Journal’s new feature educates the public about oral and maxillofacial surgery

By Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Staff

A new feature in the Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (JOMS) — the official journal of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS) — helps inform the public about oral and maxillofacial surgery, or surgery of the face, mouth and jaw.

In each monthly issue of JOMS, "Simply Put: JOMS Information for Patients" converts complex, scientific information from the journal into an easy-to-understand format.

Detailed illustrations with the articles will further communicate the latest evidence-based information and reiterate the breadth and skills of oral and maxillofacial surgeons (OMS).

Available in the online edition at JOMS.org and the print issue of JOMS, Simply Put articles will be disseminated to the public through AAOMS communications, including social media, press releases and the MyOMS.org website.

With nearly 1 million page views a year, the public-facing website MyOMS.org allows prospective patients to access credible information about oral and maxillofacial surgery.

With clinical Simply Put articles added to the website, visitors can read about the latest scientific research and information in terms they understand.

"Simply Put allows individuals without clinical training to understand more about our specialty and articles appearing in our journal," said JOMS Editor-in-Chief James Hupp, DMD, MD, JD, MBA, FACS.

"Much of the information on the internet has not been vetted or curated for accuracy or level-appropriate language. Simply Put will offer a more reliable alternative," he said.

The first edition of Simply Put in the January issue defines the scope of oral and maxillofacial surgery practice, explaining the extensive training of OMSs, describing the wide variety of conditions treated and linking to AAOMS websites, AAOMS.org and MyOMS.org.

For February, the Simply Put article discusses state-of-the-art surgery — including 3-D imaging and computer simulation — to treat jaw tumors in children. Other articles cover such topics as fall-related facial trauma and nerve repair.

"There is a plethora of information readily available to the patient that is not always trustworthy and more often misinforms patients on OMS medical/dental conditions, who should be treating these and why," said Antonia Kolokythas, DDS, DSc, MSc, MScD, FACS, a member of the JOMS editorial board who spearheads Simply Put. "Simply Put is supported by scientific-based data and should help demystify misconceptions and misinformation and offer evidence-based information to the patient in an easy-to-understand manner."

Additional audiences who can benefit from Simply Put are pre-dental or dental students who may be considering the specialty as well as general practitioners who wish to advance their knowledge of the education and skills of OMSs. Members of AAOMS are invited to share Simply Put articles with their dental colleagues and patients.

The Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery is published by the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons to present to the dental and medical communities comprehensive coverage of new techniques, important developments and innovative ideas in oral and maxillofacial surgery.

AO announces top ePoster research award recipients, finalists

By Academy of Osseointegration Staff

Out of the more than 100 ePosters submitted for the Academy of Osseointegration’s 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting, one dozen have been selected as winners and finalists by the AO’s ePosters Committee.

The list of projects and presenters follows. All posters can be seen at https://epostersonline.com/aoseo2021/

• 2nd Place Best ePoster: P106: “Angulated Screw Channel Solution With Increased Preload,” by Alexandra Stuart-Smith, MSc, Southern Implants.
• PB: "Digital Workflow in Double Full-Arch Implant Rehabilitation," by Mica Baesky, DMD, Tufts University.
• P45: "Risks of Sinus Floor Elevation Complications and Contributing Factors During and After Sinus Floor Elevation: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis," by Yung-Ting Hsu, DDS, MDSc, MS, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.
• P100: "Complete Digital Workflow for Full-Arch Maxillary Implant Rehabilitation," by Elena Sicilia, DDS, Tufts University.
• P109: "Effect of Static Magnetic Field on MC3T3-E1 Cells Differentiation via TGF-β Pathway," by Chayapong Supachawatwong, DDS, Tokyo Medical and Dental University.
• P114: "In-vitro Study on Accuracy of Complete-Arch Intraoral Scans: The Contribution of Translation Errors to Overall Surface Inaccuracy," by Gregory Tao, DDS, Columbia University.
• P116: "Implant Placement Lateral to Inferior Alveolar Nerve in Extremely Atrophic Posterior Mandible," by Dimitrios Tsitsimelis, DDS, NYU.
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