

## Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery 2008-09

**Program:** The Advanced Educational Program in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Nebraska Medical Center is a 60 month (5 year), postdoctoral program fully accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association. The last site accreditation visit occurred in September 2004, without reporting requirements.

**Program director:** Leon F. Davis, D.D.S., M.D., Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, UNMC, 985180 Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE 68198-5180, (402) 559-6445.

**Number of residents each year:** Two (2) appointments for residency positions.

**Total number of residents in program each year:** Ten (10).

**Objectives:** The objectives of the program are to:

- \* provide a well-rounded and balanced clinical residency program covering the full scope of oral and maxillofacial surgery;

- \* ensure that residents have a solid foundation in patient evaluation and management;

- \* combine oral and maxillofacial surgery training with a formalized medical curriculum, leading to a medical degree;
- \* incorporate one categorical year of general surgery training.

**Clinical experience:** The Nebraska Medical Center, Creighton University, College of Dentistry-Lincoln, Clarkson West Medical Center, and the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Omaha are the various sites for the surgical clinical experience. Thirty-two (32) months are devoted to clinical oral and maxillofacial surgery. There is a comprehensive didactic curriculum consisting of weekly seminars, clinical pathologic conferences, morbidity reviews, case reviews, oral pathology seminars, surgical-orthodontic conferences, journal club, and head and neck tumor board.

**Program highlights:** The UNMC oral and maxillofacial surgery residency program has been fully integrated with an M.D. program since 1971. From 1971 to 1988 the program was five years in length. The first six year class completed the program in 1994. The program is now a 60 month program beginning with the 2002-03 entering residents. Throughout its history, the program has strived to incorporate state of the art surgical training with an unsurpassed education in patient evaluation and management. The program is one of the first in the United States to successfully integrate facial cosmetic surgery into the resident experience. The distribution of operating room and major outpatient procedures for the 2007-08 year is:

Pathology	14%
Reconstructive	9%
Aesthetic	8%
Orthognathic	12%
Dentoalveolar	40%
Trauma	17%

**The first year resident** spends the major portion of their time on the oral and maxillofacial surgery service between the NMC, OVAH and Creighton University. The resident works closely with the chief resident, providing both inpatient and outpatient care. The resident has primary responsibility for examining, diagnosing and treating patients in the outpatient clinic. The resident also assumes responsibility for inpatients under the supervision of the chief resident, assists the chief resident and staff with operating room cases and serves as primary surgeon on operating room cases. The resident must successfully complete Step I of the USMLE examination following a maximum of two attempts in order to continue in the program.

**The second and third year resident** function as 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year medical students, fulfilling requirements of the UNMC College of Medicine. In addition to the required clinical clerkships, required electives include anesthesia, head and neck anatomy and OMFS. The resident may take additional clerkships in areas of interest which will benefit them as oral and maxillofacial surgeons. The resident returns to the oral and maxillofacial surgery service for four months. The resident also participates in weekly oral surgery seminars and other scheduled conferences. These experiences give the resident a continuous exposure to oral surgery throughout the five-year program. During these two years, the resident is responsible for tuition to the College of Medicine. The College of Medicine retains all rights in the selection of students.

**The fourth year resident** spends their time fulfilling the requirements for one categorical year of general surgery. General Surgery rotations are comprised of rotations in general surgery, plastic surgery, trauma, pediatric surgery, and six months of head and neck surgery.

**The fifth year resident** spends their time functioning as a Chief OMS resident assuming the responsibility for the overall function of the oral and maxillofacial service. The resident is expected to be the primary operating surgeon on all major cases. The majority of their time is spent at NMC Hospitals and Clarkson West Medical Center.

**Research/publication:** During his or her residency, each resident is expected to prepare and submit at least one paper to a peer-reviewed journal for publication. This paper may be the result of laboratory or clinical research, and each resident is encouraged to formulate and implement an original project beginning in their first year of training. However, significant involvement in established faculty research may satisfy this requirement. At the minimum, an abstract must be submitted to the AAOMS for presentation by each resident during their senior year.

