# WHY AAOMS MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



AAOMS offers education to meet the needs of all OMSs and all professional staff – including the Annual Meeting, Dental Implant Conference (which together offer more than 100 CDE/CME credits) as well as live and on-demand webinars, standalone meetings, hands-on training, workshops and the subscription-based CE service.



### **NETWORKING**

Connect with colleagues – those valued relationships built through participation and volunteerism – at in-person meetings, education and service opportunities or through 13 peer-to-peer AAOMS Connect online clinical and special interest groups. Faculty- and resident-specific offerings provide additional networking opportunities. OMSs can become acquainted with their colleagues through the Member Spotlight, an online profile of a different AAOMS member each quarter.





AAOMS stands ready to engage with members on every level, answering inquiries and offering solutions in a timely manner with the best information available. With the well-being of members in mind, a new program – AAOMS Cares: Being Well Together – is a resource for members affected by substance use disorders. This private, confidential program by Parkdale Center for Professionals is committed to fostering a supportive and non-judgmental environment.



### **ADVOCACY**

AAOMS continues to advance its efforts to serve members by advocating at the federal and state levels – whether it's advocating for higher reimbursement, protecting the OMS team model for delivery of anesthesia or appropriate third-party benefits for patients. AAOMS provides avenues for direct OMS input on key legislative and regulatory issues affecting their practices and patients by facilitating the annual Day on the Hill and the OMS Action Network grassroots initiative.





Patients have come to recognize OMSs as the experts in face, mouth and jaw surgery. Through

the AAOMS Informational Campaign's digital ads, WebMD page, OMS Voices podcast, public service announcements and the popular MyOMS.org website, patients learn about the expertise of members in the full scope of practice and can search for an OMS in their area.



Keeping members informed about the specialty and the Association is a priority – from the peer-reviewed *Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery* and *AAOMS Today* magazine to the AAOMS On the Go podcast, AAOMS.org, e-newsletters, white papers, position papers and *Parameters of Care*. The AAOMS Store also offers a variety of clinical resources, practice compliance manuals, practice management guides and patient education materials.



AAOMS provides many avenues to give back and support the specialty – from charitable donations and political fundraising to volunteering time and sharing knowledge.

- OMS Foundation encourages members to give back to the specialty as donors and advocates for its mission. Contributions support innovative research, education and enrichment opportunities and a strong academic sector. Dedicated volunteers make up the Foundation's Board, committees and outreach teams, directing its mission and sharing with members the impact of their generosity.
- OMSPAC the only AAOMS-affiliated organization permitted to make political contributions – is nonpartisan and helps to elect federal candidates who support the OMS specialty.
- Volunteer opportunities on the national level include serving on one of AAOMS's 20-plus committees, special committees or task forces. State and regional OMS societies provide further opportunity for OMSs to engage in efforts locally.
- Teaching and research are critically important to the future
  of the specialty. AAOMS supports its members who devote their
  time and talents to teaching and research through programs
  including the CSIOMS conference, Clinical Trials Methods
  Course and the Faculty Educator Development Awards (FEDA).

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# OMS ANESTHESIA TEAM MODEL

AAOMS supports its members' ability to perform safe and effective office-based anesthesia by facilitating the peer-reviewed Office Anesthesia Evaluation (OAE) program. Enhancements to the OAE program include reporting quarterly team mock drills, anesthesia survey data and airway management simulation training. AAOMS further supports the anesthesia team model through continuing education programs for OMSs and assistants. Offerings include the National Simulation Program and OBEAM module, Anesthesia Assistants Skills Lab, Anesthesia Assistants Review Course, On-Line Anesthesia Review for Dental Anesthesia Assistants, Advanced Protocols for Medical Emergencies in the OMS Office and the Dental Anesthesia Assistant National Certification Examination (DAANCE). Additionally, AAOMS is working with other organizations to develop model rules and regulations that can be adapted by states.

### **PRACTICE SOLUTIONS**



AAOMS offers OMSs and their staff coding and reimbursement guidance, information and education through in-person and online courses, publications, representation at coding committees and regulatory research. Practice management courses and resources for the entire team cover all aspects of OMS practice. Additionally, a suite of courses continues to be updated for anesthesia assistants – culminating in the DAANCE.



#### STRATEGIC ALLIANCES

AAOMS's close collaboration with other dental/medical specialties and sister organizations is a benefit to its members. To advance and protect the interests of the OMS specialty, the AAOMS Board of Trustees meets frequently with and works alongside dozens of organizations, including AADB, AAP, AAPD, AAO, ABOMS, ACS, ADA, ADEA, ADSA, AGD, ASA, ASDA, OMS Foundation, OMSNIC, OMSPAC, Osteo Science Foundation and SAMBA.

### SAVINGS



AAOMS partners with like-minded companies that share its vision of a technologically advanced specialty to ensure patient access to safe and effective care. These companies offer members the very best in services, technologies and products.

- AAOMS Advantage the for-profit ASI subsidiary of AAOMS

   has Partner relationships with companies that can provide high-quality, affordable products and services that benefit and offer value to AAOMS members.
- OMSNIC has been offering member-exclusive liability insurance for 35 years and is the only medical malpractice company owned by oral and maxillofacial surgeons. OMSNIC champions the specialty and protects OMS practices.
- Treloar & Heisel has offered AAOMS members disability protection, life insurance and long-term care since 1969.
- Corporate supporters show their commitment to AAOMS initiatives and members with annual giving levels ranging from Bronze to Diamond.
- **Exhibitors** are valued partners showcasing the latest products and services at major meetings.



#### THE FUTURE

AAOMS provides free membership to OMS residents enrolled in accredited training programs, with a subscription to *JOMS*, access to the Resident Surgical Log and SCORE for OMS, and offering resident-specific education, conferences, complimentary CE offerings, mentorship programs and career fairs/online job boards. The Resident Organization of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (ROAAOMS) provides residents a forum to discuss issues and share common experiences with colleagues, and supports them in their development as future leaders of the specialty. New OMSs are supported with information and resources to assist them, along with graduated dues rates for the first three years post-residency.