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Dental Specialties and Organizations Support AAOMS Wisdom Tooth Guidelines

[Rosemont, IL, April 20, 2016] Eight dental specialties and three international OMS associations have signed on to the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS) [White Paper on the Management of Third Molar Teeth](#), which advocates evidence-based guidelines for managing wisdom teeth.

The following dental specialties and organizations support the paper's recommendation that,

Predicated on the best evidence-based data, third molar teeth that are associated with disease, or are at high risk of developing disease, should be surgically managed. In the absence of disease or significant risk of disease, active clinical and radiographic surveillance is indicated.

- American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology (AAOMP)
- American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (AAOMR)
- American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD)
- American Academy of Periodontology (AAP)
- American Association of Endodontists (AAE)
- American Association of Orthodontists (AAO)
- American College of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (ACOMS)
- American College of Prosthodontists (ACP)
- British Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (BAOMS)
- Canadian Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (CAOMS)
- International Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (IAOMS)

“For many years the discussion surrounding the care and management of third molars, or wisdom teeth, has been obscured by unsupported statements and misinterpretation of the data.”

said AAOMS President Dr. Louis K. Rafetto. “This White Paper reflects the latest evidence-based research and offers clear, clinical guidelines for managing these teeth.”

The AAOMS White Paper on the Management of Third Molar Teeth may be found at http://www.aaoms.org/images/uploads/pdfs/management_third_molar_white_paper.pdf.



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