

2026

Southeastern Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons

76TH ANNUAL MEETING

May 13 - May 17

THE BREAKERS: PALM BEACH, FL



Deepak G. Krishnan, DDS, FACS

“Optimizing the OMS Anesthesia Model”

“Adapt and Evolve - Artificial Intelligence (AI) is Taking Over Your OMS Practice”

David B. Powers, DMD, MD, FACS

“Subperiosteal Implants - ‘A New Hope’ for the Atrophic Maxilla and Mandible: Indications, Planning and Management of Complications”

“Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy - An Update and Clinical Indications for Use in the 21st Century”

Julie A. Chavez, DDS

“Preventing Musculoskeletal Disorders in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Utilizing Ergonomic and Fitness Strategies”

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Fellow SSOMS Partners:

On behalf of the membership of the Southeastern Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, I invite you to attend our 76th Annual Meeting. This year, our meeting will be held **May 13-17** at The Breakers in Palm Beach, FL.

The Breakers' story is one of endurance and evolution. Considered an architectural triumph, the oceanfront resort originally debuted in 1896, then reopened twice after major fires in 1903 and 1925. Decade by decade, it played host to the glitterati and cemented the seaside glamour that is now so central to Palm Beach culture. Today, that same sensibility remains, modernized to meet the needs of our contemporary guest. With an average of \$30 million invested annually to preserve the landmark property, amenities like four pools, 10 restaurants, an indoor-outdoor fitness facility, stunning spa and acclaimed golf courses attract guests the world over—proof that The Breakers is the ultimate leisure destination.

During our scientific sessions, **Dr. Deepak G. Krishnan** will speak Thursday on “Optimizing the OMS Anesthesia Model” and “Adapt and Evolve - Artificial Intelligence (AI) is Taking Over Your OMS Practice.” **Dr. David B. Powers** will speak Friday on “Subperiosteal Implants - ‘A New Hope’ for the Atrophic Maxilla and Mandible: Indications, Planning and Management of Complications” and “Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy - An Update and Clinical Indications for Use in the 21st Century.” **Dr. Julie A. Chavez** will speak Saturday on “Preventing Musculoskeletal Disorders in OMS Utilizing Ergonomic and Fitness Strategies.”

This year, our Lifetime Achievement Award will go to **Dr. J. David Johnson, Jr.**, and our Distinguished Educator Award will go to **Dr. George M. Kushner**. Dr. Johnson is an Associate Clinical Professor at the University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine and a nationally recognized leader with extensive service in professional organizations. He has held numerous leadership roles at the state and national levels, including President and Treasurer of the AAOMS. Dr. Kushner is Professor and James B. and Ann D. Edwards Endowed Chair in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Louisville, with appointments in Surgery and Anesthesia. During his 32-year academic career, he directed the OMS residency program for 28 years, served as Chief of Staff at the region's Level I Trauma Center, and has been deeply engaged in national and international surgical education.

I look forward to seeing you in the Palm Beach at The Breakers.

Sincerely,

Steve



Stephen J. Maroda, Jr., DDS
President, Southeastern Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons

DAILY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 13

12:00 - 2:00pm	Foundation Board Meeting
1:00 - 5:00pm	Registration
3:00 - 5:00pm	First Board Meeting
3:00 - 5:00pm	Examination of Candidates
6:30pm	Opening Reception and Dinner

Thursday, May 14

7:00 - 11:30am	Registration
7:00 - 8:00am	Exhibits & Full Breakfast
8:00 - 10:00am	<i>"Optimizing the OMS Anesthesia Model"</i> Deepak G. Krishnan, DDS, FACS
9:00 - 10:00am	Spouses' Breakfast
10:00 - 10:30am	Break & Exhibits
10:30 - 11:30am	<i>"Adapt and Evolve - Artificial Intelligence (AI) is Taking Over Your OMS Practice"</i> Deepak G. Krishnan, DDS, FACS
11:00am - 1:00pm	Worth Ave Shopping Tour
1:00 - 6:00pm	Golf Tournament
6:30 - 7:30pm	Reception for all (if sponsored)



Friday, May 15

7:00 - 12:00pm	Registration
7:00 - 8:00am	Exhibits & Full Breakfast
8:00 - 9:00am	<i>"Subperiosteal Implants - 'A New Hope' for the Atrophic Maxilla and Mandible: Indications, Planning and Management of Complications"</i>
9:00 - 10:00am	<i>"Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy - An Update and Clinical Indications for Use in the 21st Century"</i> David B. Powers, DMD, MD, FACS
10:00 - 10:30am	Break & Exhibits
10:30 - 12:00pm	First Business Session
2:00 - 4:00pm	Pickleball
6:15 - 8:30pm	Sunset Cruise - max 50 people

