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To all of our colleagues and friends:

You are cordially invited to an open house
at our NYCOMS – Lake Success location

to celebrate our

15th Anniversary

and

the expansion of this facility.

***Thursday, May 15, 2003
at 6 o'clock in the evening***

*Please call the office at (516) 775-1818 to us know if you will be joining us.

Announcements:

- April 15th is the date for HIPPA compliance. Patient privacy is important at NYCOMS. Please ask the staff to review the federal patient privacy requirements.
- We now have in-house prescription service for the more common pharmaceuticals. This program will allow our patients to obtain prescribed medications at a very reasonable cost.

RECONSTRUCTING THE SEVERELY RESORBED UPPER JAW

The atrophic edentulous maxilla remains among the most challenging reconstructive sites in the maxillofacial region. As the maxilla reabsorbs, it retracts up and back changing the jaw to jaw relationship to Class III. The endpoint of this process is typically eggshell thin bone separating the mouth from the nasal and sinus cavities. This severe osteomalacia is impossible to osseointegrate (place dental implants).

Several choices are available for reconstruction:

- Onlay bone grafting
- Nasal and sinus inlay bone grafting
- Maxillary osteotomy and advancement with interpositional bone grafting
- Zygoma implants
- Various combinations

By evaluating study models, jaw relationships, 3-D CT scans, and radiographs, the NYCOMS team and restorative dentist can formulate a plan that is correct for each patient. When tibia or mandible is the donor site of choice, the surgery can be performed in our state of the art operating room suites. However, when we need to harvest a great volume of bone, the hip is the source and the surgery is performed in the hospital operating room.

Regardless of the therapeutic approach, the goal is to provide ample bone stock in proper position to allow successful placement of the dental implants. Here at NYCOMS, we can provide the surgical know how to convert even the most difficult case into a successful dental rehabilitation.

Staff News

Our NYCOMS family keeps growing! **Jennifer Reyes**, Surgical Assistant and her husband Fred are expecting their first child June 2003!

Many of you have already had the pleasure of meeting her, but for those who have not, we'd like to introduce you to **Sharon Marshall**. Sharon has been working in the West Islip office as a part-time Surgical Assistant. We are delighted that she has decided to join us in a full-time capacity. She will coordinate the clinical services at the West Islip site.

For further information on our office, procedures, staff, and surgeons, please visit our website at www.nycoms.com.

Upcoming NYCOMS Events

NYCOMS Open House

Thursday, May 15, 2003 at 6:00pm (*see cover for details*)

Spring/Summer 2003 Round Table

If you are a patient who is planning to have surgery this spring or summer, please let the front desk know if you are interested in attending the Spring/Summer 2003 Round Table Discussions. **What is the Round Table?** This is a pre-surgical discussion with our patients and those involved in their surgery, such as an anesthesiologist, nurses on the recovery floor, and a nutritionist. Please ask Sandra Parker, the Surgical Coordinator, or Kristen Drakos, the Office Administrator, for more information. The Round Table discussions are scheduled for Monday, May 19th and Monday, June 30th at 3:30pm. It will take place at Long Island Jewish Hospital in the Board Room - Room 202. Patients with upcoming surgery dates will be notified with invitations. Also, patients who have not yet scheduled a date, but are considering having surgery are invited to join us at this informative event.