A LOOK INTO THE FUTURE: ORAL SURGERY CLINIC RENOVATION TAKES SHAPE

The Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery is moving forward on an oral surgery clinic renovation that will transform an outdated, cramped space into a world-class facility.

“One of the big issues we have right now is our lack of space and lack of chairs,” says Dale A. Baur, D.D.S. ’80, Chairman of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. “That is a very limiting factor in our patient flow and patient volume. With the new design we’re going to have more chair space and another major procedure room, so we’re going to be able to do more. That will help with both overall clinic income and experience level for the residents and students.”

“I don’t know when the current oral suite was built, but it really needed to be updated,” says John Van Auker, an architect with Hasenstab Architects. “In addition to a second oral surgery operating room and recovery room, we’re also updating the patient flow throughout the suite. Dr. Baur adds that the estimated cost of the renovation will be in excess of $1 million. There are many different levels of participation through which donors can help, he says, including a number of naming opportunities for rooms within the suite.

“We want this to continue to be a program we can all be proud of,” Dr. Baur says. “As always, we do exceptionally high quality work here, but our physical plant is outdated. This renovation is long overdue and much needed.”

Dr. Baur suggests that individuals who would like to contribute to the renovations call him at (216) 368-3102, or e-mail dale.baur@case.edu.

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

This has been and continues to be an exciting year for the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

Our recent graduates were very strong residents. Steve Leung, D.M.D, M.D., plans to go into private practice in Toronto, while Hauam Elias, D.M.D., M.D., has taken a position here in Cleveland at the Cleveland Clinic. We are pleased to be welcoming two new residents: Jonathan Williams is a CWRU School of Dental Medicine graduate, and Ty Loveless joins us from the Harvard School of Dental Medicine.

We’re also very excited about our clinic renovation. It is beginning to move from concept to reality, as an architect has now been commissioned (see the accompanying feature article). When it’s completed, our clinic will be one of the finest at any dental school in the country and will be a tremendous asset to our students, faculty, and the community.

We have some people joining us who will also be tremendous assets. A new intern, Dr. Jonathan Tagliareni, will be assisting us here in the department, and we have two research fellows who joined us in July. Dr. Sibel El is an oral surgeon from Turkey, and Dr. Juan Rodriguez is spending a year with us from Venezuela. In addition to generating research findings for publication, Dr. Rodriguez hopes to begin his postgraduate training in oral and maxillofacial surgery. He spent a month with us in December 2008 as an extern, when he was still in dental school.

Having research fellows join us from Turkey and Venezuela helps point out the international flavor of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and I’m pleased to report that I recently had the opportunity to lecture in Xi’an, China, and have been invited to speak in Egypt this November. It’s always a pleasure to see the high esteem in which the CWRU School of Dental Medicine is held internationally, and to make new contacts to continue that positive international exposure.

Finally, I’d like to remind everyone that there are many opportunities for our alumni to become engaged with teaching our residents and dental students, and we welcome everyone who can help us. We have a lot of homegrown talent here in Northeastern Ohio, and I know you would find it very fulfilling and rewarding to work with our students and residents. Just drop me an e-mail, I’d love to hear from you.

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AAOMS ANNUAL MEETING

Reception during the AAOMS Annual Meeting
Thursday, October 15, 2009 • 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. • The Fairmont Royal York, Toronto
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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 five-year MD/OMS certificate program in the country. I am continually receiving phone calls from other residency directors around the country wanting to structure their program like ours. I can proudly say that our program continues to be in high demand, as applications have increased. This year our interview sessions are on October 30-31, and November 6-7, 2009. We are interviewing 28 applicants of the 120 that had applied this year. Anyone wanting to be a part of helping to shape our profession through the interviewing process can contact me directly for further details.

PRESENTATIONS:
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 91st Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions, Toronto, Ontario, Canada (Accepted Poster Presentation)
Hardeep S. Dhaliwal D.M.D., Faisal A. Quereshy, M.D., D.D.S., F.A.C.S. A new surgical technique – Endoscopically assisted mandibular sagittal split ramus osteotomy” AAOMS 91st Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON, Canada (Accepted Poster Presentation)

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS
Quereshy FA, Elias HG, Scott J. Multiple Myeloma Presenting as Mandibular Ill-Defined Radiolucent Lesion with Numb Chin Syndrome; Clinical, Histopathological and CBCT Scan Radiographic Evaluation of the Presenting Lesion. J Oral Maxfac Surg. (Accepted 5-09)

2009 NEW RESIDENTS
I would like to formally welcome and introduce our two new residents: Tyman Loveless, D.M.D. (Harvard School of Dentistry) and Jonathan Williams, D.M.D. (Case Western Reserve School of Dental Medicine). We welcome both of our new interns and look forward to their involvement over the next five years.

POST-RESIDENCY UPDATE
Dr. Hasam Elias (’09) accepted the position of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery director at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. Midwest Maxillofacial surgeon, with a balance of clinical, didactic and research training,” Dr. Loveless did research at Harvard on TMJ ankylosis and TMJ osteoarthritis. He says he is open to any new research opportunities that present themselves at CWRU, particularly implant-based studies.

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 three-year period to help support the resident needs, such as equipment, research, and other professional and developmental opportunities for our residents. To date, this program has brought in commitments totaling $67,500. If you have any questions, or would like to support our efforts, please contact (877) 468-1436.

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