

OMFS-PATH Questionnaire – English Translation (for reference only)

INFORMED CONSENT

01. Do you agree to participate in this study under the conditions described above?

YES / NO

QUESTIONNAIRE START TIME:

(Item used exclusively to assess feasibility in the pilot study)

02. *(open-ended)* Date and time when you begin completing the questionnaire:

PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY:

03. Are you currently a 5th-year student at the Faculty of General Medicine or the Faculty of Dental Medicine?

YES / NO

SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC AND EDUCATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS

04. Which faculty are you currently enrolled in?

GENERAL MEDICINE / DENTAL MEDICINE

05. *(conditional on question 04)* I believe that the specialty of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) is sufficiently well known within the Faculty of General Medicine.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

06. *(conditional on question 04)* I believe that the specialty of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) is sufficiently well known within the Faculty of Dental Medicine.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

07. Is this the first faculty you have attended?

YES / NO

08. *(open-ended, conditional on question 07)* If NO, which was the first faculty you attended?

09. *(open-ended)* Please enter your age:

10. What is your sex?

FEMALE / MALE / PREFER NOT TO ANSWER

11. Have you had any interaction so far with the specialty of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS)?

YES / NO

12. *(multiple choice, conditional on question 11)* If YES, what type of interaction did you have?

a. Theoretical courses

b. Clinical rotations

c. Workshops / extracurricular activities

d. Clinical case presentations / observation of surgical procedures

13. I consider Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) to be closer to Dental Medicine than to General Medicine.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

EDUCATIONAL EXPOSURE TO ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY (OMFS)

14. [EXP_1] I believe that my faculty offers sufficient opportunities for exposure to Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS).

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

15. [EXP_2] I believe that the number of teaching hours dedicated to Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) in my faculty is sufficient.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

16. [EXP_3] I believe that the practical (clinical) component of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) is sufficient.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

17. [EXP_4] I believe that I had adequate exposure to Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) clinical cases during my studies.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

18. [EXP_5] I believe that Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) was clearly presented in my curriculum.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

19. [EXP_6] My level of interaction with teaching staff in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) was adequate.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

20. [EXP_7] I had sufficient opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities (workshops, presentations, demonstrations) related to Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS).

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

21. [EXP_8] Compared to other surgical disciplines, my exposure to Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) was sufficient.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

22. [EXP_9] The information received during my studies provided me with an accurate understanding of the complexity of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) specialty.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

KNOWLEDGE OF THE ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY (OMFS) SPECIALTY

23. [CUN_1] I believe that I have a good general understanding of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) specialty.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

24. [CUN_2] I am familiar with the types of pathologies treated by specialists in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS).

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

25. [CUN_3] I am familiar with the surgical procedures specific to the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) specialty.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

26. [CUN_4] I am familiar with the competencies of an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) specialist.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

27. [CUN_5] I am familiar with the responsibilities of an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) specialist.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

28. [CUN_6] I am aware of the official requirements necessary to access residency training in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS).

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

29. [CUN_7] I believe that I am well informed about the requirement of holding two degrees in order to access the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) specialty.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

30. [CUN_8] I clearly understand that access to residency training in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) is achieved through the General Medicine track.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

31. [CUN_9] I am informed about the total duration of training in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) (two degrees plus five years of residency).

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

32. [CUN_10] I believe that the information received during my studies regarding access to the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) specialty was sufficient.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

33. [CUN_11] I feel sufficiently informed to explain to someone else how to access the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) specialty.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

PERCEPTIONS OF THE ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY (OMFS) SPECIALTY

34. [PER_1] I consider Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) to be a complex specialty.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

35. [PER_2] I believe that this specialty requires a high level of professional training.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

36. [PER_3] I perceive Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) as a specialty with high professional value.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

37. [PER_4] I believe that Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) has attractive professional potential.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

38. [PER_5] I believe that this specialty offers diverse professional opportunities.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

39. [PER_6] I believe that Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) is well represented within the Romanian healthcare system.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

40. [PER_7] I believe that Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) should be promoted more actively among students.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

INTEREST IN PURSUING THE ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY (OMFS) SPECIALTY

41. [INT_1] I am interested in the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) specialty.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

42. [INT_2] I can envision myself pursuing a career in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS).

