

2027

Southeastern Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons

77TH ANNUAL MEETING

May 5 - May 9

**THE EUROPE HOTEL AND RESORT:
KILLARNEY, IRELAND**



Dedicated to Jeffrey D. Schultz, DDS, MMS

George Kushner, DMD, MD, FACS

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“Medication Related Osteonecrosis of the Jaws (MRONJ)”

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“The Evolution of Artificial Intelligence in Anesthesia”

“When Should I Obtain Advanced Imaging of Third Molars and How Do I Use the Information?”

“Managing Our Patients’ Neurosensory Expectations”

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Dear Fellow SSOMS Members,;

On behalf of the Executive Board of the Southeastern Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, Amy and I invite you to attend our 77th Annual Meeting. This year, our meeting will be held **May 5-9** at The Europe Hotel and Resort in Killarney, Ireland.

Our meeting is dedicated to **Jeffrey D. Schultz, DDS, MMS**, a beloved member of the SSOMS who passed away on February 22, 2026.

Set on the shores of Lough Léin, amid the lakes, mountains and landscapes of Killarney National Park, The Europe Hotel & Resort is a five-star luxury hotel in one of Ireland's most captivating settings.

With sweeping views of the MacGillycuddy's Reeks, beautifully appointed accommodation, exceptional dining, award-winning ESPA at The Europe and an extensive range of leisure experiences, The Europe offers an effortless balance of relaxation, adventure and indulgence.

From restorative spa experiences and exceptional dining to adventures across the surrounding landscape, every stay is enriched by our Céad Míle Fáilte - the Irish tradition of a hundred thousand welcomes and the attentive service that defines The Europe.

Our outstanding scientific program includes **George Kushner, DMD, MD, FACS** and **Martin B. Steed, DDS, FACS**. Dr. Kushner will lead us on "Odontogenic Infections," "Medication Related Osteonecrosis of the Jaws," and "Complications in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery." Dr. Steed will discuss "The Evolution of Artificial Intelligence in Anesthesia," "When Should I Obtain Advance Imaging of Third Molars and How Do I Use the Information," and "Managing our Patients' Neurosensory Expectations."

Afternoon tours are available Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Advance registration is required. Space is limited. Please register separately for your selected afternoon activity for each day. Once you register yourself, then register your spouse or any guests that are in your party.

Our President's Banquet on Saturday night will bring Irish traditions to your table. Amy and I are very excited about hosting you and your family in Ireland.

Sincerely,

Vinny

Vincent J. Perciaccante, DDS, FACS
President, Southeastern Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons

ANNUAL MEETING DEDICATION

Jeffrey D. Schultz, DDS, MMS



Dr. Jeffrey Daniel Schultz, 69, passed away surrounded by the love of his family, leaving behind a legacy of faith, service, wisdom, and quiet strength that will live on in all who knew him.

Jeff never refused to serve when asked. A past president of GSOMS, long time chair of our Legislative Committee, longtime Legislative Chair for SSOMS who rarely missed a meeting, a member of the GA Board of Dentistry, loyal servant to the GA Dental Association, AAOMS Delegate for over 20 years, Chair of the AAOMS Committee on Professional Conduct and member of the Committee on Anesthesia and many more positions.

Jeff was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and from an early age embodied the steady character and humility that would define his life. He went on to become a respected Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon, dedicating his career to the care of others. He was deeply loved and respected within his professional community, both locally and nationwide. He taught, mentored, and generously shared his knowledge, always prioritizing his patients' well-being – often spending extra time to ensure they felt cared for, understood, and at peace.

But titles and accolades never defined him. He was not a respecter of status or recognition, nor did he seek it for himself. It was enough for him to know he was doing good for others. His kindness and humility left a lasting impression on every life he touched. He had a rare gift – making every person feel important, seen, and valued, no matter who they were.

