

Missouri Directors report to the MSO 2023

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Annual Meeting to be held Oct. 13 in conjunction with the MSO/RMSO Annual Session in Rochester.

Missouri has a lot of exciting things happening, some of which are:

The **new Kansas City University School of dental medicine** has opened with a class size of 80 Students. They were warmly welcomed to the Dental community by the Southwest Dental Society with a welcome Dinner. Dr Linda Niessen was named the New Dean of the Dental School where she and the faculty have done an excellent job in getting the facility and program up and running. This Dental school will help to serve the lesser populated areas in 4 states, Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. These areas are in need of Dental professionals and are listed as Dental Health Professionals shortage areas by the US Health Resources and Services Administration.

SLU CADE: Dr Ki Beom Kim sent me this report:

Dear Dr. John Firth

I am delighted to present the report of the recent Midwestern Society of Orthodontists (MSO) Council on Orthodontic Education (COE) meeting held in Austin, TX on October 5th.

1. ABO MSO Representative

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Meenakshi Visghwanath from the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) has been selected as the American Board of Orthodontics MSO Representative. Congratulations to her on this prestigious achievement.

2. MSO COE Meeting in Austin, TX**

The MSO COE meeting in Austin, TX was a productive gathering, with representatives from MSO, SAO, and SWAO discussing critical issues in selecting orthodontic residents. Challenges related to GPA and class rank reporting from some dental schools were addressed.

The meeting saw active and engaged participation from esteemed educators. The following individuals contributed significantly to the discussions:

- Dr. Ki Beom Kim (Saint Louis University - SLU)
- Chad Rasmussen (Mayo Clinic)
- Dr. David Liu (Marquette University)
- Dr. Jean-Marc Retrouvey (University of Missouri-Kansas City - UMKC)
- Dr. Meenakshi Visghwanath (University of Nebraska Medical Center - UNMC)
- Dr. Nellie Kim-Weroha (University of Minnesota - U of MN)

3. Upcoming MSO COE Meeting:

The next MSO COE meeting is scheduled during the MSO and Rocky Mountain Society of Orthodontists (RMO) meeting in Rochester, MN, on October 12-14, 2023. This presents a valuable opportunity for continued collaboration in orthodontic education.

4. Dr. Ki Beom Kim as COE Chair

Dr. Ki Beom Kim from Saint Louis University (SLU) has been elected as the Chair of the Council on Orthodontic Education in the American Association of Orthodontists.

In conclusion, the MSO COE remains committed to shaping the future of orthodontic education with the dedication of our representatives and collaborative efforts.

Sincerely,

Ki Beom Kim, DDS, MSD, PhD

Dr. Lysle Johnston Endowed Chair in Orthodontics

Professor, Program Director - Center for Advanced Dental Education Department of Orthodontics

UMKC School of Dental Medicine, Dept. of Orthodontics: Dr. David Jones, Interim Chair, sent this report:

Hello Dr. Firth,

The following would be my (brief) summary:

After retiring from teaching at the University of Iowa and returning to Lawrence, Kansas. However, as an ABO examiner I needed to have either part-time practice or teaching to continue as an examiner, I decided I really missed teaching, so offered to become an adjunct here at UMKC two days per month. Then, the existing Director chose to leave and accept another position and as a result about a year later I offered to step in on a temporary basis to fulfill that function in the department. Therefore, as of June 1, 2023, I became the Interim Director of the Graduate Program at UMKC. Soon thereafter Dr. Retrouvey submitted his resignation as the Chair of the Orthodontic Department whereupon a search for a new Chairman began. In late August Dr. Abraham Shifflitz was hired to become the new Chair of the department and will begin full-time on October 1 (with a "courtesy" appointment during September to allow him to review and vet the current applicants, to select the ones invited for in-person interviews). There is also an ongoing search for a permanent full-time Director as well, with at least one recent on-site interview. In addition, we have had to replace both of our front desk people! So.....it's been terribly busy on the practice management portion in addition to the educational component!

We currently have a total of 9 residents, 3 of whom will graduate in December and while all their definite plans for employment/practicing following graduation are not known to me, I do know that Dr. Bryson Nakatani will be returning to practice in Hawaii.

Since my assumption of the Director's position in June we have been incredibly involved with updating our curriculum and including more of our adjunct professors in delivering didactic content of those revised courses. Obviously, we are eagerly anticipating "Interview Day" on October 16th!

Best regards,

David A. Jones DDS, MSD

Diplomate, American Board of Orthodontics

Clinical Professor Emeritus, University of Iowa College of Dentistry Interim Director, Postgraduate Orthodontic Residency UMKC School of Dentistry

From Jackie Miller, **Missouri Director of Oral Health:**

Good morning John,

From the Office of Dental Health (ODH):

The Office of Dental Health has been working to educate Missouri dentists to encourage their patients to receive the HPV vaccine series to prevent oral cancer in the future. Great news, now pharmacies can give the HPV vaccine without a healthcare provider prescription, so after a dental provider takes the time to educate a patient, they can refer the patient to their local pharmacy. They may want to call ahead to make sure that they have the vaccine on hand, according to the websites for Walgreens and CVS, they do carry the HPV vaccine.

MO HealthNet is collaborating with the MDA, the Missouri Coalition of Oral Health and the State Department of Health and Senior Services to increase access to care for all MO HealthNet participants—through increased provider enrollment. This collaboration will allow us to streamline our processes as well as provide resources and training to help providers be successful while they serve Missouri’s most vulnerable citizens.

Myth #1

As a Medicaid provider, I must see all Medicaid patients in my area who are enrolled in Medicaid.

False: No; this is a business decision for each provider. Some choose to see only children and others may want to take only a certain number of MO HealthNet participants, thereby leaving room for existing patients.

Myth #2

The Medicaid rates are too low; I cannot afford to provide Medicaid. I will lose money.

False: Many of the covered procedures underwent a tremendous rate increase, to 80% of usual and customary fees. Some rates are even higher than some private insurance reimbursement. Find a link to the rates at modental.org/Medicaid.

Myth #3

The process seems very difficult and there is no one to help walk me through it to become a Medicaid provider.

False: We have real people, easily reachable, who want to help you! They are:

Amanda Fahrendorf, Lead Education & Training Specialist
Department of Social Services Education and Training Unit
Amanda.Fahrendorf@dss.mo.gov or 573-751-6683

Jessica Emmerich
Dental Medicaid Facilitator
Missouri Coalition for Oral Health
jemmerich@oralhealthmissouri.org or 573-536-2474

Amanda and Jessica can provide a wealth of information about MO HealthNet enrollment, Managed Care credentialing, and billing and policy questions – and they can connect providers with training and resources.

Thank you so very much,
Jacqueline Miller DDS MS MPH

I am very happy to submit this report for 2023, we hope to continue moving up in membership and leadership to the AAO.

Thank you
Dr John Firth - Director from Missouri