

# ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY NEWS

## PROFILE OF NARAYANAN SREENIVASAN



*Dale A. Baur, D.D.S. '80, M.D.*

### LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

As you know, we are in the midst of a very ambitious project that we call "Shape of the future of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) Education." The goal is to strengthen and grow the OMFS department through redesigned facilities and dedicated and innovative professionals.

In March, we took one step closer to our goal by welcoming Dr. Narayanan Sreenivasan as Director of the Predoctoral OMFS Program. Known to many of us here as Dr. Rayan, he came to the School of Dental Medicine by way of Hong Kong. Prior to that, he lived in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where he was a faculty member of the largest dental school in the Middle East.

Dr. Rayan brings a wealth of experience, along with a unique perspective on effective methods of teaching students and working with patients. He has many exciting ideas to share with the OMFS department, some of which have already been implemented into the program. He will no doubt be a key player in our continued growth.

We are also looking to grow our list of volunteer faculty. The department is fortunate to have a dedicated corps of volunteers, but there is room for more. Please let us know if you are interested in sharing your expertise with our students and residents. You can send an e-mail to me at [dale.baur@case.edu](mailto:dale.baur@case.edu).

Another important aspect of our ongoing project is to renovate the department's existing facilities. Currently, a search is on for a new architect so that we can officially get the project off the ground. Once we have an architect and a definite plan in place, we will share the details.

There is still time to contribute to the renovation project fund. Naming opportunities for areas within the clinic are available. Again, you can contact me at [dale.baur@case.edu](mailto:dale.baur@case.edu).

We are grateful to alumnus Dr. Scott Alperin for making a total contribution of \$25,000. In return, one of the recovery areas in the clinic will be named in honor of his father, Dr. Norman Alperin.

On June 11, we enjoyed a dinner celebration for our two graduates. Dr. Cyrus Ramsey is now in private practice in Virginia. Dr. Sukhdeep Dhaliwal is practicing in Seattle. We wish them the best of luck personally and professionally. As they depart, we welcome our two new residents, Andrew Bushey and David Collette.

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He has only been with the department since March, but Narayanan Sreenivasan, B.D.S., M.D.S. (O.M.F.S.), F.A.C.O.M.S. has already made several changes in the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery pre-doctoral program. As Director of the Pre-doctoral OMFS program, Dr. Rayan, as he is known to his colleagues and students, has introduced a hospital rotation for senior students and has made changes in the evaluation system of the clinical and competency exam so that it focuses more on practice and academics.

His youthful appearance belies the fact that Dr. Rayan has been involved with dentistry and OMFS in his native India as well as in Saudi Arabia and Hong Kong. Through these experiences, he has learned a great deal about dental practices and teaching methods around the world.

Dr. Rayan's goal is to bring many of the innovative ideas he learned elsewhere to the CWRU OMFS department. He also wants to implement procedures currently being used in other parts of the United States. One of these is simulation learning, where a student works with a mannequin and performs a minor oral surgery procedure. Simulation learning makes it easier for students to apply techniques to live patients in a clinical situation, he says.

Dr. Rayan appreciates the support he receives from Dr. Baur, whom he calls "a thorough professional. He has allowed me to translate my ideas into reality. He recognizes an earnest attempt at making changes."

He and Dr. Baur share a common goal for the department, he adds. "We're trying to create a department where we will be recognized as a leader in education. We want to create a predoctoral program in oral and maxillofacial surgery that will be the best in the States."

Approval of recent modifications has come from a very important group: the students. "They notice the difference," Dr. Rayan says. "That's what they're here for, to learn."

In his short time in the United States and Cleveland, Dr. Rayan has recognized interesting differences between the study of dentistry here and abroad. "The first thing I noticed is the casualness of the teacher-student relationship here," he says. "There's an openness in asking questions." This comes from a higher level of maturity in U.S. dental students, he believes. "They [students in the United States] have a basic undergraduate degree or even a master's degree. Elsewhere, you go to dental school right after high school. Students here definitely know what they want."

Dr. Rayan and his wife, Mahimaa, live in Solon, OH with their two sons, Saikishen and Salsharan. Although he enjoys traveling to and working in different parts of the world, Dr. Rayan is content to be in Cleveland for a good while. "I have two boys, nine and five years old, and it's good for them to be in a country where there's some degree of transparency," he says.

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## STAY CONNECTED WITH FELLOW ALUMNI

The OMFS department is considering a reunion of all department graduates through the years and would like to receive your feedback. Send us your thoughts on the time of year, the location (Cleveland or elsewhere) and the type of get-together (dinner, golf outing, etc.) that you would most enjoy. Please e-mail suggestions to [dale.baur@case.edu](mailto:dale.baur@case.edu).

