



# University of Florida Health Science Center, Jacksonville

## Residency Newsletter

### Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

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#### “A New Beginning”

Welcome to the latest edition of our residency newsletter. I do hope this letters find each and every one of you well. As the 2011-2012 academic year came to a close, the Division of OMS has embarked upon a new beginning. As of July 1, 2012, Division of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery became the newest *department* within the UF College of Medicine Jacksonville. This monumental step was supported and approved by the Deans of the College of Medicine (in Jacksonville and Gainesville), the Dean of the College of Dentistry, Senior Vice President of Health Affairs, the University Senate and Provost, and the Board of Trustees. There are many many other people who deserve credit for this event. Clearly, the Department of Surgery under the leadership of Drs. Michael Nussbaum and Richard Crass (previous Chair) allowed the OMS Division to grow and prosper over the past 12 years in Jacksonville as a Division. Under the guidance of Dr. Barry Steinberg, the Division evolved into one the premier OMS training programs in the country with 7 faculty, 17 residents, and one fellow currently. The initial request for transition from a division to a department started in 2011; as you can imagine, it was a long and drawn-out process, but one that is certainly worth the wait.

The transition into an independent department within the College of Medicine will have significant advantages to our department. It will allow more autonomy and control over day to day administrative and financial activities of OMS. It will also strengthen our position within the medical center. Furthermore, the transition will also streamline the recruiting process of faculty members as well as the tenure and promotion process. As far as the chair position, according to the University of Florida College of Medicine rules and regulations, I will be

named as an “Interim Chair”. After a formal search, the Dean of the College of Medicine will then make a final decision regarding the permanent Chair position.

The excitement and enthusiasm regarding this transition has simply been fantastic. It is truly the beginning of a new chapter in our Department here at UF Jax. As we look forward, we see an even brighter future for our residency program, our commitment to the community, and our mission as academic oral & maxillofacial surgeons. I want to thank all of you, our colleagues, our alumni, and our families for your endless support and I am confident that as we move forward as a new department, I can rely on your suggestions and guidance.

As you read this newsletter, we will introduce you to the newest members of our newly formed department.

Sincerely,

Tirbod Fattahi, MD, DDS, FACS



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*Meet the department.....*



**Meet our new faculty member**



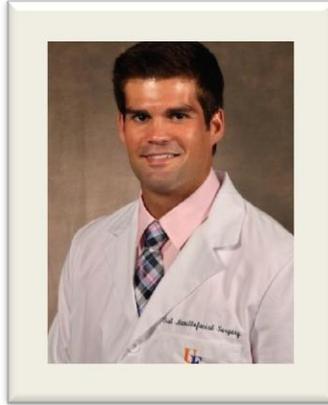
**Phillip Pirgousis, MD, DMD, FRCS**

Dr. Pirgousis officially joined the department of OMS in November 2011 as our 7<sup>th</sup> faculty member. Dr. Pirgousis gained his medical and dental degrees from the University of Adelaide in Australia, followed by General Surgery residency. His maxillofacial surgery training was completed in Australia and the United Kingdom, followed by a one year fellowship in microvascular reconstructive surgery here at University of Florida College of Medicine – Jacksonville. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England and Australia, and board certified in Head and Neck Surgery in the United Kingdom, Europe and Australia. Prior to joining the University of Florida College of Medicine, Dr Pirgousis was a head and neck/ reconstructive attending surgeon at University College Hospitals London in the United Kingdom. His clinical interests include head and neck pathology, malignancies of the head and neck, laryngeal surgery, and microvascular reconstruction of head and neck defects.

Meet our new residents and fellow



***Dr. Anthony Massaro***  
***NOVA Southeastern***



***Dr. Christopher Kragor***  
***University of Georgia***



***Dr. Kyle McCaskey***  
***University of Michigan***



***Dr. Marek Ogledzki***  
***Tufts University***



***Dr. Carlos Ramirez***  
***St. John Providence Health System***  
***Microvascular Surgery Fellow***

## Meet our new departmental administrator



**Valerie Rosario, MBA**

Originally from Chicago Illinois, Valerie relocated to Jacksonville 20 years ago. She has been with the University of Florida since 1997 in Family Practice and Specialty Care Medicine. Valerie completed a Master of Business Administration at Webster University and Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration with the University of Phoenix. In addition to being the oral & maxillofacial surgery departmental administrator, she volunteers her time in many non-profit organizations in the Hispanic community in Jacksonville. Her primary responsibilities in our department will include management of day to day administrative and fiscal activities.

