



THE SCOPE

ENT and ENT Allergy Clinic Opens at Village Pointe Medical Center



The UNMC Physicians ENT and ENT Allergy Clinic at Village Pointe Medical Center is located at 175th and Burke Streets.

"The convenient location, next to Village Pointe Shopping Center, gives those who live in the area easy access to quality health care."

*Donald Leopold,
M.D., F.A.C.S.*

In April 2009, the Clarkson West ENT clinic moved to Village Pointe Medical Center at 175th and Burke Streets. The new clinic will be home to **William Ingram, M.D.**; **Brynn Richardson, M.D.**; **W. Derek Leight, M.D.** and **Tara Parr, PA-C.**

With all the latest amenities, the 2,660 square feet of space includes five exam rooms, an ENT allergy testing room, two ENT allergy injection rooms, sub-hospitality room, provider's office and a nurse's station. The Village Pointe ENT and ENT Allergy Clinic also shares space with UNMC Physicians' Eye Specialties, including a common receptionist and hospitality area, work room, procedure room, employee break room and a clean

and soiled room.

The Village Pointe Medical Office Building, where the UNMC Physicians ENT and ENT Allergy Clinic is located, also houses several other UNMC Physicians clinics. These include the Olson Center for Women's Health, Psychiatric Services and Pain Management, along with Children's Pediatric Primary Care clinic and Urgent Care facilities. UNMC Physicians' Internal Medicine clinic will also open in the summer of 2010 in this building.

The Nebraska Medical Center Cancer Center and the Village Pointe Aesthetic Surgery | Dreams Med Spa buildings are also located at the Village Pointe Medical Center campus.

Dr. Bill Lydiatt on Site Visits

Dr. Lydiatt performed a site visit for Stanford University Head and Neck Fellowship in October 2009 and a site visit for Johns Hopkins University Head and Neck fellowship in May 2008. Dr. Lydiatt continues to be active in the NCCN and the AJCC Staging Committee.

The 7th Edition Staging Manual of AJCC will be released in January 2010. Dr. Lydiatt contributed to the new staging system for malignant mucosal melanoma of the head and neck.

What's New with our Alumni

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Chairman's Letter



Donald Leopold,
M.D., F.A.C.S.

At the recent annual meeting of the American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery - in San Diego, I attended a session on physician supply. It was a sobering experience! A poll of the audience at this session, which numbered several hundred, indicated that more than 50 percent would be looking for a new associate in the next two years. There was a general feeling expressed that most of those potential new hires would not be available.

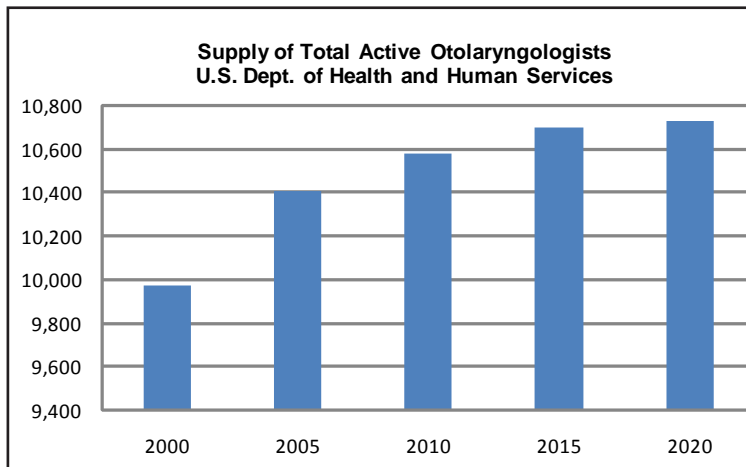
A short history of physician supply shows that the U.S. has been both over and undersupplied with physicians. In the 1950s and 1960s, projections of physician shortages prompted an expansion of medical schools. There were also programs established to attract more foreign-trained physicians to the U.S. These efforts were apparently successful, with predictions of physician oversupply in the 1970s and 1980s. The increased popularity of HMOs in the 1980s and 1990s also resulted in an oversupply prediction of specialists, including Otolaryngologists. The actual numbers of Otolaryngologists has had a steady but slow growth over the past two decades. It is predicted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that there will be a 2-3 percent growth in the number of Otolaryngologists by 2020. These number estimates are hampered by a less than accurate method of counting active physicians in the U.S., as noted in the Oct. 21, 2009 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA).

There is also a difficulty in predicting the future number of Otolaryngologists practicing in the U.S. While there is a growing number of women, their overall predicted years in the workforce is unknown. The effect of foreign-trained physicians is unknown, but the limited number of ENT residency positions should make this predictable. There also have been decreasing trends noted for individual physicians in hours worked per year and in number of patient visits per week.

The demand for services from Otolaryngologists is much more difficult to estimate. The various health bills currently being considered by Congress all promise to increase the number of people who would want to see an Otolaryngologist but the state of the economy will also have an effect. Technological advances have had a major impact in Otolaryngology in the past (stapedectomy, endoscopic sinus surgery, cochlear implant, radiation for acoustic neuroma). Whether future advances will increase or decrease the need for otolaryngologists is unknown. The incorporation of mid-level providers (nurse practitioners, physician assistants, etc.) and the advancing demographic of baby boomers as they enter their senior years may also increase the need for more Otolaryngologists.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services estimates that there will be a need for 20 percent more Otolaryngologists by 2020. Certainly this is a major increase from the three percent current growth rate. We in the academic community are dedicated to training the future Otolaryngologist – Head and Neck Surgeons. We do this in spite of decreasing funds from state and federal sources (there has been a freeze in the number of CMS-supported residency positions since 1996). We also have increasingly been subsidizing this education from our own clinical earnings. The Otolaryngology Residency Review Committee, of which I am a member, approves new residency positions on their educational merit. There are many institutions around the country that could increase the number of ENT residents trained, but the biggest hurdle is paying for them.

We at UNMC are aware of the need for well-trained, new Otolaryngologists who can populate the surrounding communities and advance our specialty into the mid-21st century. What we lack are the resources to attract dynamic teachers who will teach these young Otolaryngologists, to pay these residents a reasonable wage, and to purchase the books, computers and staff to make this all work. Medical schools in general are being pinched by decreasing state budgets, and Otolaryngology is not one of the specialties perceived nationally



Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (prediction)

as needing support. (There is no money for new Otolaryngology residency training positions in the proposed legislation.)

Although the state of Nebraska is generally doing well in this economic recession, there have been deep cuts in the money our department previously received from the State and the Dean of the College of Medicine, and more cuts are planned for the future.

As we move forward, we are going to rely on graduates of our residency program to give back to the department that provided their excellent training. (Without this training, their careers would

not be possible!) Our current and future residents appreciate the time and financial support currently provided by these graduates, and we look forward to more of these allocated resources.

Methods to support residency education include:

- 1) Communities or practices funding a particular person through his or her residency.
- 2) Changing laws to allow foreign trained otolaryngologists to practice in Nebraska.
- 3) Funding residency positions with money from foundations, charitable organizations, or corporations.

