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Re: Dental Education Programs

Dear Dr. Hogan:

At its January 29, 2009 meeting, the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) considered the site visit report on the dental education program, the advanced education program in general dentistry, and the advanced specialty education programs in endodontics, oral and maxillofacial radiology, orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, pediatric dentistry, periodontics, and prosthodontics sponsored by the University of Connecticut.

On the basis of this review, the Commission adopted a resolution to grant the programs the accreditation status of "approval without reporting requirements." The definitions of accreditation classifications are enclosed. No additional information is requested from the programs at this time. The next site visit for the program is scheduled for **2015**.

A copy of the Commission's site visit report is enclosed. One copy of this report and the related enclosures have also been sent to the chief administrative officer and the program directors copied on this letter. The Commission requests that a copy of this report and the related enclosures be forwarded to the chairpersons and appropriate faculty.

In taking this action, the Commission stipulated that it will expect the institution to keep the Commission informed as soon as possible of anticipated major changes in any approved educational program offered, particularly in the areas of administration, faculty, facilities and curriculum. The Commission's policy and guidelines for reporting major program changes are enclosed.

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For the advanced specialty education program **in oral and maxillofacial radiology** sponsored by the University of Connecticut, in a separate action at the January 2009 meeting, the Commission on Dental Accreditation considered a request for a permanent increase in enrollment from two (2) to three (3) students/residents per year. In doing so the Commission considered correspondence from Dr. Alan Lurie, dated November 12, 2008, which indicated that the request was to help manage increased patient care and provide more trained oral and maxillofacial radiologists to the country.

After careful review of all pertinent information, the Commission adopted a resolution approving the program's request. Commission policy stipulates that authorization must be obtained prior to increasing enrollment in pediatric dentistry programs. Should the institution plan to increase the program's enrollment again, please contact the Commission office prior to doing so.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation monitors increases in enrollment for advanced specialty education programs. The purpose for monitoring increases in enrollment through review of existing and projected program resources (faculty, patient availability, and variety of procedures, physical/clinical facilities, and allied support services) is to ensure that program resources exist to support the intended enrollment increase. An increase in enrollment must be reported to and approved by the Commission prior to its implementation. Failure to comply with the policy will jeopardize the program's accreditation status. Commission guidelines for reporting increases in enrollment for each specialty are available upon request from the Commission office.

The Commission has authorized use of the following statement by institutions or programs that wish to announce their programmatic accreditation by the Commission. Programs that wish to advertise the specific programmatic accreditation status granted by the Commission may include that information as indicated in italics below (see text inside square brackets); that portion of the statement is optional but, if used, must be complete and current.

The program in dental education and the advanced specialty education programs in endodontics, oral and maxillofacial radiology, orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, pediatric dentistry, periodontics, and prosthodontics are accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation [*and have been granted the accreditation status of "approval without reporting requirements"*]. The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (312) 440-4653 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611.

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The program in advanced education in general dentistry is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation [*and has been granted the accreditation status of "approval without reporting requirements"*]. The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (312) 440-4653 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611. The Commission on Dental Accreditation has accredited the postdoctoral program in advanced education in general dentistry. However, this education area is not one of the ADA recognized dental specialty areas. Therefore, dentists graduating from this program cannot announce that they are specialists, as recognized by the ADA.

The Commission wishes to thank you and the faculty and staff for their cooperation during the site visit. If this office can be of any assistance to you, please contact me by telephone, at 1-800-621-8099, extension 2721 or by e-mail, at [lewisl@ada.org](mailto:lewisl@ada.org).

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: CODA Accreditation Status Definitions  
Formal Report of the Site Visit  
Reporting Major Changes in Accredited Programs  
Electronic Submission Guidelines for General Correspondence  
Authorized Enrollment Guidelines for Specialties  
Guideline for Requesting an Increase in Enrollment in  
Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Advanced Education Program

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cc: Dr. R. (Monty) MacNeil, dean, School of Dental Medicine  
Dr. John R. Agar, director, Prosthodontics Program  
Dr. Flavio Uribe, director, Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics Program  
Dr. Alan G. Lurie, director, Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Program  
Dr. Gregory P. Mathieu, director, Pediatric Dentistry Program  
Dr. Eric Ruiz, interim director, Advanced Education in General Dentistry Program  
Dr. Kamran Safavi, director, Endodontics Program  
Dr. Gian Pietro Schincaglia, director, Periodontics Program  
Dr. James J. Koelbl, chair, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)  
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## ACCREDITATION STATUS DEFINITIONS

### PROGRAMS WHICH ARE FULLY OPERATIONAL

**APPROVAL (*without reporting requirements*):** An accreditation classification granted to an educational program indicating that the program achieves or exceeds the basic requirements for accreditation.

**APPROVAL (*with reporting requirements*):** An accreditation classification granted to an educational program indicating that specific deficiencies or weaknesses exist in one or more areas of the program. Evidence of compliance with the cited standards must be demonstrated within 18 months if the program is between one and two years in length or two years if the program is at least two years in length. If the deficiencies are not corrected within the specified time period, accreditation will be withdrawn, unless the Commission extends the period for achieving compliance for good cause.

(Adopted: 01/98)

(Reaffirmed: 07/05; Revised: 01/99; Effective: 07/99)

### PROGRAMS WHICH ARE NOT FULLY OPERATIONAL

The accreditation classification granted by the Commission on Dental Accreditation to programs which are not fully operational is "initial accreditation." When "initial accreditation" status is granted to a developing education program, it is in effect through the projected initial enrollment date. However, if enrollment is delayed for two consecutive years, the institution must reapply for "initial accreditation" and update pertinent information on program development. Following this, the Commission will reconsider granting "initial accreditation" status.

**Initial Accreditation:** Initial Accreditation is the accreditation classification granted to any dental, advanced dental or allied dental education program which is in the planning and early stages of development or an intermediate stage of program implementation and not yet fully operational. This accreditation classification provides evidence to educational institutions, licensing bodies, government or other granting agencies that, at the time of initial evaluation(s), the developing education program has the potential for meeting the standards set forth in the requirements for an accredited educational program for the specific occupational area. The classification "initial accreditation" is granted based upon one or more site evaluation visit(s) and until the program is fully operational.

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