## Meet our new Head & Neck Cancer Navigator



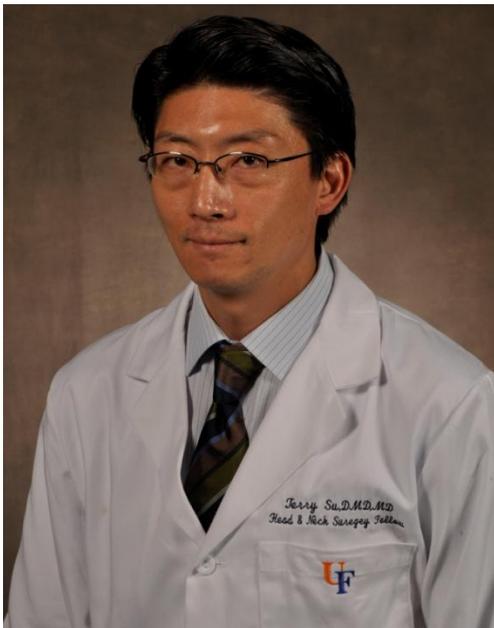
**Alyssa Peyton Rose, PA-C**

A native of Jacksonville, Alyssa joined our department in January 2012 as a physician's assistant and the navigator (coordinator) for the section of Head & Neck Surgery. As a navigator, Alyssa's primary role is directing the long term care of our head and neck cancer patients. Alyssa obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee and then went on to obtain her Masters in Physician Assistant Studies at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida. Prior to joining us, Alyssa worked in Internal Medicine at Henry Ford West Bloomfield hospital in Detroit, Michigan.

Saying farewell to our departing resident and fellow.....



Dr. Nathan Eberle completed his OMS training at UF Jacksonville in June 2012. He has decided to pursue a career in Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery. Dr. Eberle will stay at UF Jacksonville for additional year of General Surgery training and in July 2013, will begin his plastic surgery fellowship training at the Cleveland Clinic in Weston, Florida.