Above all else, Jeff was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. His family was his heart and his greatest joy. He is survived by his beloved wife, Sharon, and their children: Anna Katherine, John Karl, Jordan Daniel, Emily Iris, Maryellen Marie, and Lydia Jane. He also leaves behind his daughters-in-law, Tara and Abby Schultz, his son-in-law, Danny Azara, and his two grandchildren, Rosie Daniel and William Wilder. He is further survived by his sister, Tracy (Jerry) and his brothers, Timothy (Nancy), and Karl (Alice).

Jeff was the quiet strength that guided his family. He did not speak often, but when he did, everyone listened – because his words carried wisdom, faith, and truth. His leadership was never loud, yet it was unwavering. His presence filled every room, not through volume, but through steadiness, love, and peace. A man of deep faith, Jeff loved God and lived his life in service to Him. He guided his children to Christ daily – not only through his words, but through his actions, his integrity, and his example. His faith was the foundation of his life and the compass that directed his family.

Jeff loved his wife, Sharon, with a deep and abiding devotion that was evident to all who knew them. Their marriage was a true partnership rooted in faith, mutual respect, and unwavering commitment. She was the love of his life and his constant companion through every season. Together, they built a home filled with warmth, stability, laughter, and grace.

He was her steady protector and her greatest supporter. In turn, Sharon was his heart – the center of the family he worked so hard to provide for and cherish. Their love created the foundation upon which their children were raised: one grounded in faith, loyalty, compassion and strength. Through life's joys and challenges – including his long and courageous battle with cancer – they stood side by side, leaning on one another with quiet strength and unwavering faith. His love for her was constant, gentle, and enduring – a love that will continue to surround her and their family always.

Jeff found joy in life's simple and meaningful moments. He loved to laugh, enjoyed sports – especially cheering on his beloved Pittsburgh Steelers – and treasured time at Lake Martin. He was happiest anywhere his family was gathered. He loved when his favorite teams won, not just for the victory itself, but for what it represented: the power of perseverance, hard work, and the will to fight and overcome. Those victories reminded him of the battles he had faced in his own life – through cancer, through the loss of his father at a young age – and the strength it takes to keep going.

A hard-working man, he instilled that same work ethic and sense of responsibility in his children. He led by example, providing for his family and caring for them in every way a husband and father could. He did not need to be the center of attention – he was content simply being present with those he loved.

Jeff's professional legacy lives on through the thousands of patients he served and the colleagues he mentored. One of the greatest honors of his life – and of his daughter Anna's – was the opportunity to work side by side in their community, caring for patients together. Their partnership reflected both his deep love for his family and his unwavering commitment to his calling. The example he set – in skill, humility, and heart – will continue through the work she carries forward.

He was a loving and devoted husband, a remarkable father, a proud grandfather, and a skilled surgeon. His absence will be deeply felt, but his influence, faith, and love will continue to guide his family for generations to come.

We will miss his quiet presence more than words can express. Yet we see him everywhere – in our faith, in our values, in our work, and in the way we love one another. His legacy lives on.

DAILY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 5

3:00 - 4:00pm	Foundation Board Meeting
1:00 - 5:00pm	Registration
4:00 - 6:00pm	First Board Meeting and Credentials
3:00 - 5:00pm	Examination of Candidates
6:30 - 9:00pm	Opening Reception and Dinner

Thursday, May 6

7:00 - 11:30am	Registration
7:00 - 8:00am	Exhibits & Full Breakfast
8:00 - 10:00am	<i>"Odontogenic Infections"</i> <i>"Medication Related Osteonecrosis of the Jaws (MRONJ)"</i> George Kushner, DMD, MD, FACS
9:00 - 10:00am	Spouses' Breakfast
10:00 - 10:30am	Break & Exhibits
10:30 - 11:30am	<i>"The Evolution of Artificial Intelligence in Anesthesia"</i> Martin B. Steed, DDS
6:30 - 7:30pm	Reception for all (if sponsored)

Friday, May 7

7:00 - 12:00pm	Registration
7:00 - 8:00am	Exhibits & Full Breakfast
8:00 - 10:00am	<i>"Complications in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery"</i> George Kushner, DMD, MD, FACS
10:00 - 10:30am	Break & Exhibits
10:30 - 12:00pm	First Business Session