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Saturday, May 16

7:00 - 12:00pm	Registration
7:00 - 8:00am	Exhibits & Full Breakfast
7:00 - 8:00am	Past Presidents' Breakfast
7:00 - 8:00am	Second Board Meeting
8:00 - 10:00am	<i>"Preventing Musculoskeletal Disorders in OMS Utilizing Ergonomic and Fitness Strategies"</i> Julie A. Chavez, DDS
10:00 - 10:30am	Break & Exhibits
10:30 - 12:00pm	Second Business Session
12:00pm	Lunch on your own
6:30 - 7:00pm	President's Reception
7:00 - 11:00pm	President's Dinner Entertainment: Mentalist Alex Chamo, DJ, and dancing

Sunday, May 17 - Departure

SPEAKERS

Deepak G. Krishnan, DDS, FACS



Dr. Deepak Krishnan is the chief of Oral Maxillofacial surgery at University of Cincinnati and at the Cincinnati Children's Hospital. He is a Professor of Surgery at the College of Medicine there, where he teaches and practices. Dr. Krishnan obtained his dental degree from Bangalore University, India and trained in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Emory University College of Medicine. Upon completion of the residency, Deepak pursued further fellowship training in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery focusing on orthognathic surgery at Dalhousie University. He is a director of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He currently serves on the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Committee on Anesthesia as a consultant on Simulation, and serves on the Residency Review Committee for OMS for the CODA.

Session I Description: *Outpatient anesthesia in OMS offices is both efficient and safe. But can you partner with technology and advances in pharmacology to make it even more efficient and safer? Can principles of enhanced recovery after surgery (ERAS) be applied to everyday OMS practice?*

Session II Description: *With the AI tide rising, how does one harness the power and prowess of AI to impact your practice? What's on the horizon with life-changing AI applications that will take your professional world by storm?*

David B. Powers, DMD, MD, FACS



Dr. David Powers is a Professor of Surgery and Director of the Craniomaxillofacial Trauma Program at Duke University Medical Center, where he also serves as Fellowship Director for the Craniomaxillofacial Trauma and Reconstructive Surgery fellowship. His extensive experience in facial trauma was developed during a military career focused on the acute management of ballistic and other wartime injuries, as well as secondary and tertiary facial reconstruction at institutions including Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, and the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center. He has lectured and published widely on ballistic and high-energy facial injuries, comprehensive reconstruction techniques, and the use of computer-aided surgical planning and patient-specific implants for complex craniomaxillofacial reconstruction.

Session I Description: *Subperiosteal implants historically were used for the prosthetic management of the atrophic maxilla and mandible. Due to complications with long-term stability, this treatment modality fell out of favor. With the advancement of computer assisted design and fabrication, this treatment option has undergone a renaissance and is now a viable surgical option for numerous patients. This presentation will cover the historical aspect of this treatment, current technological advances and the management of common complications.*

Session II Description: *Hyperbaric oxygen therapy has historically been used by Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons as either prophylaxis or treatment of osteoradionecrosis. With improved delivery systems and widespread use in the regenerative medicine and Infectious Disease communities, new indications for this treatment are available. This presentation will highlight the current protocols and recommendations for treatment of patients requiring this therapy.*

Julie A. Chavez, DDS



Dr. Julie Chavez enjoys all aspects of oral and maxillofacial surgery and treating patients of all ages, with special interests in orthognathic surgery, cleft palate rehabilitation, and dental implant surgery. She served on the Cleft Palate Team at Children's Hospital and Clinics in Minneapolis from 2003–2024, recently retiring to pursue interests in occupational ergonomics and fitness. Dr. Chavez earned her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Colorado Boulder and her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of Washington in 1993. She completed an internship at New York Hospital–Cornell Medical Center and graduated from the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery program at the University of Minnesota. She is board certified and a member of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, as well as several state and national dental and craniofacial organizations.

