar and Heisel and the Insurance Companies - *a long-term relationship that is both professionally and financially rewarding.*

Treloar and Heisel, Inc., is currently the endorsed administrator of insurance program for, among others:

- The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
- The American Academy of Periodontology
- The American Association of Endodontists
- The American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons
- The American College of Prosthodontists
- The Indiana Dental Association
- The Chicago Dental Society

DISABILITY PROTECTION (NON-CANCELLABLE)

A serious disability, due to either illness or accident, might completely eliminate your ability to practice. Your chances of becoming disabled are three times greater than your chances of dying before age 65. Disability protection is, therefore, essential and should be among your first priorities.

Disability Income Insurance

Protects your income. This plan provides outstanding benefits at substantial savings up to 25%.

Business Overhead Expense Policy

Protects your practice by paying your office overhead expenses during periods of disability.

Buy/Sell Disability

Protects your interest in a partnership, corporation or group-owned practice.

PERMANENT LIFE INSURANCE

Long-term protection for your family and assets is a fundamental consideration. The careful selection, review and update of your permanent life insurance contract stands as an important component of your overall financial plan.

Universal Life

Provides highly-flexible permanent life insurance plan with conservative, systematic, forced and tax-deferred savings component.

Whole Life

Provides tax-deferred build-up of cash values over the life of the contract, with greater guarantees than other permanent products.

Joint Survivor Insurance (Second-to-Die)

Permits the payment of estate taxes with life insurance benefits, thus allowing heirs to pay taxes without draining the estate.

TERM LIFE INSURANCE

The protection of your family and assets in the event of your death must be an important consideration. The plans offered by Treloar and Heisel continue to be highly competitive and guarantee a level rate structure for specific periods (10-15-20 and up to 30 years).

Term Life Insurance

Term Life protects individuals with debts, family obligations and short, specified-term financial responsibilities.

Term - Universal Life

Combines low-cost, "State of the Art" Term-Universal Life insurance with flexible coverage, level premiums and modest cash values.

Long-Term Care Insurance *//****

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