



Quality Outcomes in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

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Updates from the BAOMS QOMS project since March 2021

## QOMS website

The QOMS team and the project's patient and public involvement (PPI) group are working together to develop and improve a set of patient-friendly pages to introduce QOMS. They have recently published a first page ([https://bit.ly/ppi\\_qoms](https://bit.ly/ppi_qoms)). If you have contact with patient groups, do let them know about QOMS.

## COVID-19 OMFS Trauma Service Evaluation 2021

Following the announcement of a 3rd National Lockdown in January 2021, a decision was reached to repeat the BAOMS COVID-19 OMFS Trauma Service Evaluation, similar to the one we ran during the 1st lockdown in 2020. We are currently analysing the data. The main focus of this re-audit will be to explore if lessons from the 1st lockdown have been learnt and the impact of several periods of lockdowns on OMFS Trauma practice. Thank you to everyone who took part.

## COVIDTrach

After a prolonged period of review, the 2nd COVIDTrach paper has been accepted by BMJ Surgery, Interventions, & Health Technologies. This is a really encouraging result as the journal has excellent readership and is ideal for getting our message across to healthcare professionals ([doi: 10.1136/bmjst-2020-000077](https://doi.org/10.1136/bmjst-2020-000077)). COVIDTrach has successfully gathered data on over 600 cases from the second wave, giving us a database over 2000 patients. The project is due to finish at the end of July 2021.

Thank you again for everyone's contribution and hard work thus far. We are aiming to send out certificates at the end of the project to recognise individual contribution and if anyone needs email confirmation for job applications ahead of this, [please contact us](#).

## QOMS 2.0

All the online registries and documents to support data collection have been finalised and will soon be made available on the BAOMS website. The team is still working with colleagues from the British Orthodontic Society (BOS) to select an appropriate set of tools to collect patient-reported outcome measures (PROM) for orthognathic surgery.

Remember QOMS is open to everyone. If you want to take part or if you simply would like to explore and try out the registries, please [contact Fabien](#) to get a REDCap account access. Thoughts and suggestions are always welcome!

Work is underway in the 10 BAOMS-funded Trusts / Health Boards for the 2nd phase of QOMS. The processes of obtaining information governance approval and recruiting a data coordinator are at different stages in each unit. Several units will start collecting data over the summer.

We are currently also working with 6 other Trusts/Health Boards already taking part in or interested in taking part in: QOMS NHS Forth Valley, Kettering General Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. Apart from funding support for the data coordinator, we are supporting them to the same level as the BAOMS funded units. Several departments (NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust, University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust) have already started collecting data.

Once data collection for the QOMS service evaluation has started, the next step for the QOMS team will be to develop, as planned, several registries, including a Salivary Gland cancer, Patient-specific mandibular osteosynthesis plates and a Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy registry for early oral cancer.



## Recent publications from BAOMS QOMS initiative

Ho M.W., Puglia F., Tighe D. et al. BAOMS QOMS (Quality and Outcomes in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery), a specialty-wide quality improvement initiative: progress since conception. *Brit. J. Oral Maxillofac. Surg.* Published: January 17, 2021.  
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Steele P, McMahon J, Dickson, K et al. Applying the British Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Quality Outcomes Metrics to a UK Oncology and Reconstructive Surgery Service- Benchmarking the Data. *Brit. J. Oral Maxillofac. Surg.* Available online 12 June 2021.

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We will also utilise the discussion forum and emails to announce further details.