Obviously, donations from alumni and friends of the department are going to be necessary. We are looking for new and creative ways to support our current and exciting future mission, and we always welcome any suggestions.

Best Regards,



General ENT Position Available

We are accepting applications for a BC/BE General Otolaryngologist. If you are interested in building a rewarding academic career in an active academic program, which offers comprehensive health care to patients, teaching and research opportunities, please send your curriculum vitae to:

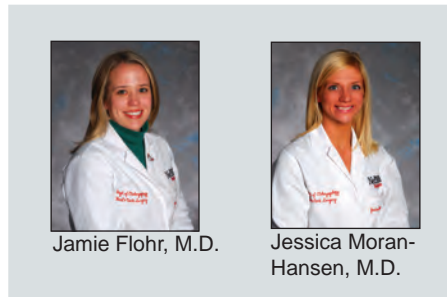
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Residents, Fellows and Alumni

First Year Residents

Jessica Moran-Hansen, M.D. and **Jamie Flohr, M.D.** joined our residency program on July 1, 2009.

Dr. Moran-Hansen was a UNMC student who rotated through the ENT department in October 2008. She also did research with **Dr. Bill Lydiatt** on depression in head and neck cancer patients as a student. Dr. Moran-Hansen completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, graduating with a B.S. in



Biochemistry and was the recipient of many honors and awards such as Phi Lambda Upsilon (PLU), The National Honorary Chemical Society, National Society of Collegiate Scholars Member, UNL Dean's List and the

UNL Distinguished Scholar Award. Dr. Flohr was a student at Sanford School of Medicine at the University of South Dakota in Sioux Falls, S.D. She rotated through the ENT department in August 2008.

Dr. Flohr did her undergraduate studies at DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind., with a B.A. in Studio Arts and was the recipient of many scholarships including the DePaul University Merit Scholar and Reid-Winsley Memorial Scholarship.

Residency Program Applications for 2010

We received 134 applications for the 2010 interview season. We interviewed 30 applicants this year and will accept two applicants into our program to begin on July 1, 2010. Our program participates in the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP), and will yield results during Match Week in March 2010.

Chief's Corner



By Samuel Pate, M.D. and Ashley Robey, M.D., Chief ENT Residents

We are well underway with the 2009-10 academic year in the Otolaryngology residency program and already have plans for post-graduation. **Dr. Robey** will be moving to Portland, Ore. to complete a fellowship in general plastic surgery at Oregon Health Sciences University. **Dr. Pate** is moving to Hot Springs, Ark., to pursue his career in private practice otolaryngology.

As for the residents in general, research continues to be alive and active in the program as evidenced by our recent Resident Research Symposium, and our clinical experiences continue to grow and improve. The second-year residents will be participating with the rest of the group in the research symposium. We had excellent representation over the past academic year at various national and international meetings where residents have presented multiple talks and posters. First place in otology was achieved at the Combined Otolaryngological Spring meeting. Our residents won 2nd place overall in the academic bowl at the AAO-HNS national meeting in Chicago. We also have been very prolific in the publication department, including a recent cover spot on Annals of Otolaryngology, Rhinology & Laryngology national journal.

Overall, the residents continue to flourish both academically and clinically. We are excited about the coming year and the opportunities for growth and learning that await us. We have many bright, young residents who are sure to continue the standard of excellence in our department for many years to come.

Rhinology-Chemosensory Fellowship - 2010



W. Derek
Leight, M.D.

Dr. W. Derek Leight joined our Rhinology-Chemosensory fellowship program, under **Dr. Donald Leopold**, on July 1, 2009 from the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, Otolaryngology Head and Neck Department.

"The people here have made the transition from North Carolina to Nebraska extremely easy. Working with Dr. Leopold has been a marvelous experience on many different levels. His mentorship has been everything I hoped it would be," said Leight.

Dr. Leight's fellowship will conclude in June 2010. We are already interviewing for the next Rhinology-Chemosensory Fellowship under Dr. Donald Leopold. The fellow will be involved in both clinical care and research involving patients with nasal, sinus and chemosensory complaints.

If you would like more information regarding this fellowship, please contact:
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Head and Neck Surgical Oncology Fellowship - 2011

The Division of Head and Neck Surgical Oncology has been approved for a one year fellowship beginning July 1, 2010. The fellowship is designed to offer a comprehensive clinical experience in multidisciplinary care of head and neck cancer patients and to develop surgical expertise in ablative and reconstructive procedures.

The fellow will work closely with the Division of Head and Neck Surgical Oncology faculty and will be an important role in treatment planning. The fellow will also be responsible for the daily activities of the service and will supervise residents and medical students to ensure excellent patient care and a quality educational experience.

Dr. Robert Lindau will be the first Head & Neck Surgical Oncology Fellow in our program. Dr. Lindau completed his residency at Creighton University Department of Surgery.

If you would like more information or are interested in applying for the 2011 fellowship, please contact:

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What's New with our Alumni

Dr. Erin O'Brien, Rhinology-Chemosensory fellow from 2007-08, gave birth to Paige Lorelei O'Brien Wirt on Aug. 8, 2009. She was 8 lbs, 4 ounces.

Dr. Cathy Craig-Wright, resident from July 2005 to June 2009, gave birth to Everton Charles Wright on Nov. 8, 2009 at 9:36 am. He weighed 7 lbs and was 20 1/5 inches long.

Dr. Manali Amin, resident from July 1999 to June 2004, gave birth to Suriya Bela Mishra on Oct. 26, 2009. She weighed 5 lbs 4 ounces and was 18 inches long.

Dr. Samuel Pate, Resident from July 2005 to June 2010, married Dr. Jennifer Carpenter on Sept. 25, 2009.

Dr. Terah Malette Allis, Resident from July 2008 to June 2013, married Benjamin Allis in June 2009.

Dr. Ryan Sewell, Resident from July 2005 to June 2009, welcomed twins Lillian and Luke on March 16, 2009. Each baby weighed about 5.5 lbs.

Send us your news!

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Research and Education

Head and Neck Oncology Research Program

Research continues to be a vital component of Head and Neck Surgical Oncology. **Drs. William Lydiatt** and William Burke's NIH-funded PROTECT study is a priority research program. This study focuses on the prevention of depression in patients diagnosed with new or recurrent head and neck cancer and has accrued 65 patients. In addition to this study, a new project focusing on the treatment of depression in patients with head and neck cancer has been developed and is in the process of obtaining grant funding.

The Thyroid Cancer Collaborative Registry (TCCR) has had a very successful first year. The Head and Neck Surgical Oncology Clinic has enrolled more than 100 patients. Through the combined efforts of our service and our multidisciplinary colleagues in Endocrinology, the TCCR has accrued more than 400 patients. A registry with a focus on Head and Neck Cancer is currently under development with a plan for this program to be initiated in 2010.

