A Message from Dr. Frank Dolwick, Chairman

Greetings Alumni! We hope this letter finds you in good health and having a happy, successful and prosperous year. The department is doing well and is very stable and successful. Our faculty is fully staffed for the first time in about 5 years. During the past 3 years, we have added new faculty, which makes us one of the best if not the best program in the USA, probably world! We would like to stay in touch with you for future updates.

Please make sure to send your current mailing address, telephone and email to Patty Carpenter at pcarpenter@dental.ufl.edu. Best wishes to you and your families for the New Year. Go, Gators!

M. Franklin Dolwick, D.M.D, Ph.D.
Parker E. Mahan Facial Pain Endowed Professor & Chair

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Today

“Our faculty is fully staffed for the first time in 5 years!”

– Dr. Dolwick

Currently, the Oral and Maxillofacial faculty are M. Franklin Dolwick, DMD, PhD, Chairman. You all know me and not much has changed except I am older and now have a beard! John Hardeman, DDS, MD is our Graduate Program Director. Dr. Hardeman joined us about 3 years ago. He is an outstanding surgeon who practiced in the Orlando area for about 20 years before joining us. Thomas Bowers, DMD, MD is our Undergraduate Program Director. Dr. Bowers practiced in Mount Dora for about 15 years before joining our faculty about 1.5 years ago. He is currently President of the Florida Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (FSOMS). Carlo Guevara, DDS, MD is a graduate of the Jacksonville OMS Program. He completed a fellowship in Craniofacial Surgery in Jacksonville before joining us July 1, 2017. Danielle Freburg-Hoffmeister, DDS, MD is a graduate of our residency program and joined our faculty on July 1, 2017.

The Implant Center Faculty includes William Martin, DMD, MS, who continues to be the Center Director. Luiz Gonzaga, DDS, MS joined us about 2 years ago. Dr. Gonzaga is both a periodontist and prosthetist who brings a unique skill set and perspective to the Implant Center.

We are fortunate to have diverse faculty with much experience combined with young faculty. The program continues to be outstanding! We perform about 500 OR cases per year consisting of trauma, orthognathic, TMJ, craniofacial, pathology, reconstructive and of course dento-alveolar surgeries. We will perform approximately 1500 sedations in the outpatient clinic and see over 10,000 patients. The Implant Center experience is the new strength of the program. The residents are getting outstanding experience in all aspects of implant dentistry.

Current Resident News

Dr. Freburg-Hoffmeister, Dr. Neil Oishi, and Dr. Scott Arceneaux completed the residency program on June 30 2017. Dr. Danielle Freburg-Hoffmeister then joined the University of Florida OMS Faculty. Dr. Neil Oishi entered practice in his hometown of Honolulu, Hawaii, and Dr. Scott Arceneaux entered practice in Denver, Colorado.

2017 Residency Program Graduates

Our new Chief Residents are Dr. Ryan McPherson who will enter practice in Gulf Breeze, Florida. Dr. John Mazzuoccolo will enter practice in Orange Park, Florida, and Dr. Clay Hamrick is still undecided. Everyone seems to be doing very well.

2018 Residency Program Graduates

Left to right: Dr. Arceneaux, Dr. Freburg-Hoffmeister, Dr. McPherson, Dr. Mazzuoccolo, Dr. Hamrick

Left to right (front row): Dr. Guevara, Dr. Dolwick, Dr. Freburg-Hoffmeister (back row): Dr. Bowers, Dr. Hardeman

February 2018
Our new 1st year residents are Dr. Mike McLennon, University of North Carolina graduate, Dr. Tyler Wahl and Dr. Mike Abraham both University of Florida graduates. They are all doing well in the program.

2017-2018 Residency Program Class

Dr. McLennon  Dr. Wahl  Dr. Abraham

July 1, 2018 will welcome the newest class of residents to our program. They are Dr. Dali Diaz, Dr. Spencer Blumberg, and Dr. Richard Tamayo, all from the University of Florida. Dr. Holly Malinoski from University of Detroit-Mercy will fill the internship position.

2018 - 2019 Residency Program Class

Dr. Diaz  Dr. Blumberg  Dr. Tamayo  Dr. Malinoski

Alumni/Faculty News

Dr. Alex Martinez (Fellow 1990) is the newly elected Vice-President of IAOMS. Alex will progress through the administrative positions until he becomes President of IAOMS in 2020. Congratulations to Dr. Martinez. He is truly spreading the Gator OMS name throughout the world!

OMS Staff Team Building

Mary Taylor led an OMS team-building luncheon on February 16, 2018. I spoke on Third Molar Surgery, and there was a potluck luncheon afterwards. We are fortunate to have an outstanding staff! Thanks for all your hard work to make patient experiences better!

Alumni Giving

Of course, you are not going to get by without me asking for financial support. Many of you have given generously to the program and we sincerely appreciate your donations. We would like to see everyone participating yearly. We are striving for 100% participation.

Your support can help the program stay #1. ALL donations go to the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Please consider supporting your program by giving the value of an extraction, set of wisdom teeth, or an implant placement.

Dolwick Endowment Professorship

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Thank you in advance for your generous donation and support!

In Memoriam

Dr. Pat Hylton, former interim-Chair and OMS faculty member for 10 years passed away on January 15, 2018. He was 95.