## GRADUATION DINNER JUNE 2008



*Congratulations to the graduates: Dr. Sukhdeep Dhaliwal and Dr. Cyrus Ramsey.*

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## RESIDENCY DIRECTOR'S CORNER



**GREETINGS FELLOW ALUMNI!** I would like to first extend a warm thanks to all of our volunteer faculty for the ongoing support and commitment to our residency program. We continue to be the longest running 5-year MD/OMS certificate program in the country. I can proudly say that our program continues to be in high demand as applications have increased. This year our interview sessions are on November 7-8, and November 21-22, 2008. We are interviewing 24 applicants of the 120 who have applied this year. Anyone interested in assisting us in the interviewing process can contact me for further details.

*We would love to hear from you. Please e-mail me at [faq@case.edu](mailto:faq@case.edu) with news or happenings in your life so we can share your news with the department.*

### PRESENTATIONS:

Faisal A. Quereshy, M.D., D.D.S., F.A.C.S. "Contemporary Rhinoplasty for the Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon" AAOMS 90th Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions, Seattle, WA, 2008 (Surgical Mini-lecture)

Faisal A. Quereshy, M.D., F.A.C.S., Keith Schneider, D.D.S., M.S. "Correlation of Blood Loss and Operating Time during Orthognathic Surgery" AAOMS 90th Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions, Seattle, WA, 2008 (Poster Presentation)

Andrew Bushey, D.M.D., Michael Landers, D.D.S., M.A., Joseph Boice, Dale A. Baur, D.D.S. "Utilization of the Tympanomastoid Fissure for Intraoperative Identification of the Facial Nerve" AAOMS 90th Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions, Seattle, WA, 2008 (Poster Presentation)

Dale A. Baur, D.D.S. Use of the Karapandzic Flap in Lip Reconstruction. University of Michigan course "Flaps in Facial Reconstruction" (visiting Faculty) 3-5 November, 2007. Ann Arbor MI.

Dale A. Baur, D.D.S. Parotid Gland Tumor Management, Pectoralis Major Flap. Featured speaker at C.J. Lyons Academy summer meeting, Mackinac Island, MI. June 2008.

### POST-RESIDENCY UPDATE:

"The Washington Connection." Dr. Cyrus Ramsey '08 is currently practicing full scope OMS in the Washington, D.C., area in a group private practice setting, whereas Dr. Sukhdeep Dhaliwal '08 is also in private practice, although on the West coast near Seattle, Washington. Sukhi has received full privileges in facial cosmetic surgery. Congratulations to both of our new graduates.

### CLASS NOTES:

The office of William Chepla, D.D.S. '78 was highlighted by Rea & Associates for their

outstanding patient care. During his 30 years of practice, outstanding patient care has been the focus for Dr. Chepla. He is in practice with fellow grad, **John Mascaro '92**.

**Susan Bestgen, D.D.S. '84** is currently a clinical assistant professor and Chief of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the VA hospital in Boston. She served in the U.S. Navy for five years and maintained a private practice before joining the VA healthcare system.

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**Michael Andrews, D.M.D. '94** and his wife, Jess, live in Lebanon, PA with their two children, Michael and Claire. Though busy with his practice at Miller Oral Surgery, Dr. Andrews enjoys spending time outdoors, whether he is hunting, fishing, golfing or caring for his bonsai trees.

**Jeffrey Capes, D.D.S. '96** runs his practice and resides in Georgia with his wife, Wendy, and two children, Caitlin and Jackson.

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### WISDOM CLUB UPDATE

I am proud to say that we have had a great response in supporting our "Wisdom Club" initiative, targeted to our younger graduates. Members of this Club commit \$4,500 over a 3-year period to help in supporting the resident needs, such as equipment, research, and other professional and developmental opportunities for our residents. If you have any questions, or would like to support our efforts, please contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at (877) 468-1436 or [dentalalumni@case.edu](mailto:dentalalumni@case.edu).

## WELCOME RESIDENTS

Welcome to our first-year oral surgery residents, **Andrew Bushey, D.M.D.** and **David Collette, D.M.D.**



**Bushey** is originally from Boardman, OH. He went to the University of Notre Dame and graduated in 2002. He was drafted out of college by the Colorado Rockies in 2002 to play baseball and played Minor League baseball until 2004, when he began dental school at CWRU School of Dental Medicine. His dad,

**Michael (D.D.S. '73)**, is an oral surgeon, so he has always had an interest in the specialty. Throughout dental school Bushey experienced several externships, which further piqued his interest.  
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**Collette** attended Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine where he obtained his D.M.D. degree in May 2008. This is where he found his love of oral surgery. While in dental school he co-founded the Viva Guaymas Foundation (a service mission to



Mexico) and served as class president. David has a special interest in oral pathology and maxillofacial reconstruction, implantology, orthognathic surgery, and dentoalveolar trauma as well as cosmetic surgery. He calls Albuquerque, New Mexico his home, although he moved several times, also living in Idaho, Utah and France. David is the oldest of nine children, seven boys and two girls...he often wonders how his mother survived. David obtained a bachelor's degree in biochemistry at Brigham Young University where he met his wife, Cathy. They now have three children.

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