In addition to the above ongoing research, new protocols are being opened for our patients with head and neck cancer. A new industry-sponsored trial assessing the use of Lymphoseek (a novel radiotracer) for sentinel lymph node biopsy in oral cavity and coetaneous carcinomas has recently been opened. An investigator-initiated trial assessing immune system modulation is planned for 2010.

Finally, the Head and Neck service has been involved in resident education regarding the performance and analysis of investigator-initiated research. Four current resident-led, but faculty supported, projects were presented at the Annual Resident Research Conference, Oct. 31, 2009. Several of these are likely to result in national publications. More information on the Resident Research Conference held in 2009 is provided on page 8 of this newsletter.

Head and Neck Cancer Symposiums

The Head and Neck Division sponsored its fourth Head and Neck Cancer Symposium on Nov. 6, 2009. The symposium included guest speaker Dr. Terry Day.

"We were very excited to have Dr. Terry Day as our visiting professor. Dr. Day is nationally recognized as an excellent educator and reconstructive surgeon. He has also spearheaded the Yul Brynner Society and National Head and Neck Awareness Week," said Dr. Bill Lydiatt.

"Dr. Day gave us a very valuable presentation on oral cancer and its management," said Dr. Alan Richards. "He also told us about the organization he is spearheading to promote head and neck cancer awareness both nationally and internationally."

The fifth Head and Neck Cancer Symposium will be held at Methodist Hospital on Friday, May 14, 2010 from 1 to 5 p.m. The symposium is designed for

physicians involved in the care of patients affected by head and neck cancer for a maximum of 4 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits. Guest speaker will be Dr. Jatin Shah, MD, FACS, Chief, Head and Neck Surgery of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY. For more information, please contact Jean Palmer at 402-559-7775 or ent@unmc.edu.

Nebraska Academy of Otolaryngology Holds Annual Meeting

The 2009 Nebraska Academy of Otolaryngology annual meeting was held at Vincenzo's restaurant in Omaha, Neb. The meeting accommodated 24 physicians traveling from several regions of Nebraska.

The slate of officers that attended the meeting were the same as the previous year: **Dr. Anthony Yonkers**, president; **Dr. Barbara Heywood**, secretary; and **Dr. Gary Moore**, treasurer. The nominating committee was also kept the same: Dr. Michael Ferris, Dr. Thomas Nabity and **Dr. Donald Leopold**.

The evening program included a video narrated by Thomas D. Mangelsen on the images of nature and his life story. He grew up exploring Nebraska landscape and began photographing it. After the presentation, the academy visited the Thomas D. Mangelsen Gallery to view his photographs.

The next meeting will be held August 26, 2010 at Sutter's Deli in Grand Island, Neb. The speaker will be Dr. Richard Fruehling who will give a historical talk about medicine on the Lewis and Clark trail.

If you are interested in attending the next meeting please contact Maggie Menard at 402-559-7861 or ent@unmc.edu.

Dr. Knows Educates Omaha Children

Dr. Knows, a 3-foot tall stuffed nose, continues to travel around the Omaha area visiting local schools and daycare centers teaching children about germs and good hygiene. This year alone Dr. Knows and the members of the department administrative and nursing staff educated over 4,500 children in the Omaha area.

Winter Symposium 2010

The Late Winter Symposium will be held in Silverthorne, Colo., on Saturday and Sunday, March 13 and 14, 2010. This year's topic is "Updates in Pediatric Otolaryngology 2010." It is co-sponsored with the Omaha Children's Hospital and Medical Center with eight hours of AMA CME credit available.

The program for March 15th will be resident workshops on the

competencies. Silverthorne is in the Dillon area with multiple ski resorts and outlet mall shopping.

If you would like to attend the 2010 Late Winter Symposium, please visit our Web site at www.unmc.edu/ent or contact our department at ent@unmc.edu.



Above: La Quinta Inn, Silverthorne, Colo.

Research and Education

Resident Research Forum



Back from left to right: Jeffrey Schmidt, M.D.; Katherine Johnson, M.D.; Adam Pleas, M.D.; Joshua Espelund, M.D.; Samuel Pate, M.D.; Ashley Robey, M.D. Front from left to right, Jessica Moran-Hansen, M.D.; Jamie Flohr, M.D.; Terah Allis M.D.; and Lindsey Klocke, M.D.

The Resident Research Forum was held at the Field Club of Omaha on Saturday, Oct. 31, 2009. The event was attended by our faculty, residents and three judges: Michael Ferris, M.D., from Lincoln; Richard Hallworth, Ph.D., from Creighton University; and M. Patricia Leuschen, Ph.D., from the UNMC Department of Genetics Cell Biology and Anatomy.

The residents gave a 20-minute oral presentation followed by a question and answer period on their research projects during the year.

Presentation	Resident
Quality Care Measures in Oral Cancer Patients	Samuel Pate, M.D.
Systemic Side Effects of Transtympanic Steroids	Ashley Robey, M.D.
Andenotonsillar Histopathy in Pediatric Solid Organ Transplant Recipients	Joshua Espelund, M.D.
Trends in Mandibular Fixation	Jeffrey Schmidt, M.D.
Low Cost Surgical Training for Endoscopic Sinus Surgery	Katherine Johnson, M.D.
Pre Operative Vascular Evaluation for Radial Forearm Free Tissue Transfer	Adam Pleas, M.D.
Sphenoid Drillout in Chronic Sinusitis Patients	Lindsey Klocke, M.D.
Role of Oral Erosive Lichen Planus in the Genesis of Squamous Cell Carcinoma	Terah Allis, M.D.

The invited judges selected the winners of the resident research forum. The first place prize of a \$500 gift certificate to be used for the purchase of educational books was awarded to **Dr. Adam Pleas**. Second place prize of \$300 resulted in a tie and split between **Dr. Ashley Robey** and **Dr. Katherine Johnson**. Donations to the resident Alumni Give Back Fund Foundation account were used to fund these awards.

Clinic News

General ENT Manual Published

After three years of preparation, Barb Goree, LPN, finished the Clinical ENT Manual. It is an accumulation of information about ENT anatomy, physiology and disease processes frequently seen and treated in the clinical setting. The manual is designed as a quick reference piece that clinical staff members can use on a daily basis.

"I knew after many years of training clinic nurses that there was a need for some concise educational material about ENT," said Goree. "It needed to describe the medical ailments seen in the clinic and simplify the terms that medical receptionists, as well as medical assistants and nurses, would understand as a team."

Goree believes that medical receptionists should be familiar with ENT terminology so patients can be scheduled with the correct provider. Also, being familiar with ENT medical emergencies allows the medical receptionist to appropriately direct these situations on to a nurse, resident or staff member.

"I attribute the ability to write this manual to my 35 years of working in ENT. The combination of surgical and clinical experience, along with the SOHN's annual educational convention knowledge, has provided me with so much background. I wanted to share my passion for ENT through this manual," said Goree.