Saturday, May 8

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>"When Should I Obtain Advance Imaging of Third Molars and How Do I Use the Information"</i> <i>"Managing our Patients' Neurosensory Expectations"</i> Martin B. Steed, DDS, FACS
10:00 - 10:30am	Break & Exhibits
10:30 - 12:00pm	Second Business Session
6:30 - 7:00pm	President's Reception
7:00 - 11:00pm	President's Dinner Irish Music

Sunday, May 9 - Departure

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 for this educational activity for a maximum of 7 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.
Live activity date: May 6-8, 2027

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SPEAKERS

George Kushner, DMD, MD, FACS



Dr. George Kushner is currently Professor and Endowed Chair in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Louisville. He also holds appointments in the departments of Surgery and Anesthesia. Dr. Kushner directed the OMS residency program for 28 years and served as Chief of Staff at the University of Louisville Hospital, the region'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 Osborn 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).

Session I Description: *Odontogenic infections are frequently encountered in the practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery. They can present as simple infections that can be managed in the office to more complex situations that require hospital care. These odontogenic infections can require extensive care and can be quite costly. Unfortunately, patients still die from odontogenic infections each year in the US.*

Session II Description: *MRONJ was first reported in the literature approximately 20 years ago as “refractory exposed bone” after oral surgery in cancer patients. Since this time, MRONJ has grown to cover many clinical scenarios. This difficult clinical problem still exists today and for the foreseeable future. MRONJ presents challenging problems for patients and clinicians alike.*

Session III Description: *Complications occur frequently in the practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery and dentistry. They can range from simple problems easily managed to complex scenarios that have significant morbidity and even mortality. OMS should be prepared to manage a wide range of complications of their own patients and patients of their referring colleagues.*

Martin B. Steed, DDS, FACS



Dr. Martin Steed began his professional career at the Emory University School of Medicine in 2004 and was full time faculty there until 2013. He was the Emory Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency Program Director from 2007 to 2013. In 2013 he became Professor and Chair of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the Medical University of South Carolina. He is a consultant for the Committee on Dental Accreditation and a Board Director for the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (ABOMS). Dr. Steed's clinical and research interests include microsurgical repair of peripheral trigeminal nerve injuries, virtual surgical planning/ simulation, orthognathic and maxillofacial trauma surgery outcome measurements, and surgical curriculum development and assessment.

Session I Description: *Artificial intelligence (AI) is increasingly integrated into perioperative anesthesia, offering new capabilities across preoperative assessment, intraoperative management, and postoperative care. AI systems—leveraging machine learning and deep learning—enable pattern recognition, predictive analytics, and automated decision support to enhance clinical performance. Despite these advances, challenges remain, including concerns regarding model transparency, bias, accountability, and clinician trust in high-stakes environments. AI should be viewed as a clinical augmentation tool rather than a replacement for physician judgment, emphasizing the importance of human oversight and integration into existing workflows.*

Session II Description: *Preoperative evaluation of impacted mandibular third molars require careful risk assessment to minimize inferior alveolar nerve (IAN) injury. Traditional two-dimensional imaging, particularly panoramic radiography, remains the most used diagnostic tool due to its accessibility and low cost; however, its ability to predict nerve injury is limited. This presentation reviews established and emerging risk factors for IAN injury, including patient demographics, anatomic relationships, and radiographic predictors. Advanced imaging modalities, including cone beam CT (CBCT), provide improved visualization of the spatial relationship between the mandibular canal and third molar roots and may assist with surgical planning in high-risk cases. However, current evidence suggests that while advanced imaging enhances diagnostic understanding, it does not necessarily reduce the incidence of nerve injury or improve long-term outcomes. The presentation emphasizes a balanced, evidence-based approach to selecting advanced imaging, integrating clinical findings, radiographic risk indicators, and patient-specific factors to guide surgical decision-making and optimize patient counseling.*

