ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY RESIDENCY PROGRAM
ACCREDITATION REPORT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Action Requested: Receive the accreditation report for the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency Program in the College of Dentistry at the University of Iowa.

Executive Summary: The Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency Program (1) underwent a self-study that addressed the standards and criteria defined by the accrediting body; and (2) had an on-site visit by peer evaluators. The program was accredited for the maximum five-year period through 2014. This accreditation report addresses the Board of Regents Strategic Plan priority to provide “educational excellence and impact.”

Background:

◆ Description of Program. The Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery offers a four-year, accredited residency training program. Upon completion of the program, the resident is eligible for examination leading to certification by the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Optional degrees, including the M.D. and Ph.D., in addition to the oral and maxillofacial surgery certificate and Master of Science, are offered by special arrangement. The goal of the residency program is to provide the highest level of training in the full scope of oral and maxillofacial surgery, and to insure development of skilled surgeons capable of providing continuing, comprehensive care. The program has a strong academic focus with a high priority given to research. Three primary teaching facilities are used to provide educational and patient care experiences – (1) University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics; (2) University of Iowa College of Dentistry; and (3) Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

◆ Purpose of Accreditation. An accredited educational program is recognized by its peers as having met state and national standards for its development and evaluation.

◆ Accrediting Agency. The accrediting body is the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) of the American Dental Association (ADA).

◆ Review Process. The self-study prepared by the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency Program contained the responses to the standards required by the accrediting body – institutional effectiveness; educational program; faculty and staff; educational support services; patient care services; and research program.

◆ On-Site Team Report. In November 2009, the visiting team determined that the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency Program met the requirements for accredited status. The visiting team concluded that the program was in compliance with CODA policies and procedures.

◆ Sample Strengths Identified by the Visiting Team. The Commission on Dental Accreditation discontinued the use of commendations, effective July 2007.
Accreditation Status. In August 2010, the Commission on Dental Accreditation adopted a resolution to continue the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency Program's accreditation status of “approval without reporting requirements,” with the stipulation that enrollment be limited to three residents in each year of the program. Approval without reporting requirements means that the program achieved or exceeded the basic requirements for accreditation.

“The university is expected to keep the Commission informed as soon as possible of anticipated major changes in any approved educational program offered, particularly in the areas of administration, faculty, facilities, and curriculum. An increase in enrollment must also be reported to and approved by the Commission prior to its implementation.”