Goree's nursing career in ENT started in 1974 in the surgery department at Clarkson Hospital. After four years of ENT surgery experience, she moved to the ENT clinical setting where she has trained and has been a mentor to many nurses over the years. If you are interested in purchasing the manual for your office, contact Maggie Menard at (402) 559-7861 or ent@unmc.edu.

Welcome

Tara Parr, PA-C



Tara Parr, PA-C

The department welcomed **Tara Parr PA-C**, a new physician's assistant to our staff in September 2009. She will be seeing patients at UNMC, VA and Village Pointe. Parr comes from Hastings, Nebraska. She did her undergraduate studies at UNL where she received her Bachelor's degree in Exercise Science in 2005. She continued her education at UNMC where she obtained her Masters of Physician Assistant Studies in 2008.

Prior to joining us in clinic, she worked at Bergan Mercy Hospital as a member of the Emergency Department staff.

Jozette Dean, M.S., CCC-A



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The Audiology division welcomed **Jozette Dean, M.S., CCC-A**, in January 2009. Dean received a Master of Science degree in Audiology from Illinois State and is currently working on her Doctor of Audiology degree from the University of Florida. Dean has extensive experience in the evaluation and diagnosis of hearing and vestibular disorders, as well as rehabilitation such as fitting hearing aids. Dean is bilingual (English and Spanish) and has a working knowledge of sign language.

Ann Sporkman-Link, M.A., CCC-SLP

The ENT department is excited to announce that **Ann Sporkman-Link, M.A., CCC-SLP**, will be joining our Head & Neck Surgical Oncology division, effective Feb. 1, 2010.

Sporkman-Link has more than 25 years of experience in speech pathology with many of these years in the ENT Department, section of Head & Neck, at the University of Iowa.

The dedication of a full-time speech pathologist to the Head & Neck Surgical Oncology Division is another critical component to our quality care of patients with Head and Neck Cancer.

Audiology Update



Georgia Boeck, OTO Tech

This year **Georgia Boeck** joined the Audiology team as a full-time OTO Tech. She obtained her Certificate Program for Otolaryngology Personnel (CPOP) in November 2008. The CPOP program was developed by the American Academy of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery to teach otolaryngology office personnel basic hearing testing.

Boeck has been with the Audiology department as a medical assistant since 2002. She also obtained her License for Hearing Aid Dispenser and Fitter in May 2009. She is able to perform a full range of hearing aid services, dispensing and water precaution fittings.

We also have the addition of a second room for our hearing aid lab and hearing aid dispensing and fittings. The Noah Link helps speed up the process of programming and fitting hearing aids. With the advent of the new open-fit digital hearing aids, this upcoming year we are looking forward to providing hearing aid demonstrations with various levels of hearing aid technology.

Allergies: A Phased Response



Alan Ingram,
M.D.

An allergic reaction has early and late phase responses. In a sensitized individual, recurrent antigen exposure causes an IgE-covered mast cell to degranulate, releasing various mediators. This leads to an inflammatory cascade involving arachidonic and metabolites and cellular infiltration aided by TH2 cytokines. The late phase begins within two hours and reaches a maximum activity at 10 to 12 hours.

Eosinophils are the central effector cell of the late phase. They are attracted to the inflammatory site by chemotactic factors. The number correlates with severity of disease. Eosinophils release enzymes, proteolytic agents, and LTC4 mucociliary dysfunction. Eosinophils are able to damage airway mucosal cells and associated nerves.

Eosinophil recruitment and activation is regulated by TH2 cytokines. IL-5 is expressed by TH2 cells, Eosinophils, and activated mast cells. IL-5 is the most important TH2 cytokine associated with Eosinophils. It is able to block Eosinophil apoptosis. It also promotes Eosinophil chemotaxis.

Major Basic Protein (MBP) is abundant in Eosinophils. Once released, it acts on neutrophils and other Eosinophils, inducing degranulation and lipid mediator release. It is toxic to bronchial epithelioid cells. Eosinophils have been found clustered around the vagal nerve ganglia in the lung. Neural dysfunction with airway hyper reactivity may be related to Eosinophils infiltration and extra cellular secretion of MBP.

Although the information presented above is highly simplified, it serves to remind us that a diagnosis of allergic respiratory pathology should not be limited by common perceptions (such as portrayed in some TV commercials). Our patients with chronic sinonasal symptoms and asthma deserve a proper allergy evaluation.

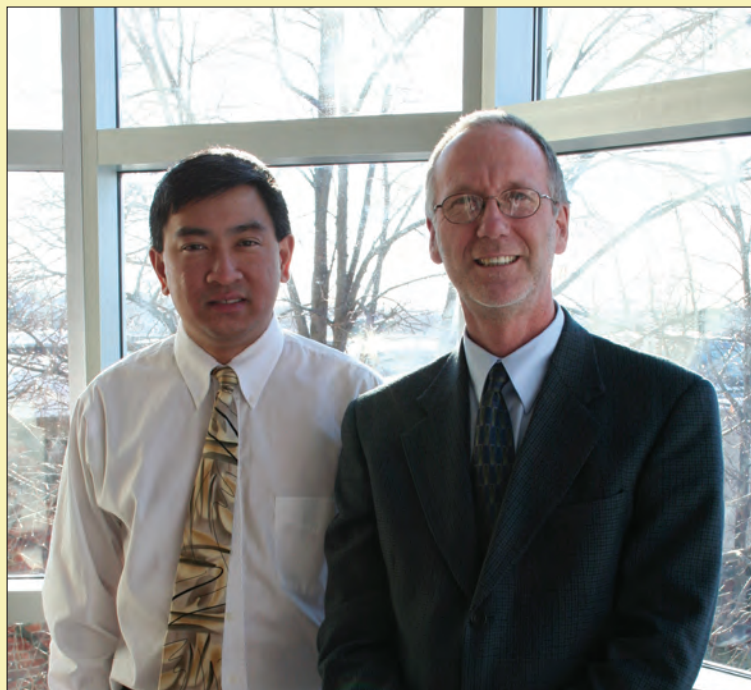
Oral Facial Prosthetics and Dental Oncology

Drs. Alvin Wee and Jeffrey Markt continue to provide the department maxillofacial prosthetic support in the division of Oral Facial Prosthetics/ Dental Oncology (OFP).

The OFP division is eager to lend assistance with issues relating to any aspect of restorative dental or facial prosthetic treatment, particularly as they relate to patients with acquired deficits or congenital anomalies.

In July 2009, Dr. Markt and several dozen dentists from across the state were supported by hundreds of dental assistants, laboratory technicians, oral hygienists, and volunteers in providing an estimated \$608,621 of care at no expense to 1,427 patients at the annual Nebraska Mission of Mercy clinic. Since its inception, the traveling Nebraska Mission of Mercy program has provided more than 6,000 patients and approximated \$2.75 million of care.

The division supports patients who undertake chemotherapy or head and neck radiation therapy, in addition to those benefitting from oral appliance directed toward the mitigation of obstructive sleep apnea. For more information contact us at (402) 559-9200.