Session Description: *This course is designed for the practicing OMS or resident. It will cover the history/beginnings of occupational health, and then focus primarily on the most common hazard facing oral maxillofacial surgeons (OMS), work related musculoskeletal disorders (WMSD). This course will present the most common WMSD suffered by OMS and provide strategies to avoid them. The most important strategies covered include proper ergonomics and targeted fitness protocols.*

AWARDS

Lifetime Achievement Award: J. David Johnson, Jr., DDS



Dr. Johnson is an Associate Clinical Professor at the University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine and is active in many professional organizations. He served on the Board of Directors and as President of both the Southeastern Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and the Tennessee Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. For many years, Dr. Johnson served as OMS Consultant to the Tennessee Board of Dentistry and as Member of the Tennessee Board of Dentistry Anesthesia Committee. He was the National Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Spokesperson for the American Dental Association for 15 years. As a Fellow of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS), Dr. Johnson has served as Chairman of the Committee on Public and Professional Communication and as a member of numerous committees including the Task Force on Priorities, the Committee on Practice Management, the Special Committee on Cosmetic Surgery, the Special

Committee on the Dual Degree (DDS/MD) Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon, the Special Committee on the USA Today Implant Supplement, and the Committee on Faculty Educator Development Awards (FEDA). He is a Past District III Trustee, Treasurer and President of AAOMS. He served as the AAOMS Representative to the 2024 ADA Dental Anesthesia Provider Summit. Locally Dr. Johnson has received the Tennessee Fellowship Award for Distinguished Service, the Tennessee Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Recognition of Outstanding Service, and the 2003-2004 Second District Dental Society Dentist of the Year Award.

Distinguished Educators Award: George M. Kushner, DMD, MD, FACS



Dr. George Kushner is currently Professor and James B. and Ann D. Edwards Endowed Chair in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Louisville. He also holds appointments in the departments of Surgery and Anesthesia. Over his 32 year academic career at Louisville, Dr. Kushner directed the OMS residency program for 28 years and served as Chief of Staff at the University of Louisville Hospital, the regions's Level 1 Trauma Center. He has actively been involved in surgical education both nationally and internationally as a faculty member and Trustee of the AO Foundation. He was recognized by AO North America in 2025 with the CMF Educator of the year award. Dr. Kushner was also awarded the coveted Donald Osbon Educator of the Year award at the 2025 AAOMS annual meeting. Dr. Kushner has also served on the Commission for Dental Education (CODA) and has contributed to AAOMS through service on the Committee on Education and Training (CET). His work as a lecturer and author continues to support the professional development of oral and maxillofacial surgeons around the world.

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ACCREDITATION

Continuing Education Credits

Up to 7.5 CDE and CME credits will be provided for full attendance at this meeting.

Accreditation and Designation Statements: SSOMS 2026 Meeting

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of PeerPoint Medical Education Institute and the Osteo Science Foundation. PeerPoint Medical Education Institute is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

PeerPoint Medical Education Institute designates the live format for this educational activity for a maximum of 7.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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ACTIVITIES



SUNSET CRUISE

Friday, May 15 | \$150 per person

Set sail on a private dinner and sightseeing cruise departing from Downtown West Palm Beach. Guests will enjoy a full open bar, freshly catered cuisine, and a narrated guide

highlighting the stunning sights along the Intracoastal Waterway. As the yacht glides past elegant waterfront homes and shimmering city lights, the atmosphere blends relaxation and sophistication. Cruising in tandem with the Hakuna Matata, this shared voyage offers an unforgettable evening on the water —perfect for savoring good company, great food, and breathtaking views. Thanks to KLS Martin for sponsoring this event.

Duration: 6:15 - 8:30pm | Group size: Max 50



WORTH AVE SHOPPING TOUR

Thursday, May 14 | \$150 per person

Palm Beach's four-block Worth Avenue may be short, but it delivers more glamour per foot than four Rodeo Drives, with nearly 250 elite luxury brands lining its storied promenade.

Conceived in 1918 by Addison Mizner and Paris Singer, the Spanish Mediterranean fantasy faltered after a decade due to the Great Depression and a blight that dimmed both palms and profits. A decades-long renaissance—capped by a \$14-million restoration that returned stately coconut palms—has restored the avenue to full glory, carefully protected by strict preservation rules. Among its enduring icons is Kassalty's, founded in 1923 and the only original Palm Beach shop still welcoming customers today. Access Staff and tour guide will pick up at the Breakers South Porte Cochere.

Duration: 1:00 - 5:00pm | Group size: Max 25



GOLF

Thursday, May 14 | \$350 per person

Renovated in 2018, the Ocean Course at The Breakers offers players of all skill levels a memorable seaside round that is both inviting and challenging. Each hole presents a fresh experience,

with varied shot shapes, strategic hazards, and smooth TifEagle Bermuda greens that reward confident play. Golfers move through lush tropical landscaping, palm-lined fairways, and scenic lakes, with occasional views of the Atlantic enhancing the sense of place. Expansive

practice greens, continuous cart paths, and thoughtfully maintained conditions support a relaxed yet elevated tournament experience. Whether competing or simply enjoying the round, players are immersed in a course that is as engaging as it is beautiful.

Includes golf/greens fees, box lunch, cart rental, bag storage, and warm up facility. Club rentals are available for \$115.

