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

Committee Chair: Dr. Sanjay Mallya.  Committee Members: Dr. Angela Broome, Dr. Anita Gohel, Dr. Gene Kelber, and Dr. Boris Bucanurschi. Dr. Brad Potter (substitute as needed for discipline specific program review).  Guests (Open Session Only): Dr. Mansur Ahmad, president, American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (AAOMR); Dr. Hassem Geha, past president, American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (ABOMR); Dr. William Scarfe, immediate past president, AAOMR; Dr. Dan Colosi, president-elect, AAOMR.  Staff Members: Ms. Peggy Soeldner, manager, Advanced Dental Education, Ms. Jennifer Snow, manager, Advanced Dental Education, and Ms. Bridget Blackwood, senior project assistant, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).  The meeting of the Review Committee on Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Education (OMR RC) was held on January 6, 2020 via telephone conference call.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS RELATED TO ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL RADIOLOGY EDUCATION

Report on Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section (p. 900): The Review Committee on Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Education (OMR RC) noted that the Annual Survey Curriculum Section is reviewed during the Winter Review Committee meeting in the year the survey will be distributed; which will next occur in 2020.  The OMR RC considered its discipline-specific Annual Survey Curriculum Section (Appendix 1, Policy Report p. 900).

Through review of the Annual Survey Curriculum Section, the OMR RC determined that the questions on the Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Annual Survey Curriculum Section were straightforward and appropriate in relation to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology. The OMR RC also noted that the date in Question 22 will need to be updated to reflect the appropriate academic year.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct the Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Annual Survey Curriculum Section (Appendix 1, Policy Report p. 900) be retained for use in Fall 2020.

Consideration of the Use of the Term “Should” Within the Accreditation Standards (p. 901): At its Summer 2019 meeting, the Commission directed the revision or addition, as applicable, of the definition of “Should,” within the Definition of Terms used by the Commission in the Accreditation Standards for all disciplines within the Commission’s purview, with consideration of this change in Winter 2020, and application within a time frame to correlate with other revision activities.

At this meeting, the Review Committee on Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Education (OMR RC) reviewed the use of the term “Should” within the Accreditation Standards for Advanced
Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (Appendix 1, Policy Report p. 901) and considered whether additional revisions to the Accreditation Standards are warranted as a result of the revised definition of the term “Should.”

The OMR RC noted several occurrences of the term “Should” are found in “boilerplate” or “common” intent statements and recognized that the terminology and implications should be consistent among all disciplines’ documents. The OMR RC also discussed the importance of programs and site visitors being aware that “Should” by definition, represents a suggested, not mandatory, method to achieve a Standard. The RC also noted the use of the term “Should” has not been a source of confusion in the past.

The OMR RC concluded that the revision of the definition of “Should” does not compromise the interpretation or implementation of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology and continues to support the Accreditation Standards as newly defined. The OMR RC determined that no changes to the Accreditation Standards are required related to the “Should” statement, beyond updating the definition of “Should” within the Definition of Terms, as follows: Should: Indicates a method to achieve the standard; highly desirable, but not mandatory.

Following discussion, the OMR RC recommended that the revised Definition of Terms be adopted and implemented, effective immediately.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Commission on Dental Accreditation adopt the revision to the definition of “Should” as noted above within the Definition of Terms in the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, effective immediately, with no further revision to the Standards at this time.

**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 RADIOLOGY EDUCATION**

The Review Committee on Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Education considered site visitor appointments for 2020-2021. 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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