

CLINICAL OMFS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

An initiative of AOMSI to host and train young maxillofacial surgeons across the country

Goals

To enhance the clinical expertise, patient -management capabilities and surgical skills of young maxillofacial surgeons through hands-on training and exposure to a wide range of surgical cases.

Objectives

1. *Skill Development:*
 - Practical experience is essential for mastering surgical techniques. Hands-on training allows surgeons to refine their skills in a controlled environment.
2. *Clinical Exposure:*
 - Exposure to a variety of surgical cases ranging from minor oral surgery , trauma and orthognathic surgery to reconstructive procedures, enables young surgeons to understand different complexities and help in decision-making processes.
3. *Confidence Building:*
 - Direct involvement in surgeries fosters confidence and reduces anxiety when performing procedures independently in the future.
4. *Mentorship Opportunities:*
 - Working alongside experienced surgeons provides invaluable mentorship, allowing young professionals to learn best practices and innovative techniques.
5. *Networking:*
 - Engaging in collaborative training environments helps build a professional network, facilitating future partnerships and referrals.

Duration:

The fellowship will be for a period of one year (12 months)

Selection Process:

Fellows will be selected through an all-India entrance examination to ensure the highest caliber of candidates.

Number of candidates

The number of candidates per year is.....

Training Structure:

The selected fellow will be positioned under the mentorship of a maxillofacial surgeon at the recognized center/unit. During this time, they will be engaged in the following activities

1. Participate in management of a variety of maxillofacial surgical cases.
2. Maintain a detailed logbook of all cases handled and ensure it is endorsed by the unit head.
3. Engage in regular case discussions to deepen their understanding and clinical acumen.

Stipend

Each clinical fellow will receive a grant of INR 25,000 per month, to be paid by the hosting maxillofacial surgeon.

Eligibility criteria for candidates

The candidates applying for fellowship should have successfully completed MDS in Oral Maxillofacial Surgery in DCI approved program.

Criteria for Center Recognition by AOMSI

To ensure that fellows receive comprehensive and high-quality training, centers/units interested in participating in this program must meet the following criteria:

- *Case Load*
The center must handle more than 100-120 maxillofacial surgical cases per annum.
- *Spectrum of Surgeries*
The center must provide details of the spectrum of maxillofacial surgeries performed over the past three years. This includes various subspecialties within maxillofacial surgery, excluding minor oral surgeries, which should be considered as routine work and not counted as part of the specialized cases.
- *Experience of OMFS Surgeon*
The maxillofacial surgeon at the center must have a minimum of 12 years of experience post-MDS. This ensures that the fellow receives guidance from a highly experienced and knowledgeable mentor.
- *Infrastructure*
Apart from hospital -based clinical infrastructure, the centre is expected to have a library/ reading room / seminar hall for case discussions, presentations and academic updates.
- *Program structure*
The fellowship program must equip the trainee with clinical skills (patient assessment/ diagnosis/ investigations/ documentation), surgical expertise (hands-on operative training) and peri operative patient management (ward rounds/post-op care/ managing complications)

Criteria for fulfillment of training (surgical & academic)

The trainee should, at the end of one year, be able to manage procedures under the various sub specialities of oral and maxillofacial surgery. The requirements are

A. Surgical skills

Procedures	Skill Category and number of cases		
	<i>Assisted a senior surgeon</i>	<i>Performed a procedure under direct supervision</i>	<i>Performed independently</i>
Trauma	30	50	40
Pathology			
Orthognathic surgery			
TMJ surgery			
Oncology			
Miscellaneous (Cleft, esthetic surgery, distraction, skin graft/ bone graft harvest)			

Total number of surgeries - **120**

B. Academic requirements

Exercise	Number
Case discussion	4/ month
Seminar /JC	1/month
Conference presentation	1/year
Publication	1/year

All academic and clinical activities of the training would be documented and validated by the supervisor, every month.