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Dear Respected Friends,

Over the past several months, IAOMP has received suggestions and concerns regarding the limited availability of suitable employment and professional opportunities for Oral & Maxillofacial Pathologists in Private hospitals and healthcare institutions. Many members have suggested that IAOMP should help and take an initiative to explore and facilitate better employment opportunities for qualified Oral & Maxillofacial Pathologists in corporate hospitals, private hospitals and oncology centres across the country. In response to these suggestions, IAOMP proposes to take up this issue as a national initiative.

As we all know, many medical colleges, corporate hospitals, private hospitals and oncology centres manage oral and maxillofacial diseases and malignancies. Although many large institutions have



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established pathology departments, dedicated Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology expertise is not available.

We understand that private and corporate hospitals are independently managed by trusts, companies or individuals, and therefore IAOMP cannot simply ask them to appoint a particular specialist. Hence, our objective is to approach the appropriate government and regulatory authorities and explore whether such a requirement can be incorporated into relevant policies, standards or accreditation frameworks. IAOMP would therefore like to explore, in consultation with the appropriate authorities, whether an appropriate policy, regulatory provision, guideline or accreditation requirement could be developed whereby institutions providing significant oral and maxillofacial/oncology services should have access to a qualified Oral & Maxillofacial Pathologist.

Two Major Areas of Focus

1. Medical Colleges & Teaching Hospitals



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Whether medical colleges having dental departments/wings or significant oral and maxillofacial services should have access to an Oral & Maxillofacial Pathologist, either within the institution or through an appropriate specialist arrangement. This may be represented to the National Medical Commission (NMC) and other concerned authorities, as appropriate.

2. Corporate/Private Hospitals & Oncology Centres

Whether hospitals with pathology laboratories and substantial oral/maxillofacial oncology services should have access to an Oral & Maxillofacial Pathologist, either through an in-house appointment or a formal referral/consultation mechanism, as appropriate.

We would also like to study the appropriate role of the National Dental Commission (NDC), NMC, NABH, NABL, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Clinical Establishment authorities, BIS and other relevant bodies in taking this initiative forward.

If an appropriate policy or regulatory framework can be established by the competent authorities, it could



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strengthen specialist Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology services, contribute to better patient care, and create new employment and professional opportunities for our fraternity.

IAOMP's Proposed Approach

Before approaching any government, regulatory or accreditation authority, IAOMP proposes to:

- Study the existing rules, regulations, accreditation standards and statutory provisions.
- Identify the appropriate authorities for each aspect of the proposal.
- Obtain appropriate expert/legal advice wherever necessary.
- Prepare a comprehensive position paper/proposal on the role of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology services in medical colleges, teaching hospitals, corporate hospitals and oncology centres.



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Subsequently, submit representations to the appropriate authorities, including NDC, NMC, NABH, NABL, MoHFW, Clinical Establishment authorities and other relevant bodies, as appropriate.

We Welcome Suggestions and Guidance from IAOMP Members

This initiative has emerged from the genuine concerns and suggestions of our members, and IAOMP would like to take it forward collectively. We request our senior colleagues, faculty members, practitioners and young members to kindly share their suggestions, experiences and practical recommendations regarding:

1. Appropriate authorities to approach; and
2. Practical and legally appropriate ways to implement this initiative.

Members are requested to send their suggestions and inputs to: iaomppoffice@gmail.com on or before 25.10.2026

Thanking you
Yours sincerely

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Dr. N. Gururaj, Hon. Secretary IAOMP