Session III Description: *This presentation highlights a shift from reliance on traditional neurosensory testing—which is limited by subjectivity and early unreliability—to advanced imaging techniques such as magnetic resonance neurography (MRN), which enable more accurate preoperative characterization of nerve injury. MRN provides objective insight into nerve morphology and injury severity, improving diagnostic precision and surgical planning. In parallel, advances in reconstructive strategies have improved neurosensory recovery following mandibular resection and long-span defects, with high rates of functional sensory recovery reported at one year. Together, these developments support more informed patient counseling and expectation management by better predicting outcomes and tailoring interventions.*

ACTIVITIES



GAP OF DUNLOE

Thursday-Saturday, 1:00-5:00 | \$300/pp

A trip through the Gap of Dunloe invariably evokes the term: "unmissable". It's Ireland at its rugged and beautiful best... by horse and trap (cart), accompanied by your driver

("jarvey") wind your way along a narrow track that climbs through a narrow pass in the mountains. After about 90 minutes we arrive at the landmark Lord Brandon's Cottage where guests can have Irish Coffee. Afterwards, we continue by open boat along Killarney's magnificent three lakes (all part of the National Park), back to Killarney.

MAX 80 per tour. Register:

<https://bit.ly/SSOMS-Dunloe-Thursday>

<https://bit.ly/SSOMS-Dunloe-Friday>

<https://bit.ly/SSOMS-Dunloe-Saturday>



A DAY IN KENMARE

Thursday-Saturday, 1:00-5:00 | \$375/pp

Kenmare is a heaven of tranquility, gourmet food, colourful buildings & traditional pubs as well as breath-taking scenery in one of the most natural, unspoiled environments

in Europe. Kenmare Bay is listed as a Special Area of Conservation on account of its rare species. On this exclusive cruise, guests will have the opportunity to see some of these species in their natural habitat. The boat's captain and staff are experts on the sea life and history of Kenmare Bay. They can haul in a Lobster pot and see what's in the catch today. Guests will travel by boat, hired exclusively to Helen's Bar, with spectacular views of the Beara and Iveragh Peninsulas along the way. Look out for secret castles and playful otters or dolphins, as well as a wealth of bird-life along the way. On board we enjoy some local seafood, washed down with a local beer or gin! The boat will moor across from Helen's pub, a rural and authentic bar which offers excellent and the freshest seafood. Unique place, a real hidden gem, the kind of place you dream of finding in Ireland.

MAX 60 per tour. Register:

<https://bit.ly/SSOMS-Kenmare-Thursday>

<https://bit.ly/SSOMS-Kenmare-Friday>

<https://bit.ly/SSOMS-Kenmare-Saturday>



MUCKROSS FARMS

Thursday-Saturday, 1:30-4:30 | \$200/pp

Today guests have an opportunity to step back in time and explore Muckross Traditional Farm. Guests are invited to discover the Ireland of 1930's and 1940's. During the visit you will

be taken back to a time before the advent of electricity when all work was carried out using traditional methods. Guests arrive to the Schoolhouse, which is a scaled up version of a traditional two roomed school similar to what was dotted throughout Ireland in the not too distant past. Here they will receive a short informal lesson in the classroom, where they will learn a little about the history of school life in Ireland at the time and learn a 'cupla focal' of the Irish language in a fun & entertaining manner. This is followed by an interactive and fun lesson in the making of Traditional Irish Soda Bread and Farmhouse Butter - where all can learn about these staples of Irish cuisine. A local Irish musician and dancer will instruct the guests in learning a few Irish dance steps. Following the demonstrations the group will be transported to the atmospheric surroundings of Quills Farmhouse.

MAX 120 per tour. Register:

<https://bit.ly/SSOMS-Muckcross-Thursday>

<https://bit.ly/SSOMS-Muckcross-Friday>

<https://bit.ly/SSOMS-Muckcross-Saturday>



"TALES AND ALES" MUSICAL PUB CRAWL

Thursday-Saturday, 1:30-5:00 | \$275/pp

Both music and storytelling are an integral part of Irish culture; they are a mean of preserving the past and a form of education. Today, we suggest

to combine both in a Pub Crawl through Killarney town for a truly authentic and memorable experience! Led by born and raised Kerryman DB O'Connor and professional musicians, guests will visit two pubs, where a private area will be reserved for them (possibly by the fire). Musicians will perform great Irish songs and recount the story of Irish Music as well as its influences on contemporary world music, while DB will take the group on a fantastic journey through Irish history, myths and legends. This is a great way to experience the Kerry pub scene all the while learning about two of the things that make Ireland truly unique.

