



Remembering Dr. Norman D. Mohl, SUNY Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus and Chair Emeritus, Department of Oral Diagnostic Sciences



Dr. Norman D. Mohl

It is with great sorrow that I share the news of Dr. Norman Mohl's passing. We offer our most sincere condolences to his widow Eldene Mohl and to his daughter, sons, grandchildren and extended family.

Dr. Mohl received his D.D.S. degree from the University of Buffalo in 1956. After two years of service in the U.S. Navy Dental Corps, he conducted a full-time private dental practice for a period of 10 years.

In 1959, Dr. Mohl became a part-time faculty member of the Department of Prosthodontics at the University of Buffalo. In 1971, he earned a Ph.D. degree in Anatomy in the School of Medicine at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

From 1973 to 1984, Dr. Mohl was Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the School of Dental Medicine. During 1975-76 he was an American Council of Education Fellow in Academic Administration and Special Assistant to the Vice-President for Health Sciences at State University of New York at Buffalo.

In 1977, Dr. Mohl initiated the Oral Sciences M.S. Graduate Program and organized the multidisciplinary Postgraduate Clinic in the Dental School. From 1980 to 1998, he directed an NIDR funded postdoctoral research training program entitled "Multidisciplinary Research in Orofacial Pain and Sensory-Motor Distinctions."

In 1994, Dr. Mohl founded and became the chair of the newly organized Department of Oral Diagnostic Sciences, a position he held until 2004. He was also a co-founder and a past-president of the Association of University Temporomandibular Disorders & Orofacial Pain Programs (AUTOPP) and a past-president of the Neurosciences Group of the IADR. In addition, Dr. Mohl co-chaired and moderated the First, Second and Third Educational Conferences on Temporomandibular Disorders and Orofacial Pain. He has also served as a consultant to the NIDR, the FDA, and the ADA.

Dr. Mohl was the senior editor of "A Textbook of Occlusion" and a co-editor of "Temporomandibular Joint and Masticatory Muscle Disorders." He published many articles in the professional literature and presented numerous papers, lectures and courses throughout North America and around the world.

Equally importantly, Dr. Mohl promoted and supported the academic career of many faculty members not only in ODS, but in the School of Dental Medicine. His vision in dental education impacted the development of many programs in our school and opened the doors for many faculty members. For many of us he was a colleague, a teacher, a mentor and a friend. He will always be present in our hearts.

Yoly Gonzalez-Stucker
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Article Co-Written by Dr. Sebastiano Andreana Featured on Cover of *Compendium*



The February, 2021 edition of *Compendium of Continuing Education for Dentistry*, with over 75,000 subscribers, included an article written by Dr. Anusha Vaddi, former Research Assistant, Department of Oral Biology; Dr. Sunitha Manuballa, Director of the GPR Program at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center and Dr. Sebastiano Andreana, Professor of Restorative Dentistry and Director of Implant Dentistry.

The article, *Osteonecrosis of Jaws in Prostate Cancer Patients Treated With Antiresorptive Drugs: A Review* was featured on the cover.

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SDM's PhD Candidate Sarah Metcalfe Selected as Finalist for Upcoming 3MT Competition



Sarah Metcalfe, PhD Candidate

UB's PhD research will be presented at the virtual Three Minute Thesis (3MT) competition on Friday, March, 5, at 3 p.m., via Zoom. SDM's PhD Candidate Sarah Metcalfe was selected as one of this year's finalists.

Sarah's research is entitled **When Good Turns Bad in the Oral Cavity**, which focuses on oral biology and diseases of the mouth. "My research dives into the relationship between the bacteria that live in our mouth and us. I talk about how this relationship is complex and can be beneficial, but it can turn bad," states Metcalfe. "I think my 3MT entry is particularly interesting because gum disease is something that can happen to anyone thus making my findings important for everyone to hear." Her mentor is Dr. Jason Kay, Associate Professor, Department of Oral Biology

The 3MT competition, co-hosted by the Graduate School and Blackstone LaunchPad & Techstars, features PhD students communicating their research to non-experts and competing to win monetary prizes up to \$1,000.

[Meet this year's finalists and learn more about the competition.](#)

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