**Board certification:** Residents take the yearly OMSAAT examination of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. UNMC's program is designed to meet the educational requirements of the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association and to prepare the resident to obtain board certification by the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

Over ninety percent of the UNMC residents completing the combined program and taking the ABOMS exam have passed, as compared to the about eighty percent national average. Success on the ABOMS examination is a function of training, experience and, most importantly, individual preparation. However, this is only one measure of the quality of an oral and maxillofacial surgery residency program.

**Salary and Benefits:** During year two (2), the residents are not paid a resident's salary and are not provided any University paid health care benefits. During year three (3), the resident=s receive a half-salary and are provided health care benefits at a 50% prorated allowance. Additionally, the residents are responsible for tuition and fees to the College of Medicine.

In addition to standard house officer benefits, the department of oral and maxillofacial surgery provides support for travel and presentation of scientific papers at various meetings in the United States.

#### **Residents/Dental School:**

##### **Fifth year**

Thomas A. Kolodge, D.D.S.  
New York University

Richard L. Chau, D.M.D.  
University of British Columbia

##### **Fourth year**

Jeffrey C. Dabell, D.M.D.  
Case Western

##### **Third year**

Jared M. Brown, D.D.S.  
Creighton University

John P. Wewel, D.D.S.  
University of Nebraska

##### **Second year**

Maurice G. Jenkins, D.D.S.  
Creighton University

Scott M. Redlinger, D.M.D.  
University of Nevada - Las Vegas

##### **First year**

Benjamin Anderson, D.D.S.  
University of Nebraska

Douglas Reid, D.M.D.  
University of Pittsburgh

#### **Faculty:**

Leon F. Davis, D.D.S., M.D.  
Valmont P. Desa, D.D.S., M.D.  
Mitchell J. Henry, D.D.S., M.D.  
Ronald R. Hollins, D.M.D., M.D.  
Bruce S. Kuhn, D.D.S., M.D.  
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Jason J. Miller, D.M.D., M.D.  
Harold K. Tu, D.M.D., M.D.  
David William, D.D.S.

**Application:** 1) Applicants must participate in the National Matching Program of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and the Postdoctoral Application Support Service (PASS) of the American Association of Dental Schools.

Contact: PASS, 1625 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Suite 101, Washington D.C. 20036.

2) Applications will be considered from graduates or senior dental students of dental schools accredited by the Council on Dental Education of the American Dental Association. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and be eligible for dental licensure in Nebraska (Nebraska license required, if accepted).

3) Applicants assume full responsibility for submitting the required materials to PASS before **October 15**.

4) The oral and maxillofacial surgery staff will review the application materials when they are complete. During review, the application will be considered without regard to sex, race, age, color, religion, or national origin. Criteria for selection include class rank, research experience, extracurricular experience in dental school, postgraduate education or experience, and letters of recommendation.

5) Promising candidates will be invited to Omaha for an interview (beginning in November). The personal interview is required for final consideration.

6) During the interview, the applicant will meet with the oral and maxillofacial surgery staff, who will answer applicant's questions about the program. Applicants will also be evaluated by the residents. The evaluation is subjective, but will encompass such factors as:

- \* motivation for a career in oral and maxillofacial surgery;
- \* suitability for the UNMC oral and maxillofacial surgery residency program;
- \* professional demeanor;
- \* future goals.

These are only guidelines. The UNMC College of Medicine admissions committee will make the final selection of applicants for the program's medical curriculum; although, a formal interview at the UNMC College of Medicine is not required.

7) If you have any questions regarding the oral and maxillofacial surgery program or the application process, please contact:

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8) For externship information and to apply for the externship program, please download the attached files.

- [Externship Information Sheet](#)
- [Externship Application Form](#)

