Program Highlights

Building on a solid reputation, the Vanderbilt Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery program is extremely productive, offering residents close mentorship from our full-time and clinical faculty. We utilize nearly three Vanderbilt operating room days per week with only two surgeons. In 2008 we completed approximately 600 O.R. cases and saw nearly 8,000 patients at the Vanderbilt Clinic. Another 3,000 patients were seen at the VA and Interfaith Dental Clinics. We continue to provide comprehensive care for approximately 40 percent of all maxillofacial trauma patients at Vanderbilt. We now manage nearly all of the head and neck infections at Vanderbilt and have witnessed a sizable increase in the volume of complex, deep space neck infections.

We remain busy providing orthognathic surgical services. Further, in the past year the volume of implants placed has nearly doubled with a broad spectrum of “routine” and complex implant reconstructive cases.

Our anesthetic services have been expanded to include propofol deep sedation at the Vanderbilt clinic and Interfaith Clinics. The Vanderbilt OMS clinic is now a designated remote anesthesia site with full capability for integration into the medical center-wide anesthesia monitoring system.

Resident Match

Competition for the nation’s top dental school graduates was intense. For the second year in a row we matched all of our first-choice candidates.

- Six-Year Residency-M.D./OMS Program
  Brad Lewallen, D.D.S., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill College of Dentistry
- Four-Year Residency Program
  Benjamin Foley, D.D.S., University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine
  Matt Bruksch, D.D.S., University of Illinois at Chicago School of Dentistry

H. David Hall Scholarship

For the first time since the inception of the Hall Scholarship, we were able to offset some of the medical school tuition expense for the residents in the MD-OMS program. The scholarship provided $10,000 to Sean Young, D.D.S., who trained at UCLA School of Dentistry and is in his second year of medical school. We anticipate being able to, again, award the scholarship next year.

Chief Residents Embark

Our program strength and close ties with our alumni provide coveted opportunities to our residents. Two chief residents will be completing the program and entering private practice this summer.

- Jonathan Frederick, D.M.D., M.D., Will complete the 6-year program and join Vanderbilt OMS alumni Mark McIlwain, D.M.D., M.D., and Christopher Nester, D.M.D., M.D., in the Oral and Facial Surgery of the Shoals practice in Sheffield, Alabama.
- Jacob Duke, D.D.S., Will finish the 4-year program and join the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons of Northeast Texas in Texarkana, Texas.
2009 Alumni Events

- **Ninth Annual H. David Hall Lecture- Saturday May 2, 2009 8:00am**
  - Dr. John Beumer, UCLA School of Dentistry: Various implants topics
  - Board of Trust Room, Student Life Center, Vanderbilt University, 25th Avenue South.
- **American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons 91st Annual Meeting**
  - October 12-17, 2009, Toronto, Ontario.
  - We anticipate gathering for the 2009 alumni dinner on Thursday, October 15.

Conference Presentations

**2008 AAOMS Annual Meeting, Seattle**

- **Andrew Miller, D.D.S., M.D.**, made a poster presentation: *The Use of Cytogenetics in the Diagnosis of Intraoral Liposarcoma*.

Alumni News

- **Michael Bobo, D.D.S., M.D. (2000)**, is completing plans for a new office on Poplar Street near the hospital in Murray, Kentucky, scheduled to open in 2010.
- **Lindsey Cooper, D.M.D. (1979)**, rotates between his Nashville practice and a new office in Dickson, Tennessee. He provides valuable resident supervision at the Interfaith Dental Clinic.
- **Nick Desai, D.M.D., M.D. (1984)**, has settled in Northern California and is practicing at Santa Clara Kaiser.
- **Daniel E. Esposito, D.M.D., M.D. (1998)**, has a busy practice in Littleton, Colorado, where he has many opportunities to perform especially challenging procedures.
- **Lam Hoang, D.D.S., M.D. (2008)**, has settled in Sacramento and is practicing with Kaiser.
- **Susie Lin, D.D.S., M.D. (2004)**, divides her time between her Lebanon office and her husband's new office in the Berry Hill area of Nashville.
- **Michael Locke, D.M.D., M.D. (1999)**, has a busy and growing practice in Tullahoma, TN. Michael’s time is also devoted to his passion for cattle ranching.
- **Greg Loitz, D.D.S., M.D. (1984)**, has a thriving practice in Santa Cruz, where he enjoys surfing and riding his motorcycle along the California coast.
- **Edyee Sturgil, D.M.D, M.D. (1998)**, has a very busy, full-scope solo practice in Bowling Green, KY. Edyee and Jim enjoy spending time on their farm with their kids.
- **Sudheer Surpure, D.D.S., M.D. (2005)**, is completing an aesthetic surgery fellowship in Columbus, Ohio but also continues to provide services to Santa Clara Kaiser.

We are eager to hear from you. Please share your news with Donna Dant, associate director of development for the Section of Surgical Sciences, by phone at (615) 322-6274 or by e-mail at donna.dant@vanderbilt.edu.