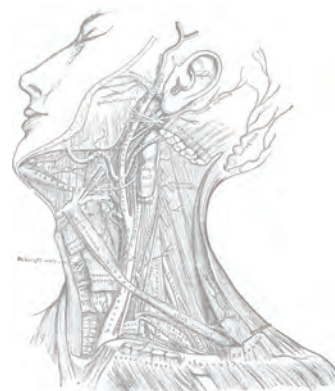


From Left: Alvin Wee, D.D.S. and Jeffrey Markt, D.D.S.

Oral, Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Screening

Each year the Division of Head and Neck surgical oncology provides a free screening evaluation. In 2009, about 300 people were seen during the two screening events. Each year, a number of abnormalities are detected and the patients are sent to their primary care doctors for further evaluation or referred to specialists.

This year, two screenings will once again be held on April 13, 2010, from 3-6 p.m. and on April 15, 2010 from 4-6 p.m. Please contact **Jean Palmer** at (402) 559-7775 or jpalmer@unmc.edu for further information.



Promotions, Awards and Recognition

Heywood Completes Masters Degree



Barbara Heywood, M.D.

Barbara Heywood, M.D., ENT Residency Director, completed a two-year master's degree in Academic Medicine from the University of Southern California

in August 2009. The master's degree course of study focused on the theory and practical applications of the various pedagogical methods in medical education. The course included topics such as research methodologies, program evaluations, assessment of residency competencies and leadership.

Dr. Heywood has also been elected to both the Executive Committee of Graduate Medical Education and the Educational Development Institute Committee at UNMC.

Militsakh Named as Director



Oleg Militsakh, M.D.

Dr. Oleg Militsakh has accepted the position of Director of Head and Neck Reconstructive Surgery within the Division of Head and Neck Surgical

Oncology, effective Nov. 1, 2009.

Dr. Militsakh joined our department in June 2007 as an assistant professor after finishing his fellowship training in Oncologic Head and Neck and Microvascular Reconstruction Surgery.

Dr. Militsakh's responsibility as director will include directing clinical and research efforts in head and neck reconstruction.

Richardson Promoted to Medical Director of ENT



Brynn Richardson, M.D.

Dr. Donald Leopold appointed **Dr. Brynn Richardson** to position of Medical Director of the ENT clinics, effective Nov. 1, 2009.

Dr. Richardson joined the ENT department in Sept. 2008 as an assistant professor after finishing her residency with our department. Dr. Richardson's responsibilities as director will include directing all clinical efforts, both at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and at Village Pointe Medical Center.

Dr. Bill Lydiatt Named Vice Chairperson



From left, Donald Leopold, M.D. and Bill Lydiatt, M.D.

Dr. Donald Leopold appointed **Dr. Bill Lydiatt** to the position of Vice Chairperson of the Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery department, effective Sept. 1, 2009. Dr. Lydiatt's responsibility as Vice Chairperson includes continuing to further the mission of this department by helping develop immediate and long-term strategic goals initiatives. He also will provide his thoughts and concerns on departmental and organizational issues. Dr. Lydiatt will also attend meetings when Dr. Donald Leopold, Chairman, is unavailable.

UNeMed Recognition

Dr. Bill Lydiatt submitted a New Invention Notification (NIN) to the UNeMed office in 2009 with colleagues Mark Gilbert and Dr. Virginia Aita. Submitting a NIN to this office is recognized by having the inventor's names listed in the program at the innovation awards.

This award designates a unique brotherhood of inventors who have contributed to the innovation of technology at UNMC.

Dr. Bill Lydiatt Receives 2009 Clinical Excellence Award

Dr. Bill Lydiatt was honored for his outstanding skills, innovation and “outside of the box” ideas in clinical medicine at the AOA/Faculty Honors Convocation.

“Head and neck cancer patients suffer from depression at a higher rate than those with many other types of cancer. Researchers have found depression often hinders completion of treatment for cancer patients,” said Lydiatt.

Dr. Lydiatt has taken a special interest in the effects of depression on head and neck cancer patients. He has stressed the importance of interpersonal skills among his students and discussed how they can contribute to and/or reduce a patient’s depression.

“To help examine the personal interaction between patients and caregivers, we commissioned Scottish artist, Mark Gilbert, to create portraits of patients, their caregivers and loved ones,” said Lydiatt.

Dr. Lydiatt also has Gilbert and an FBI agent work with students to help teach them observation skills that can help them be more mindful of patients’ emotions.



From left, James Edney, M.D., Bill Lydiatt, M.D., with John Gollan, College of Medicine Dean

“Dr. Lydiatt has been an ethical clinician and teacher who consistently thinks ‘out of the box,’” his nominator said. “His dedication to his patients, both present and future, is reflected in the ways in which he trains and interacts with his students and residents. Further, as evidenced by his efforts with Gilbert, his commitment to innovation reaches beyond the science of head and neck surgery to his interest in giving patients personalized care by understanding the emotional struggles that accompany their cancer diagnosis.”

The dean’s clinical excellence awards were introduced in 2007 to honor outstanding clinical faculty members who are dedicated to the education and training of medical students, provide compassionate and quality care to patients, and further advances in scientific knowledge through research.

Best Doctors® List

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Castle Connolly Awards

Castle Connolly’s “America’s Top Doctors” book awarded **Dr. Donald Leopold** and **Dr. William Lydiatt** as “top doctors”.

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Physicians are nominated by their peers in a Castle Connolly survey process each year. Physicians then are screened by a Castle Connolly physician-led research team.

2009 Grants, Awards and Presentations

Faculty

Barbara M. Heywood, M.D.

“Systems Based Practice Milestones” Competency Milestones Panel, Program Directors Meeting and Society of University Otolaryngologists meeting, Washington D.C., November 6, 2009.

“ENT Infections and Tumors,” Lecture for M3 Students, UNMC, Sept. 29, 2009.

“Laryngeal electromyography,” Core Basic Science Conference, UNMC, Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, Omaha, Neb., May 27, 2009.

“Common Throat Problems,” Lecture for Physician Assistant students, May 21, 2009.

“Neurolaryngeal,” Core Basic Science Conference, UNMC, Department of Otolaryngology –Head and Neck Surgery, Omaha, Neb., May 20, 2009.

“ENT Infections and Tumors,” Lecture for M3 Students, UNMC, Jan. 27, 2009, April 7, and May 19, 2009.

“True Vocal Fold Injection,” Lecture and laryngeal lab, UNMC, Department of Otolaryngology, April 8, 2009 and April 23, 2009.

“Update of Laryngopharyngeal Reflux,” Late Winter Symposium, Silverthorne, Colo., March 10, 2009.

“Building Cultural Competence,” Workshop Innovations in Medical Education, Los Angeles Calif., March 14, 2009.

“Increasing Patient Satisfaction by Improving Communication about Clinical Testing,” Innovations in Medical Education, Los Angeles, Calif., March 14, 2009.

“Small Group Discussions,” Lecture for M2 Medical Students, UNMC, Omaha, Nebr., Dec. 4, 2008.

