

**Prof. Dr. Jeffrey P. Okeson, Lexington**



Professor and Chief, Division of Orofacial Pain  
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Dr. Okeson is 1972 graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry.

After graduation he completed two years with the Public Health Service in a rotating dental internship and directing an outpatient clinic.

He joined the faculty at the University of Kentucky in 1974.

He is Professor, Division Chief and Director of the College's Orofacial Pain Program, which he established in 1977. This program is a multidisciplinary effort for the management of chronic orofacial pain.

Dr. Okeson has developed several post-graduate training programs, including a Master of Science Degree in Orofacial Pain and was one of the first in the US to receive accreditation by the Commission on Dental Accreditation.

He has more than 240 professional publications. The seventh edition of Dr. Okeson's textbook Management of Temporomandibular Disorders and Occlusion is used in

most of the United States dental schools and has been translated into eleven different foreign languages. In addition to this text, Dr. Okeson has authored the seventh edition of Bell's Oral and Facial Pains, which has been translated into six different foreign languages and widely used in orofacial pain programs throughout the world.

Dr. Okeson is an active member of many TMD and orofacial pain organizations holding many offices and serving on numerous committees and boards. He is a past President of the American Academy of Orofacial Pain and former editor of the Academy's Guidelines. He is a founding Diplomate of the American Board of Orofacial Pain and has serviced twice as President.

Dr. Okeson is a very sought after lecturer on the subject of TMD and orofacial pain and has presented more than 1200 invited lectures on the subject of TMD and orofacial pain in all 50 states and in 55 different countries.

He has received the campus wide University of Kentucky "Great Teacher Award", the Provost's Distinguished Service Professorship, the American Academy of Orofacial Pain's Service Award and the first ever "Distinguished Alumni Award" from the College of Dentistry. He has been inducted into the University of Kentucky Hall of Distinguished Alumni and received the Governor's Council on Postsecondary Education's Acorn Award given to top college professor in the State of Kentucky. Dr. Okeson has also received "The International Dentist of the Year Award" from the Academy of Dentistry International. This is the highest award recognized by this Academy and was given to him in recognition of his worldwide efforts in providing education in the area of temporomandibular disorders and orofacial pain.