Duration: 1:00 - 5:00pm | Group size: Max 30



FISHING

Book Individually | Price Varies

Palm Beach has calm inshore waters and deep ocean fishing just minutes from the coast. Palm Beach waters are home to prized game fish like sailfish, mahi-mahi, wahoo, kingfish, snapper,

and grouper. Our Fishing Chair Jeff Wallen and member Don Tillery recommend the following captains:

Captain Herald:

772-418-4078 | unomasfishingcharters.com

Captain Carl:

772-828-9594 | slobcityinc.com



PICKLEBALL

Friday, May 15 | \$75 per person

Demonstration by the Pro will begin before play. Meet at the Breakers Pickleball Courts. Paddle Rental is \$15.00 per paddle.

Duration: 2:00 - 4:00pm

Notes: Jeans, cut-offs and running shorts are not appropriate. Bathing suits, tank tops, and jogging bras are not appropriate. Sleeveless shirts are not permitted for men. Court shoes are required to play.



SPA

Open daily 9:30am - 6:00pm | Pricing varies

Relax and unwind with therapeutic services at the indoor-outdoor spa at the Breakers. Reservations prior to arrival are highly recommended. To make a

reservation, simply call 1-833-375-5412.

Visit the spa pages for offerings: <https://www.thebreakers.com/activities/spa/>

GENERAL INFORMATION

OVERVIEW

The Breakers
One South County Road
Palm Beach, FL 33480
1-844-202-8622

After two fires, The Breakers reopened in 1926, ushering in a higher degree of European influence and architectural flair. Flagler's newest iteration was modeled after the magnificent Villa Medici in Rome—an ambitious effort that called for 75 artisans brought in from Italy. Together they completed the intricate paintings, detailed across the ceilings of the 200-foot-long main lobby and first-floor public rooms, which remain on display today. It was a grand gesture that placed The Breakers in a class all its own. Today, the story of The Breakers continues, holding fast to the ideals that put it on the map—unapologetic luxury, seaside glamour and world-class service—but also embracing the new.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Members: Registration fee includes Wed night's reception and Dinner, Thursday night reception and Saturday night's Presidential Reception and Dinner. Members will receive breakfast and breaks during the scientific sessions.

Spouses: Registration fee includes Wed night's reception and Dinner, Thursday night reception and Saturday night's Presidential Reception and Dinner. Spouses/Guests are welcome at the Spouses' Breakfast on Thursday. **You must register your spouse by clicking the "add guest" button after you have registered. Your spouse is not registered if you don't do this.**

Other Guests: Everyone who attends the meeting is required to register and pay a registration fee. **Members, please note you must first register yourself and then "add guest" to register your other family members or guests.**

Members, Associate Members: \$1125
Life/Retired, Honorary Members: \$1025
Provisional Members, AAOMS Officer/Trust: \$900
Spouses/Guests: \$675
Non-Members: \$1375

REGISTER: bit.ly/SSOMS2026

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The Breakers has many choices for accommodations, so make sure you look at the website to see what's available. An SSOMS Run of House Room is \$575.00

RESERVE YOUR ROOM: bit.ly/SSOMS-2026-Hotel

OPENING RECEPTION AND DINNER

The opening reception will be held Wednesday, May 13 at 6:30. We'll dine and watch the sunset under the trees at Ocean Beach.

SPOUSES' PROGRAM

Join Julie Maroda at the Spouses' Breakfast on Thursday, May 14 to learn about the activities and tours planned for the meeting. You'll also hear from a Breakers historian.

PAST PRESIDENTS' ADVISORY MEETING

If you are a past president of SSOMS, we invite you to join us for Saturday, May 16 at 7:00am. Registration required.

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION AND DINNER

The President's Reception will be held Saturday, May 16 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm followed by the dinner, awards and entertainment.

TRANSPORTATION

In Palm Beach, all roads lead to The Breakers. Just 15 minutes from Palm Beach International Airport, our resort is easy to reach and all the more exciting to explore.

ATTIRE

Resort wear is appropriate throughout the conference and includes the President's reception and dinner.

DINING AT THE BREAKERS

From alfresco ease to after-dark glamour, each of our acclaimed restaurants and bars beckons with an ambiance all its own.

Explore all the options for dining and make reservations: <https://www.thebreakers.com/dining/>

2027 MEETING

77th Annual Meeting
May 5-9, 2027
The Europe
Killarney, Ireland



2028 MEETING



78th Annual Meeting
May 3-7, 2028
The Cloister
Sea Island, GA

2029 MEETING

79th Annual Meeting
Dates and Location TBA