“Ear Disease Diagnosis,” Lecture for M2 Medical Students, UNMC, Omaha, Nebr., Dec. 2, 2008.

“Vertigo,” Lecture for M2 Medical Students, UNMC, Omaha, Nebr., Dec. 2, 2008.

“Stroboscopy and laryngeal pathology,” Lecture for UNO Speech Therapy Students, Sept. 9, 2008.

Donald A. Leopold, M.D., F.A.C.S

Robey, A.B.; O’Brien, E.K.; **Richardson, B.E.;** Baker, J.J.; Poage, D.P.; **Leopold, D.A.** **“The Changing Face of Paranasal Sinus Fungus Balls,”** American Rhinology Society’s Annual Fall Meeting, 2008.

O’Brien, E.K. and **Leopold, D.A.** **“Olfaction and Gustation: Implication of Viral, Toxic Exposure, Head Injury, Aging, and Drugs”** in *Rhinology and Facial Plastic Surgery*, Stucker, F.J.; De Souza, C.; Kenyon, G.S.; Lian, T.S.; Draf, W.; Schick, B. (eds), 2009.

Robey, A.B.; **Leopold, D.A.;** O’Brien, E.K. **“Optimizing the Endoscopic Approach to the Maxillary Sinus.”** American Journal of Rhinology and Allergy (submitted) 2009.

Albritton, F.D. IV; Levine, H.; Smith, J.; Rowe-Jones, J.; Zahurullah, F.; Armstrong, M.; Duplan, D.; Gershow, J.; **Leopold, D.A.;** Kuhn, F. **“Surgeon Radiation Exposure in ESS With Balloon Catheters.”** *Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery*. Volume 140 (6), p. 834-840. June 2009.

Robey, A.B.; O’Brien, E.K.; **Richardson, B.E.;** Baker, J.J.; Poage, D.P.; **Leopold, D.A.** **“The changing face of paranasal sinus fungus balls,”** *Annals of Otolaryngology, Rhinology & Laryngology*. 118 (7), p. 500-505. July 2009.

Invited Lecturer, University of Nebraska Family Medicine’s Annual Second Teaching Day, Omaha, Neb., February 2007-2009.

Invited Speaker at Grand Rounds,

Creighton University Allergy Division, Omaha, Neb. Biannually Spring and Fall 2006-2009.

Rhinology speaker, Annual University of Nebraska Family Practice Review Course, Omaha, Neb.

Rhinology World International Conference session on Olfaction, Philadelphia, Pa., April 2009.

Istanbul Master Class FESS Course (8 lectures), (Live Demo Surgery), Istanbul, Turkey, April 2009.

Basic Science Lectures on Rhinosinusitis to Otolaryngology Residents, UNMC, Omaha, Neb., March 2009.

American Assistant Asthma Allergy and Immunology Annual Meeting, **“Headache, A Sinus Problem or Something Else,”** Washington, D.C., March 2009.

Visiting Professor, University of Iowa (Two Talks), Iowa City, Iowa, January 2009.

Invited Speaker, San Diego Academy of Otolaryngology, November 2008.

Invited Faculty, “The Nose Inside and Out,” 7 Lectures, Cadaver Labs, Charlottesville, Va., October 2008.

American Academy Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery Annual Meeting, “Understanding Olfactory Disorders,” Chicago Ill, September 2008.

American Academy Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Annual Meeting, **“Modified Lothrop”** Course, Chicago Ill., September 2008.

Invited Speaker, Sinus Forum, **“Reason for using Balloon Catheter Dilation,”** Chicago Ill., July 2008.

Daniel D. Lydiatt, D.D.S., M.D., F.A.C.S

Lydiatt, D.D.; **Lydiatt, W.M.;** **Sewell,**

R.K. “Medical Malpractice and Head and Neck Cancer” D’Cruz, A.K. and Fazekas-May, M.A., eds. Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery Andhra Pradesh, India: Orient Longman; Publication pending.

Co-authored chapter, **“Revision Surgery for Oropharyngeal Cancer.”** Edelstein, David. Thieme Medical Publishers in Revision Surgery in Otolaryngology. To be published 2009.

Authored Chapters 32, 33, 34, 35. Atlas of Head and Neck Surgery textbook. Elsevier Publishing. To be published 2009.

“Head and Neck Surgical Oncology for Dental Hygienists,” Oral Cancer Symposium, Nebraska Dental Hygienist Association Annual Meeting, Grand Island, Neb., September 2009.

“Head and Neck Oncology,” Tumor Conference, Methodist Hospital, Omaha, Neb., September 2009.

“Metastatic Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma,” Tumor Conference, Methodist Hospital, Omaha, Neb., March 2009.

Lydiatt, D.D. “Cetuxmab in Hemodialysis: A Care Report.” Head and Neck. Accepted for publication January 2009.

Lydiatt, D.D. and Sewell, R.K. “Medical Malpractice and Sinonasal Disease” Otolaryngology Head Neck Surgery, November 2008; 139(5):677-81.

Lydiatt, D.D.; Lydiatt, W.M.; Sewell, R.K. “Medical Malpractice and Head and Neck Cancer,” Petruzelli, G., ed. Practical Head and Neck Oncology, San Diego, Calif.: Plural, 2008.

William M. Lydiatt, M.D., F.A.C.S.

Aita, V.; **Lydiatt, W.**; Gilbert, M.; McGraw, H.; Masuoka, M. **“Here I Am And Nowhere Else: Portraits Of Care.”** American Society for

Bioethics and Humanities, 2009. This is an abstract.

“Head and Neck Cancer Case Presentations” at Fourth Head and Neck Cancer Symposium, Omaha, Neb., November 2009.

Lazure, K.E.; **Lydiatt, W.M.**; Denman, D.; Burke, W.J. **“Association between depression and survival or disease recurrence in patients with head and neck cancer enrolled in a depression prevention trial.”** Head and Neck. July 31, 2009 (7): 888-92.

Lydiatt, W.M.; Moran, J.; Burke, W.J. **“A review of depression in the head and neck cancer patient,”** Clinical Advanced Hematology Oncology, June 7, 2009 (6): 397-403.

Lydiatt, W.M. “Salivary gland tumors,” Treatment of locoregional disease,” Quivey J. UpToDate, Basow, D. (ed.), UpToDate, Waltham, Mass., 2009.

“Medical Malpractice and Head and Neck Cancer,” D’Cruz, A.K.; Fazekas-May, M.A., eds. Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery Andhra Pradesh, India: Orient Longman. Publication pending.

Co-authored chapter, **“Revision Surgery for Oropharyngeal Cancer,”** Edelstein, David. Thieme Medical Publishers in Revision Surgery in Otolaryngology. To be published 2009.

Co-author, American Joint Commission on Cancer – Cancer Staging Manual, 7th edition. Publication scheduled for 2009.

Authored Chapters 32, 33, 34, 35. Atlas of Head and Neck Surgery textbook. Elsevier Publishing. To be published 2009.

