I am very pleased to introduce Dr Kurt Summersgill as the new Clinical Pathologic Conference (CPC) section editor of this Journal. For several years, Kurt has been actively involved in TripleO, as a member of the Editorial Board of the Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology section, as a manuscript reviewer, and as a manuscript contributor. His insight and judgment are already well respected by the editors at TripleO, as evidenced by the fact that he has been asked to review over 150 manuscripts in the past 5 years alone.

Dr Summersgill has wide-ranging experience in the field of oral and maxillofacial pathology and dentistry in general. After completing his undergraduate degree at Loyola University in New Orleans, Dr Summersgill went on to obtain his MS in Human Genetics at the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health and his DDS at the Temple University School of Dentistry in Philadelphia. After completing 8 years served in the United States Army, Dr Summersgill accepted an offer from the University of Iowa, Iowa City, to pursue both specialty training in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, under the mentorship of Dr Steven Vincent, and a PhD in Oral Science in the lab of Dr Lubomir Turek. He has been a faculty member at the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine since 2001, where he is currently an Associate Professor and Director of the Advanced Education Program in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology.

Kurt is a well-respected clinician and educator, having served as committee member and consultant to several organizations, including the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, the American Dental Education Association, the Commission on Dental Accreditation, and the American Dental Association. At the University of Pittsburgh, Dr Summersgill is heavily involved in the education of undergraduate dental students, dental hygiene students, and dental specialty students. In addition, Kurt has been instrumental in shaping the education of the next generation of oral and maxillofacial pathologists in his role as Director of Advanced Education Program in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology.

Dr Summersgill’s research interests include the role of aneuploidy in oral leukoplakia and the molecular epidemiology of human papillomavirus and oral cancer. He has authored over 35 peer-reviewed publications and abstracts. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology.

I would like to sincerely thank Kurt for his willingness to assume the role of Clinical Pathologic Conference (CPC) section editor. TripleO is fortunate to have someone of Kurt’s undeniable talent and experience to serve in this new capacity.

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