

Advancing the Specialty. Empowering the Future

Who We Are

Since 1959, the OMS Foundation has served as an independent 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to advancing oral and maxillofacial surgery through research, education, and innovation. Through its 2018 strategic partnership with AAOMS, the Foundation continues to drive innovation, improve patient outcomes, and strengthen the specialty's relevance within healthcare and to the public.

What We Do

The Foundation is a key partner with AAOMS in advancing the specialty. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we are able to fund programs that support research, education and humanitarian service.

Recognizing Excellence

Each year the Foundation honors outstanding contributions to OMS and to the profession:

- **The Torch Award** – the Foundation's highest honor recognizing distinguished contributions and leadership.
- **Research Recognition Award** – for exceptional contributions to research in OMS.
- **Gerald E. Hanson Outstanding Service Award** – honoring a donor advocate who has gone above and beyond.
- **Stephen B. Milam Award** – recognizing the highest-scoring research grant of the year.
- **Dr. David Stanton Resident Research Award** – for the most outstanding resident paper in the *Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery*.
- **Daniel M. Laskin Award** – recognizing the most outstanding article published in *JOMS* by the Editorial Board.

Contributing to the Foundation is very important to me and is something that I plan to do for the rest of my career.

– Andrew M. Read-Fuller, DDS, MD, MS, FACS

Supporting RESEARCH

- **Research Support Grants** – annually funding for innovative clinical and basic research projects addressing emerging challenges and advancing discovery in OMS. Many Foundation-funded studies have gone on to receive NIH grants and improved treatment outcomes.
- **Clinical and Scientific Innovation in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (CSIOMS)** – tri-annual conference, formerly known as the Research Summit that promotes collaboration and knowledge sharing among leading researchers. The Foundation funds the program and resident travel scholarships.
- **Clinical Trials Methods Course (CTMC)** – hands-on overview of research methodology and clinical trial design for faculty, residents and practitioners, supported in part by the Foundation.
- **Student Research Training Awards (SRTA)** – two-year grants to OMS programs that attract high caliber students to OMS research and clinical practice.
- **Anesthesia and Patient Safety Study** – advancing the highest standards of patient care and surgical safety in OMS practices.

Research directly benefits our practices and our patients by providing us with tested and verified solutions – moving us from anecdotal evidence to scientifically reliable data.

– Brent B. Ward, DDS, MD

Supporting EDUCATION

- **NEW in 2026** – Ramon L. Ruiz Endowed Fellowship in Cleft and Craniofacial Surgery – Honoring Dr. Ruiz’s legacy, this fellowship prepares future leaders in pediatric and craniofacial OMS with a focus on patient care, research and education.
- **NEW in 2026** – Leadership Education Advancement and Development (LEAD) – Supports full-time OMS faculty seeking advanced degrees, certificate programs or specialized coursework to enhance their academic and leadership skills.
- **Faculty Educator Development Award (FEDA)** – encourages promising young OMS surgeons to pursue academic careers, supporting junior faculty and strengthening the academic pipeline in partnership with AAOMS.
- **Global Initiative for Volunteerism and Education (GIVE)** – providing residents with real world training through humanitarian OMS service trips to underserved communities worldwide.
- **Program Directors Conference** – supported by the Foundation, first held in 2025, this gathering unites OMS program directors nationwide to address critical and emerging issues in the speciality.
- **Resident Travel Scholarships** – supporting residents attending key educational programs such as the AAOMS Annual Meeting, CSIOMS, Residents Transition into Practice Conference and other educational opportunities.
- **Resident Transition into Practice Conference** – offers essential non-clinical training to prepare residents for post-residency life. Supported by the Foundation and held annually in conjunction with the annual meeting.



*Education shapes the future of surgery.
Every gift ensures that tomorrow’s
surgeons have access to world-class
faculty, innovative training, and the tools
they need to elevate patient care.*

– David L. Basi, DMD, PhD

How You Can Help

Help advance the future of oral and maxillofacial surgery with a gift to the OMS Foundation. Your support strengthens the specialty, transforms patient care and leaves a lasting legacy.

Ways to Give:

- Donated online at omsfoundation.org/donate
- Monthly recurring giving: Become a monthly Torch Bearer
- Give through stocks, securities or donor-advised funds (DAF)
- Join the R.V. Walker Legacy Society with a planned gift

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