Lydiatt, W.M. “Misleading Report on the Prevention of Major Depression Among Patients with Head and Neck Cancer—Reply,” Archives Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery November 2008.

Jeffery C. Markt, D.D.S.

Support for People with Oral and Head and Neck Cancer Lecture. UNMC. June 2009.

“Maxillofacial Prosthetic Radiation Therapy Stents,” UNMC, College of Dentistry general dental practice resident lecture, March 2009.

“Palatal Lift Prostheses,” University of Nebraska Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery Department Late Winter Symposium in Silverthorne, Colo., March 2009.

“Auricular Prostheses,” University of Nebraska Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery Department Late Winter Symposium in Silverthorne, Colorado, March 2009.

“Maxillofacial Prosthetic Rehabilitation – Part II,” UNMC College of Dentistry general dental practice resident lecture, February 2009.

“Maxillofacial Prosthetic Rehabilitation – Part I,” UNMC College of Dentistry general dental practice resident lecture, February 2009.

“Dental Management of Radiation Therapy Patients – Part II,” UNMC College of Dentistry general dental practice resident lecture, February 2009.

“Dental Management of Radiation Therapy Patients – Part I,” UNMC College of Dentistry general dental practice resident lecture, February 2009.

“Prosthetic Maxillary Obturation,” UNMC College of Medicine oral surgery resident lecture, January 2009.

Oleg N. Militsakh, M.D.

Militsakh, O.N. “Oromandibular Reconstruction,” Fourth Head and Neck Cancer Symposium, UNMC. Omaha, Neb., November 2009.

2009 Grants, Awards and Presentations

Militsakh, O.N. Metro Omaha Medical Society participation in **"Speed Dating for Your Specialty"** event, Omaha, Neb., September 2009.

Militsakh, O.N. **"Head and Neck Surgical Oncology for Dental Hygienists,"** Nebraska Dental Hygienist Association Annual Meeting. Grand Island, Neb. September 2009.

Militsakh, O.N. **"Head and Neck Cancer Presentations,"** Third Head and Neck Cancer Symposium. Methodist Estabrook Cancer Center, Omaha, Neb. May 2009.

Militsakh, O.N. **"Facial Nerve Paralysis,"** Otology Conference. UNMC, Omaha, Neb. April 2009.

Militsakh, O.N. **"Role of Free Tissue Transfer in Head and Neck Reconstruction,"** Plastic Surgery Department Grand Rounds. UNMC, Omaha, Neb. February 2009.

Pate, S.; Sewell, R.; Craig, C.; Moore, G.; Militsakh, O. **"Utilization of an Acrylic 3-D Model or Surgical Planning of a Skull Base Chondroblastoma,"** Poster presentation. Triological Society Southern and Middle Combined Sections Meeting. Bonita Springs, Fla. January 2009.

Militsakh, O.N. **"Use of Vascularized Bone Flaps in Reconstruction of the Maxilla and Mandible,"** Lecture at Oral Maxillofacial Surgery Grand Rounds. UNMC, Omaha, Neb. January 2009.

Militsakh, O.N. **"Microvascular Tissue Transfer,"** Nursing In-Service. UNMC, Omaha, Neb. November 2008.

Gary F. Moore, M.D., F.A.C.S

Moore, G.F.; Morrow, T.; Robey, A.B. **"Systemic Side Effects of Tympanostomy Steroids,"** American Academy Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery, (submitted) 2009.

Craig, C.; Militsakh, O.; Moore, G.F.; Pate, S.; Sewell, R. **"The utilization of an acrylic mold for surgical planning of a skull base chondroblastoma,"** Triologic Middle Section Meeting, Bonita Springs, Fla., Jan. 8-11, 2009.

Moore, G.F. and Sewell, R. Medical Malpractice and Hearing Loss. Triologic Middle Section Meeting, Bonita Springs, Fla., Jan. 8-11, 2009.

Alan T. Richards, M.D., F.A.C.S

Richards, A. **"How to Find the Facial Nerve during Parotid Surgery,"** 26th Meeting of the American Association of Clinical Anatomists, Cleveland, Ohio, July 2009.
"The Melanocyte and Melanoma," Third Head & Neck Cancer Symposium Methodist Estabrook Cancer Center Omaha, Neb., May 2009.

Richards, A. **"Calcium and the Parathyroids,"** Late Winter Symposium, Nebraska Academy of Otolaryngology and UNMC Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery Silverthorne, Colo., March 2009.

Brynn E. Richardson, M.D.

Robey, A.B.; O'Brien, E.K.; Richardson, B.E.; Baker, J.J.; Poage, D.P.; Leopold, D.A. **"The Changing Face of Paranasal Sinus Fungus Balls,"** American Journal of Rhinology, (submitted) 2008; Annals of Otolaryngology, Rhinology & Laryngology. 118 (7), p. 500-505. July 2009.

Richardson, B.E. "What should I do if I have chronic sore throat?" KETV News Segment. October 10, 2009.

Richardson, B.E. "How long do ear tubes last?" KETV News Segment. August 23, 2009.

Richardson, B.E. "Are ear tubes the most common treatment for ear infections?" KETV News Segment. June 22, 2009.

Russell B. Smith, M.D., F.A.C.S.

Russell B. Smith, M.D., F.A.C.S Lab Instructor for Head and Neck Ultrasound Hands-on Workshop, American College of Surgeons Annual Meeting. Chicago, Ill., October 2009.

"Malignant Salivary Gland Neoplasms: Principles of Management," and **"PET for Head and Neck Cancer: Pearls and Pitfalls,"** AAO-HNS Annual Meeting, San Diego, Calif., October, 2009.

Smith, R.B. Presenter. Coauthors: Tufano, R.P.; Farwell, D.G.; Gross, N.D.; Duh, Q.Y.; Ridge, J.A.; Sofferman, R.A.; Weber, R.S. **"Management of Level VI in Patients with Papillary Thyroid Cancer"** World Thyroid Congress, Toronto, Canada, August 2009.

"Surgical Treatment of Oral Cancer," "Management of the Mandible," and **"Management of Well-Differentiated Thyroid Cancer,"** 42nd annual Iowa Head and Neck Course. Iowa City, Iowa. June 2009.

Robey, A.B.; Militsakh, O.N.; Smith, R.B. **"Endoscopic Coblation of Sinonasal Neoplasms,"** Scottsdale, Ariz., April 2009.

Yao, M.; Smith, R.B.; Hoffman, H.T.; Funk, G.F.; Lu, M.; Menda, Y.; Graham, M.M.; Buatti, J.M. Clinical Significance of Postradiotherapy **"¹⁸F-Fluorodeoxyglucose Positron Emission Tomography Imaging In Management of Head-and-Neck Cancer,"** – A Long-term Outcome Report, Int. J. Radiation Oncology Biol. Phys. 2009; 74:9-14.

