New faces in our Division

Dr. Iman Ahson  
Undergraduate: University of Florida  
Dental School: University of Florida

Dr. Bouali Amoli  
Undergraduate: University of Kentucky  
Dental School: University of Kentucky  
Medical School: University of Kentucky

Dr. Mark Miller  
Undergraduate: Murray State University  
Dental School: University of Kentucky

Departing Chief Residents…

After 4 long years of on-call nights, ruthless clinical work, and endless hours in the operating room, we are proud to graduate two excellent Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons: Drs. Juliana Dipasquale and Prashant Pandya.

Dr. Dipasquale will continue her educational journey by doing a one-year cosmetic fellowship under the tutelage of Dr. John Griffin in Columbus, MS.

Dr. Pandya will join the work force, opening his own private practice, Manatee Oral & Facial Center in Bradenton, FL.

We wish them well and look forward to their success. ☐

Drs. Rui Fernandes, Tirbod Fattahi, Prashant Pandya, Juliana Dipasquale and Luis Vega during the graduation dinner.

In the literature…


A note from our Division Chief…

As another academic year comes to an end, it is an appropriate time to pause and reflect back upon the 2008-2009 year in the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Florida. The preceding year was another successful year in our Division and we are proud to say that a number of “milestones” were achieved. (Please see page 2)

This year, our country and perhaps the entire world, has been dealing with a tough economy and tremendous financial constraints. The medical field has not been immune from this plague. There have been numerous cut backs and terminations of medical staff at just about every large university-based medical center in this country. Our hospital, Shands Jacksonville, has also had to face these issues and tough decisions have been made. While the number of surgical cases for all specialties at our institution is down compared to the same time last year, the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery will actually finish the academic year with more surgical cases (6% increase) compared to the 2007-2008 academic year. This will mark the 7th consecutive year where our surgical census exceeds the one from the previous year.

I am personally blessed and grateful to be surrounded by outstanding people who make my job easier each and every day. I hope you will have a restful and enjoyable summer and I look forward to seeing you at our local and national meetings. ☐

Sincerely;

Tirbod Fattahi, DDS, MD, FACS  
Chief, Division of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
 Division milestones…

- In March of 2009 due to the large volume of head and neck oncologic surgery and reconstruction performed in our Division, the Department of Surgery created the Section of Head and Neck Surgery within the Division of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery.

- Although the Division of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Florida has been around since 1967, we graduated our first female resident in June 2009. Dr. Juliana Dipasquale has been an outstanding resident and although her departure will be sad, she will continue to serve as a role model for many more residents, male and female to come.

- Another significant achievement for our Division this year was the outstanding number of presentations, abstracts and publications in national and international meetings. During the 90th AAOMS meeting in Seattle our Division presented 7 surgical clinics, 2 posters and 1 abstract. We also presented 2 lectures at the 25th Meeting of the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery. In May 2009, during the 19th International Congress of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons in Shanghai, China our Division had 5 of the 6 abstracts from the United States.

CASE REPORT

Hemi-Maxillectomy Defect Reconstructed with Radial Forearm Free Flap and Zygoma Implants

This is a 74-year-old white female who was referred to our Division for reconstruction of a left hemi-maxillectomy defect. The patient had a previous history of palatal maxoepithelioma, carcinoma that was treated 8 years ago at a different facility with a partial maxillectomy. During that time an obturator was chosen as the reconstruction of choice. The patient presented to our facility complaining of difficulty eating and speaking secondary to obturator instability and nasal regurgitation. Clinical examination revealed a large (5cm X 4cm) oronasal communication, a severely atrophic right maxilla and a severely atrophic mandible.

Maxillofacial CT Scan and a stereolithographic model were obtained to aid with the treatment planning.

After studying the case a decision was made to do a stage reconstruction. First a radial forearm free flap was performed to address the oronasal fistula.

During the second operation 4 zygoma implants were placed to reconstruct the missing hemi maxilla. A diagnostic wax-up and model surgery were performed on the stereolithographic model and a surgical splint was fabricated. The splint helped with the proper location and angulation of the implants. Implants kindly donated by Nobel Biocare.

The patient has recovered well from both procedures and is currently undergoing prosthetic restoration.

In the news…

Aug 2008 Dr. Barry Steinberg returned safe after active duty in Iraq.

Sept 2008 Dr. Prabhant Pandya (graduating chief resident) and his wife, Sonya, welcomed the birth of their first child.

Sept 2008 Dr. Barry Steinberg received the “Community Service Award” at the 90th AAOMS Meeting in Seattle.

Oct 2008 Drs. Tirbod Fatashi and Rui Fernandes were keynote speakers at the 15th Anniversary of the OMS Residency Program at the Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogota, Colombia.

Oct 2008 Dr. Brian Lerr (Alumni) and his wife, Shelley, welcomed the birth of their second child, Landen.

Nov 2008 Dr. Rui Fernandes received David Coute Medical Society 2008 John A Heals Award for outstanding publication.

Dec 2008 Mrs. Gina Jenkins, the OMS Residency Coordinator, and her husband Elijah, welcomed the birth of their 2nd child, Ethan.

March 2009 Dr. Tirbod Fatashi becomes a board member of the Florida Society of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery.

March 2009 The Section of Head & Neck Surgery at the University of Florida Health Science Center, Jacksonville, was incorporated into the Division of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery.

March 2009 Dr. Luis Vega, assistant professor and assistant program director OMS residency received his Board Certification from the American Board of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery.

March 2009 Drs. David Kirkpatrick, Jason Lee, and Barrett Tolley (Alumni) received their Board Certification from the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

March 2009 Dr. Luis Vega and his wife, Marina, welcomed the birth of their first child, Eva.

May 2009 Dr. Rui Fernandes was the keynote speaker at the Jiao Tong University in Xian, China.

June 2008 Dr. Rui Fernandes became the third recipient of the Dr. Roger Hahn Outstanding Faculty in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Award.