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

43. [INT_3] Compared to other specialties, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) is attractive to me.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

44. [INT_4] Under the current conditions, it is likely that I would choose the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) specialty.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

45. [INT_5] Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) is among my main career options.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

46. [INT_6] My level of interest in the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) specialty is high.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

47. [INT_7] I would be willing to make an additional effort in order to pursue the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) specialty.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

48. [INT_8] I would be interested in learning more about the steps required to pursue the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) specialty.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

49. [INT_9] (*open-ended*) What is the main reason why you would consider the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) specialty?

50. [INT_10] (*open-ended*) What is the main reason why you would NOT consider the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) specialty?

ACCESS TO THE ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY (OMFS) SPECIALTY (I)

51. [BAR_1] (*multiple choice*) Which of the following factors represent important barriers to accessing the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) specialty?

- a. The requirement to obtain two degrees (General Medicine and Dental Medicine)
- b. High costs associated with obtaining the second degree
- c. Very long total duration of training (two degrees plus five years of OMFS residency)
- d. Exclusive access through the General Medicine residency examination
- e. Lack of possibilities for recognition/equivalence of study years for the second degree
- f. Insufficient exposure to Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) during undergraduate studies
- g. Lack of clear information regarding the current access pathway
- h. The perception that Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) is too difficult

52. [BAR_2] The inflexibility of the current access requirements for the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) specialty represents an important obstacle for me.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

53. [BAR_3] The obligation to hold two degrees (General Medicine and Dental Medicine) discourages me from considering this specialty.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

54. [BAR_4] The costs associated with obtaining the second degree represent a significant barrier for me.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

55. [BAR_5] The total duration of training required for the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) specialty is discouraging for me.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

56. [BAR_6] The fact that access to OMFS residency training is achieved exclusively through the General Medicine track represents an obstacle for me.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

57. [BAR_7] Overall, I consider that accessing the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) specialty is more difficult than accessing other medical specialties.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

ACCESS TO THE ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY (OMFS) SPECIALTY (II)

58. [FAC_1] (*open-ended*) Please briefly describe what you consider to be the main change that would make the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) specialty more accessible.

59. [FAC_2] (*multiple choice*) Which factors would increase your interest in accessing the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) specialty?

- a. The possibility of accessing OMFS residency through the Dental Medicine examination
- b. The possibility of recognition/equivalence of certain years of study for the second degree
- c. Scholarships or financial support for the second degree
- d. Increased exposure to Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) during undergraduate studies
- e. Clearer information regarding the OMFS training pathway
- f. Mentorship programs and opportunities to observe clinical practice in OMFS
- g. A greater number of extracurricular practical activities
- h. Greater visibility of the specialty within the faculty

60. [FAC_3] The possibility of accessing OMFS residency through the Dental Medicine track would increase my interest in this specialty.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

61. [FAC_4] I believe that the introduction of official programs for the recognition/equivalence of certain years of study would facilitate access to the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) specialty.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

62. [FAC_5] The availability of scholarships or financial support for the second degree would increase my interest in this specialty.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

63. [FAC_6] Greater clarity regarding the professional pathway and career prospects would increase my interest in the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) specialty.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

64. [FAC_7] Reducing the total duration of training would increase my interest in the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) specialty.

1 – STRONGLY DISAGREE / 2 – DISAGREE / 3 – NEUTRAL / 4 – AGREE / 5 – STRONGLY AGREE

FINAL FEEDBACK AND COMMENTS

(*Item used exclusively to assess feasibility in the pilot study*)

65. (*open-ended*) If you have any additional observations, comments, or suggestions regarding this questionnaire or the study topic, please note them below.