Civantos, F.J.; Zitsch, R.P.; Schuller, Agrawal, A.; Smith, R.B.; Nason, R.; Petruzelli, G.; Gourin, C.; Wong, R.J.; Ferris, R.L.; El Naggar, A.; Ridge, J.A.; Paniello, R.C.; Owzar, K.; McCall, L.; Chepeha, D.B.; Yarbrough, W.G. and Myers, J.N. **"Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy Accurately Stages the Regional Lymph Nodes for T1-2 Oral Squamous Cell Carcinomas**

(OSCC): Results of a Prospective Multi-Institutional Trial,” Journal of Clinical Oncology. 2009.

Smith, R.B; Baker, J.; Sofferman, RA. Adult with Lower Neck Mass. Patient of the Month Program – Otolaryngology 2009.

Dornfeld, K.; Hopkins, S.; Simmons, J.; Spitz, D.R.; Menda, Y.; Graham, M.; **Smith, R.B.**; Funk, G.; Karnell, L.; Karnell, M.; Dornfeld, M.; Yao, M.; Buatti, J. **“Posttreatment FDG-PET uptake in the supraglottic and glottic larynx correlates with decreased quality of life after chemoradiotherapy,”** International Journal of Radiation Oncology Biology Physics. 2008; 71:386-92.

Alvin G. Wee, D.D.S., MS, MPH

Bayindir, F.; Gozalo-Diaz, D.; Kim-Pusatesi, S.; **Wee, A.G.** **Incisal Translucency of Vital Natural Un-restored Teeth,”** The European Journal of Esthetic Dentistry, October 2009.

Chu, Y.H.; Tatakis, D.N.; **Wee, A.G.** **“Smokeless tobacco use and periodontal health in rural male population,”** Journal of Periodontics, October 2009.

Mohammad, S.; **Wee, A.G.**; Rumsey, D.J.; Schricker, S.R. **“Maxillofacial materials reinforced with various concentrations of polyhedral silsesquioxanes – A pilot study,”** Journal of Dental Biomechanics, October 2009.

Lindsey, D.T. and **Wee A.G.** **“Assessing Tooth Color Differences in Digital Facial Portrait,”** Journal of Dental Research, Resubmitted in October 2009.

Kaylor, M.B.; Polivka, B.J.; Chaudry, R.V.; Salsberry, P.; **Wee, A.G.** **“Dental Insurance and Dental Service Use by U.S. Women of Childbearing Age,”** Journal of Public Health Dentistry, September 2009.

Cheng, A.C.; Neo, T.K.; Lee, H.; Leong, E.; **Wee, A.G.** **“An up to 64-months retrospective case series report of immediately loaded mandibular**

endosseous implants,” Clinical Implant Dentistry and Related Research, March 2009.

Neo, T.K.; Cheng, A.C.; Lee, H.; **Wee, A.G.** **“The management of an edentulous maxilla using CAD/CAM-guided immediately loaded provisional implant prosthesis with screw retained and cement retained abutments,”** A Clinical Report. Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry (In Print), September 2009.

Kaylor, M.B.; Polivka, B.J.; Chaudry, R.; Salsberry, P.; **Wee, A.G.** **“Dental Services Utilization by Women of Childbearing Age by Socioeconomic Status,”** Journal of Community Health (In Print) September 2009.

Yilmaz, B.; Ozecelik, T.B.; **Wee, A.G.** **“Effect of repeated firing on the color of opaque porcelain applied on different dental alloys,”** Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry, 101:395-404, 2009.

Kim-Pusateri, S.; Brewer, J.D.; Davis, E.L.; **Wee, A.G.** **“Reliability and accuracy of four dental shade-matching devices,”** Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry, 101:193-99, 2009.

Bayindir, F.; Bayindir, Y.; Gozalo-Diaz, D.; **Wee, A.G.** **“Coverage Error of gingival shade guides system in measuring color of attached anterior gingival,”** Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry, 101:46-53, 2009.

“Overview of Oral Facial Prosthetics: What We Do and Why,” UNMC Department of Otolaryngology, Omaha, Neb., June 25, 2009.

“Clinical Color Replication Process of Metal Ceramic and All Ceramic Crowns,” Omaha District Dental Society, Omaha, Neb., January 13, 2009.

Anthony J. Yonkers, M.D., F.A.C.S.

Presentation on **“Otolaryngology Aspects of Aerospace Medicine,”** FAA Examiners Seminars, November 2009.

“Otolaryngology Old vs. New,” presentation at Boston Children’s Hospital, October 2009.

“Vestibular Illusions,” presentation at Boston Children’s Hospital, October 2009.

“Intermaxillary Fixation,” presentation at Nebraska Academy of Otolaryngology Winter Symposium, March 10, 2009.

Residents

Samuel Pate, M.D.

Poster Presentation, Jan. 8-11, 2009, Triological Society, Bonita Springs, Fla., **“Chondroblastoma Temporal Bone.”**

Ashley Robey, M.D.

Poster Presentation, Feb. 4-7, 2010, Combined Otolaryngology Section Meeting Orlando, Fla., **“Systemic Side Effects of Transtympanic Steroids.”**

Poster Presentation, May 2009, 112th Annual Mtg., COSM, Phoenix, Ariz., **“Coblation of Sinonasal Tumors.”**

Oral Presentation, May 2009, 112th Annual Mtg., COSM, Phoenix, Ariz., **“Optimizing the Endoscopic Approach to the Maxillary Sinus.”**

Robey, A.B.; O’Brien, E.K.; **Richardson, B.E.**; Baker, J.J.; Poage, D.P.; **Leopold, D.A.** **“The Changing Face of Paranasal Sinus Fungus Balls,”** American Journal of Rhinology (submitted) 2008; Annals of Otolaryngology & Laryngology. 118 (7), p. 500-505. July 2009.

Ryan Sewell, M.D.

Poster Presentation, Jan. 8-11, 2009, Triological Society, Bonita Springs, Fla., **“Medical Malpractice and Hearing Loss.”**

Catherine Craig Wright, M.D.

Poster Presentation, May 28-31, 2009, 112th Annual Mtg., COSM, Phoenix, Ariz., **“Effect of Cochleostomy Size of CSF Fistula Control.”**

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Assistant Professor

Medical School: University of Health Sciences The Chicago Medical School, Chicago, Illinois

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Gary F. Moore, M.D., F.A.C.S.

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Medical School: University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, Nebraska

Interests: Otology/Neurotology, Facial Nerve Disorders, Skull Base Surgery



W. Derek Leight, M.D.

Instructor, Rhinology-Chemosensory Fellowship

Medical School: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hills School of Medicine Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Interests: Nasal, Sinus and Sense of Smell



Alan T. Richards, M.D.

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Medical School: University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

Interests: Head and Neck Cancer/Surgery



Donald A. Leopold, M.D. F.A.C.S.

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Interests: Nasal, Sinus and Sense of Smell



Brynn Richardson, M.D.

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Daniel D. Lydiatt, D.D.S., M.D., F.A.C.S.

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Medical School: National University of Singapore, Republic of Singapore

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Jeffery C. Markt, D.D.S.

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Ashley Robey, M.D.
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