REPORT OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY EDUCATION TO THE COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION

Committee Chair: Dr. John Hellstein. Committee Members: Dr. Ashley Clark, Mr. Jim Hinds, Dr. Kathryn Korff, and Dr. Vikki Noonan. Commissioner: Dr. Jeffery Hicks, chair, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA), ex-officio. Guest (Open Session Only): Ms. Lisa Mikita, executive director, American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, attended the policy portion of the meeting. Staff Members: Ms. Peggy Soeldner, manager, Advanced Dental Education, Ms. Kirsten Nadler, manager, Advanced Dental Education, Dr. Sherin Tooks, director, and Ms. Bridget Blackwood, senior project assistant, CODA. The meeting of the Review Committee on Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Education (OMP RC) was held on January 14, 2021 via a virtual conference meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS RELATED TO ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY EDUCATION

Informational Report on Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Data (p. 800): As directed at the Winter 2015 meeting, the OMP RC reviewed the aggregate data from the Curriculum Section of the Commission’s Annual Survey for Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Programs conducted in August/September 2020.

Recommendation: This report is informational in nature and no action is required.

Informational Report on Conduct of Validity and Reliability Study for Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology (p. 801): The Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology were adopted by the Commission on Dental Accreditation at its January 31, 2013 meeting for implementation July 1, 2013.

As stated in the Commission’s “Policy on Assessing the Validity and Reliability of the Accreditation Standards” (Appendix 1, Policy Report p. 801), the Commission believes that a minimum time span should elapse between the adoption of new standards or implementation of standards that have undergone a comprehensive revision and the assessment of the validity and reliability of these standards. This minimum period of time is directly related to the academic length of the accredited programs in each discipline. The Commission believes this minimum period is essential in order to allow time for programs to implement the new standards and to gain experience in each year of the curriculum.

The Commission’s policy for assessment is based on the following formula: The validity and reliability of accreditation standards will be assessed after they have been in effect for a period of time equal to the minimum academic length of the accredited program plus three years.
Thus, the validity and reliability of the new standards for a one-year program will be assessed after four years, while standards applying to programs four years in length will be assessed seven years after implementation.

Accordingly, the validity and reliability study for oral and maxillofacial pathology education was due to be initiated in Spring 2020. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission, at its Summer 2020 meeting, directed the study be postponed until Spring 2021.

In cooperation with the ADA’s HPI, a timetable will be developed, surveys will be distributed to the audiences, and responses will be due to the HPI within two weeks of receipt of the survey. A sample format of the survey is presented in Appendix 2, Policy Report p. 801. Following a period of follow-up with non-respondents, the data will be tabulated and analysis completed by June 1, 2021. Commission staff will prepare a report with results of the study for consideration by the Commission at its Summer 2021 meeting.

**Recommendation:** This report is informational in nature and no action is required.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS RELATING TO MORE THAN ONE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Matters related to more than one review committee are included in a separate report.

CONSIDERATION OF SITE VISITOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION IN THE AREA OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY EDUCATION

The Review Committee on Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Education considered site visitor appointments for 2021-2022. The Committee’s recommendations on the appointments of individuals are included in a separate report.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS RELATED TO ACCREDITATION STATUS

Matters related to accreditation status of programs are included in a separate report.

Respectfully submitted,

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