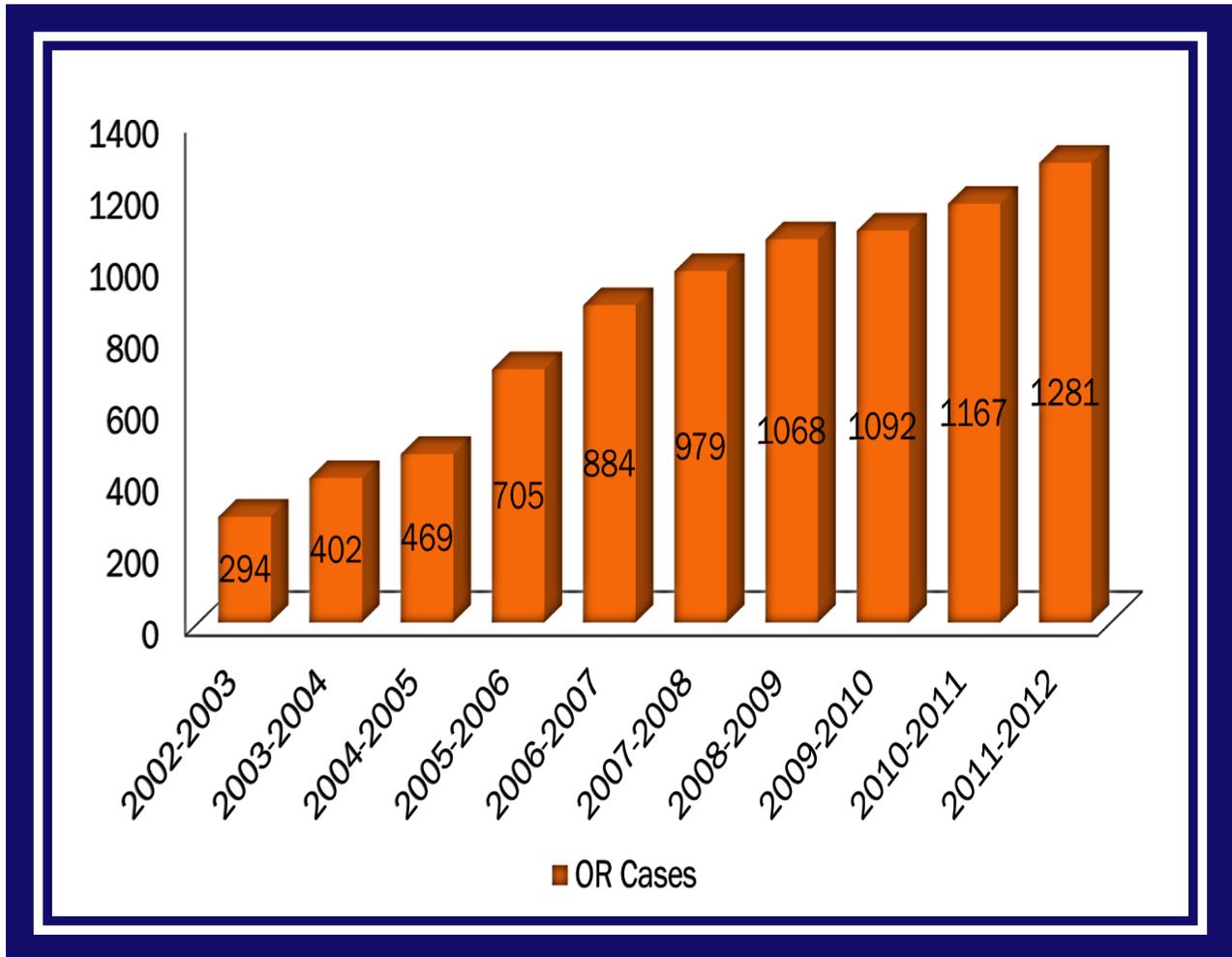


Dr. Terry Su completed his one-year Microvascular Surgery Fellowship with us in June 2012. Dr. Su has accepted a hospital-based OMS position at Osceola Regional Medical Center in Kissimmee, Florida.

We wish both Nathan and Terry the best of luck in their future endeavors and appreciate their service to our department.

## Major Surgical Cases in the Operating Room

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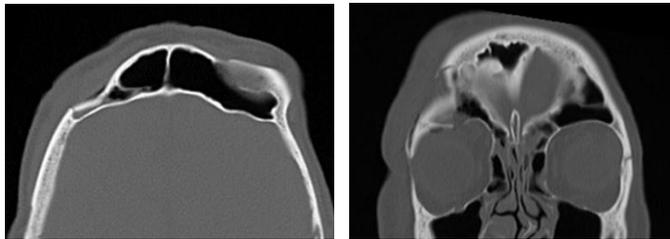
A sign of growth.....

Over the past 10 academic years, the department of OMS at UF Jacksonville has seen a steady increase in the total number of major surgical cases in the operating room.

## Case Report

A 51 year old female received blunt trauma to her forehead in a motor vehicle collision. She sustained an isolated frontal sinus fracture. The fracture involved the anterior table without any involvement of the naso-frontal ducts or the posterior wall. There were no neurologic injuries. The decision was made to repair the anterior wall fracture in order to prevent any future cosmetic defects. Surgical options included a coronal flap and open reduction & internal fixation, repair via an endoscopic approach, or injection of bony cements to camouflage the defect. After discussion with the family, the decision was made to repair the fracture through an endoscopic repair with elevation of the depressed segments without the need for formal fixation.

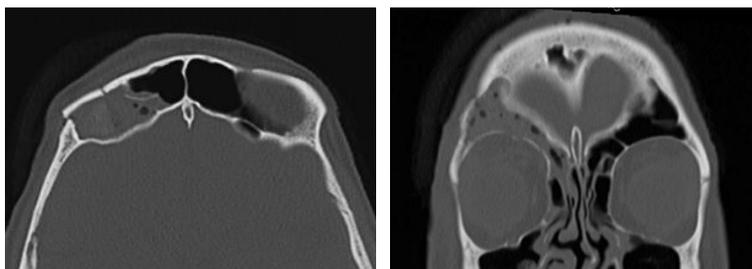
Patient underwent a successful endoscopic repair of the anterior frontal sinus fracture using two 1 cm ports in the scalp. Post op CT scan demonstrated good reduction of the fractures segments.



Preop CT Scan demonstrating right sided fracture



Intraoperative endoscopic view of fractured segment



Postop CT Scan showing reduction

## Thank you

The department of OMS would like to thank those of you who continue to support our mission through your financial tax-deductible contributions. In these tough economic times, it is refreshing to know that our alumni and colleagues place a special emphasis and value on the educational training of the future of our specialty and the next generation of oral and maxillofacial surgeons graduating from UF Jacksonville. For more information regarding donations to our alumni fund, please feel free to contact us through email at: [Tirbod.Fattahi@Jax.Ufl.Edu](mailto:Tirbod.Fattahi@Jax.Ufl.Edu)

Thank you.



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