In Memoriam

Richard H. Haug, DDS
Consulting Editor


Dr Haug was an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon at Carolinas Center for Oral Health within the Department of Oral Medicine in Charlotte, North Carolina for the past nine years. He provided specialized care for a wide range of medically complex patients. His commitment and compassion to patient care, teaching, and research were nothing short of exemplary and are the standard for all to strive. He was beloved by his patients, the faculty, residents, and staff within Oral Medicine, Oral Surgery, and many others throughout the Carolinas HealthCare System.

Rich graduated with honors from SUNY Stony Brook in 1980 and had academic appointments in Stony Brook, New York, Cleveland, Ohio, and Lexington, Kentucky before joining Carolinas Center for Oral Health in 2009. His career was distinguished by many honors, including The Daniel M. Laskin Award (for the best paper in the Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery of North America in 2002) and The Donald B. Osbon Outstanding Educator Award, presented at the AAOMS 89th Annual Meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii. Rich was editor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Clinics of North America for over 15 years and was personally involved in and integral to the success of every issue he edited (more than 60): from initial conception of the topic, to inviting the guest editor(s), to reviewing thousands of page proofs. His demand for quality and expertise in every topic and guest editor has built and sustained the excellent reputation of the series all these years.

Rich was a Mason his entire adult life and was active in local lodges in every city he resided in for years. In lieu of flowers, he had requested that his friends and colleagues consider donating to the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford, North Carolina (http://mhc-oxford.org/) in his memory. He will be greatly missed by us all.

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