MAX 45 per tour. Register:

<https://bit.ly/SSOMS-TalesAndAles-Thursday>

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GENERAL INFORMATION

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Members: Registration fees include Wednesday dinner and President's dinner. Members will receive breakfast and breaks during the scientific sessions.

Spouses: Registration fees include Wednesday dinner, President's dinner, and the Spouses' Breakfast on Thursday. **You must register your spouse by clicking "add guest" 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: \$1,275

Life/Retired, Honorary Members: \$1,200

Provisional Members, AAOMS Officer/Trust: \$1,100

Spouses/Guests: \$750

Non-Members: \$1,525

REGISTER: bit.ly/SSOMS-2027

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

To make your room reservation at The Europe Hotel & Resort, visit their website www.theeurope.com and in the "Book a Room" box, select your arrival date and the number of nights you wish to stay and, in the Promo/Group field, enter the code SSOM040527.

NOTE: the code to put in the system is tricky. Read it carefully, it is "SSOM" and the character after "M" is a "zero."

This will bring you to a screen which allows you to book at the specially negotiated accommodation rate for the stay. The total price you see is for all of your nights. Nothing is charged at the time of booking, you can pay on departure, and individual rooms may be cancelled up to 8 days in advance of the arrival date, without penalty. Cancellations made 7 days or less prior to arrival will incur a 100% accommodation charge penalty. You will receive a confirmation email within 30 minutes of making your reservation.

Golfside Rooms: €445/night, double occupancy

Superior Golfside Rooms: €475/night, double occupancy

Classic Lakeview Rooms: €485/night, double occupancy

Lakeview Rooms: €500/night, double occupancy

Deluxe Lakeview Rooms: €525/night, double occupancy

Premier Lakeview Rooms: €620/night, double occupancy

Single occupancy rooms are €20 less than the double rate. When you put your room nights in the system it will show you the total for the nights you are staying.

OPENING RECEPTION AND DINNER

The opening reception will be held Wednesday, May 5 at 6:30. We'll dine and enjoy the mountain views together at the Panorama Restaurant.

SPOUSES' PROGRAM

Join Amy Perciaccante at the Panorama Restaurant at the Spouses' Breakfast on Thursday, May 6 to learn about the activities and tours planned for the meeting.

PAST PRESIDENTS' ADVISORY MEETING

If you are a past president of SSOMS, we invite you to join us for breakfast on Saturday, May 8 at 7:00am at the Mangerton Room. Registration required.

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION AND DINNER

The President's Reception will be held Saturday, May 8 from 6:30pm to 7:00pm in the Ballroom followed by the dinner, awards and Irish music.

TRANSPORTATION

We will have bus transportation to Killarney from Dublin (3.5 hours) and Shannon (1.5 hours) airports. Once you register, we will send you an email link for your flight information to arrange your party's transportation.

Fees: Dublin \$150/pp, Shannon: \$100/pp

ATTIRE

Resort Casual is appropriate throughout the conference with the exception of the President's Dinner, which is Business Casual (jackets for men).

DINING IN KILLARNEY

Click this link to see Killarney's local restaurants. If you plan to dine outside the Europe, we strongly encourage you to make reservations.

<https://bit.ly/Killarney-Restaurants>

GOLF

While there is no golf tournament this year, there are multiple fabulous golf courses in Killarney and the surrounding areas. Please see the hotel concierge to book. <https://www.theeurope.com/golf-hotels-ireland>

2028 MEETING

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



2029 MEETING



79th Annual Meeting
May 16-20, 2029
Aurora Anguilla Resort & Golf Club
Anguilla, British West Indies

2030 MEETING

80th Annual Meeting
Dates and Location TBA

