

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery is surgery to correct a wide spectrum of diseases, injuries and defects in the head, neck, face, jaws and the hard and soft tissues of the oral and maxillofacial region. It is a recognized international surgical specialty

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Letter from the President Dr Peter Vickers

Dear Colleagues

As President of the Australasian Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons it is important to keep you abreast of any developments that have occurred in our Society over the last six months.

As you are aware the Society ran a very successful microvascular and flap course at the University of Sydney in September 2006. The course was attended by approximately fifteen delegates as numbers were restricted due to the availability of cadavers.

The first session entailed lectures by Dr Fiona Stewart (senior lecturer in anatomy at the University of Sydney) on the anatomy of the forearm and the chest wall. The lectures were informative and entertaining. It is noteworthy that anatomy teaching is progressively being phased out of undergraduate degrees. Certainly most of the delegates on the Course had fortuitously undertaken anatomical dissection in their primary university degrees. The second session was undertaken in the Anatomy lab where cadaveric specimens were utilised to raise pectoralis major flaps and radial forearm flaps.

Simultaneously another session was run at

the animal laboratory at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital where live microvascular surgery was demonstrated and practised.

The aims of the Australasian Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons is to enhance the profile and learning opportunities for surgeons operating in the Maxillofacial region irrespective of their basic specialisation. We have a cooperative relationship with The Australian and New Zealand Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons who co-sponsor the courses.

Initially our charter dictated that membership of the society was only open to doubly qualified practitioners, however this has changed and membership is open to all comers. Indeed we trust that fellowship and knowledge is enhanced through all pathways including training courses and social gatherings.

I take this opportunity of wishing everybody a happy and safe Xmas 2007. Please see the accompanying information regarding a new flap & facial nerve workshop at The University of Sydney on the 2nd and 3rd February 2008. Numbers are limited so please advise the secretary of your intentions ASAP

Peter Vickers
President ASMS

To ACCS Members, from the Secretary Dr John McHugh

We in the ASMS are very pleased to welcome you to the workshop. As you know both Peter Vickers and I are affiliated with both societies. We consider this workshop to be an ideal opportunity for shared interests.

Dr Darryl Hodgkinson and Dr William Pouw plastic surgeons have kindly offered to demonstrate SMAS, endoscopic facial, cervicofacial, rhytidectomy facial anatomy and other techniques to ACCS members. Having worked extensively with both Surgeons I would strongly encourage you to avail yourself for this hands on cadaver teaching by highly skilled operators.

There is also the opportunity for those interested to participate in the reconstructive flap teaching.

We have also invited Dr Ninian Peckitt, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon to present his experience with engineering assisted surgery for maxillofacial reconstruction. This will be of interest to members in both societies. Ninian also has extensive experience in facial cosmetic surgery.

Flap/Facial Nerve Workshop 2008



**Don't miss your
chance to take
part in this rare
workshop!**

Dates : 2nd/3rd February 2008 (all day)

Venue: The University of Sydney, Anatomy Department, Medical School,
City Road, Darlington.

Aims of the workshop:

A. To understand the anatomy of the following flaps

1. Pectoralis Major Myocutaneous (Pedicled)
2. Delto-Pectoral (Pedicled)
3. Temporo-Parietal Osteo-Fascial (Pedicled)
4. Radial Forearm (Free)
5. Fibula (Free)
6. Antero-lateral thigh (Free)

B. To understand the practicalities of raising, inserting and fixating the flaps to the host tissue.

- Particular emphasis on the personalised nature of each flap and its suitability.
- Demonstration of the osteotomising of the fibula and application of reconstruction plates.

C. Surgical Anatomy

- Facial Nerve and SMAS. Approaches to Cervico-facial rhytidectomy and parotid gland surgery. Endoscopic technique demonstrated.
- Levators and depressors of the face. Blepharoplasty and forehead implications.

Note: Lectures and Cadaveric dissection to be conducted in sequence.

Course lecturers include: **H.Stone, P.Vickers, D.Hodgkinson,
B.Pouw, N.Peckitt**

The cost is \$2500 inclusive lunches and course dinner (sponsored)
Note: accredited registrar course fee is \$1500

Microvascular Anastomosis course

A separate 2 day Microvascular anastomosis course will be held in May 2008.

Only those delegates who have undertaken the Flap workshop will be permitted to enrol in the Microvascular workshop.

Further information about the Microvascular anastomosis course will be available early next year.



Call for ADF members. ASMS / ANZAOMS

Navy has requested a report on my findings with the primary casualty reception facility when I participated in the Talisman Sabre 07 exercises on HMAS Manoora. I had the opportunity to board USS Essex amphibious aircraft carrier and USS Kitty Hawk during the exercises to assess US navy 7th Fleet surgical group to compare and contrast. During a recent discussion with Brigadier Rosenfeld— Neurosurgeon at the NSW annual Health Symposium we discussed Triservice Head and neck teams .

This is particularly relevant given planned operations and the purchase of the two new LHD amphibious ships

If anyone has any thoughts or can put me in touch with ADF personnel who could aid/ be included in a database /working group could they let me know. I am joining another prcf on HMAS Kanimbla March /April and would appreciate any input prior.

Yours Aye.

LCDR John Mc Hugh RANR
secretary ASMS



Registration for Flap / Facial Nerve Workshop 2008

Sign up for:	Date/s	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> FLAP / FACIAL NERVE WORKSHOP 2008	2&3/02/2008	\$2500.00/\$1500.00

Note: for accredited registrars the course fee is \$1500

Total: _____

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If you would like to become a member of the ASMS or if you have an article or announcement you would like placed in the ASMS Newsletter please email the Secretary at oralsurgery@optusnet.com.au



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We hope with each issue of the ASMS Journal to increase the articles we can provide to you.



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