



# THE SCOPE

Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery

## Welcome Back Dr. Jones

**Dwight Jones, M.D.**, is a board certified surgeon who joined the department in July 2012 as our new Chairman. Dr. Jones did his internship and residency in general surgery at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita, Kansas. From then, he completed his otolaryngology residency here at UNMC. Following residency he did a pediatric fellowship at Children's Hospital Boston.

Dr. Jones served on the Harvard Medical School's faculty for 23 years before moving back to Nebraska. "I'm proud to be back in the program that gave me so much in my training and career," stated Dr. Jones.

As a pediatric otolaryngologist, his areas of research and clinical expertise include sinonasal disorders, cystic fibrosis and tonsillectomy complications.



Dwight T. Jones, MD

## Chairman's Letter

Greetings from Omaha! It's great to be back in Nebraska after living in Boston and practicing pediatric otolaryngology at Children's Hospital and Harvard Medical School for the past 23 years. UNMC has certainly changed a lot since I was here and the campus is very different than it was when I left. The only main buildings on the campus at that time were University Hospital, Wittson Hall, and The Eppley Cancer Center. Now with Dewey Street closed and 10 new buildings, it's almost unrecognizable.

I'm happy to be back in Nebraska as the Chair of the Department of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery (ENT). The department has grown tremendously over the years and while there are many new faces, there are several familiar ones as well. The head and neck surgical oncology section continues to grow and command national attention. They now have 7 faculty members and treat patients from all over the United States with various types of head and neck cancer. Two

of their staff, **Dr. Russell Smith** and **Dr. Oleg Militsakh** have recently been promoted to Professor and Associate Professor, respectively. **Dr. Dan Lydiatt** was inducted into the Triologic Society while **Dr. Bill Lydiatt** was awarded "Physician of Distinction" by The Nebraska Medical Center.

**Dr. Barbara Heywood** continues to be active in allergy, laryngology, general otolaryngology, and in her role as resident director. Her dedication to the residents is undying and takes up a great deal of her time. The program has done well under her care. **Dr. Anthony Yonkers** continues to maintain a full time practice and has been instrumental in resident education. We can all only hope to be as active and as physically fit as he is as we continue along the path of life. I marvel every day at his abilities and zest for life. **Dr. Gary Moore** has a very active Neurotology practice. He has also been involved with fundraising in our department, both for the residents and for

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the Yonkers professorship. I appreciate his hard work and concern for quality resident education. Both he and his wife, Dr. Iris Moore, have worked hard and put in extra time to help keep the program on track. The department is fortunate to have **Dr. Ryan Sewell** on board helping with pediatric otolaryngology. I had the good fortune to help train Ryan during his pediatric fellowship in Boston. He was one of the finest individuals that I worked with as a fellow in my 23 years as staff at Boston Children's Hospital. Omaha and our department are lucky to have him.

Oral Facial Prosthetics/Dental Oncology has had a hard year with the prosthetics tech being out for a significant portion of the year on medical leave and losing a dental assistant to follow her dreams to become a teacher. However, true to form, **Dr. Jeffery Markt** has rallied the troops, pulling the clinic through and is preparing to be in the best shape ever. He has done this with a smile on his face and usually a piece of random factual information. We are very fortunate to have Jeff at the helm of this program.

I have several exciting future changes planned for the department and although they won't happen overnight, they will be on the drawing board for the future. First and foremost will be the addition of new clinical staff. UNMC continues to grow and with it, our department must grow and expand as well. I'm happy to announce that **Dr. Sam Pate**, a former resident of our program, joined us in December 2012. Dr. Pate was an outstanding resident and everyone was excited for his return. Village Pointe ENT clinic also reopened on February 14, 2013. As for myself, I plan on continuing to practice pediatric otolaryngology along with my duties as the Department Chair.

I want to take this opportunity to pay special thanks to **Dr. Dan Lydiatt** for his time, energy and guidance of the department as interim chair over the past two years. He has been a terrific help to me as I've begun a new journey in academic medicine. His assistance has been invaluable to me and I will be ever grateful for it.

Thanks to all of you that have given back to our department over the past years as well. Certainly the program and the residents need your help to survive in our new medical "world." Any contribution you can make now or in the future to help our department is most welcome and you can rest assured it will be used only for its intended purpose.

I hope to see you all sometime in the not too distant future.

With Best Personal Regards,  
Dwight T. Jones, MD

# Residents, Fellows and Alumni

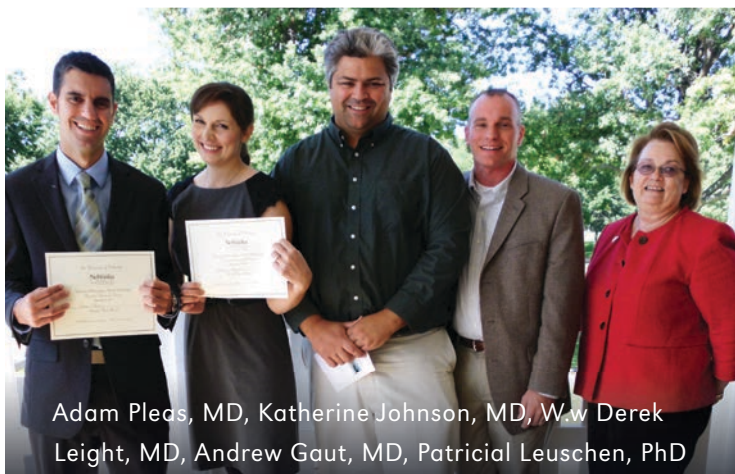
## 2011 and 2012 Resident Research Forums

The annual Resident Research Forum was held at the Field Club of Omaha on September 24, 2011 and on October 6, 2012. The events were attended by our faculty, residents, and judges: M. Patricia Leuschen, Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska Medical Center; W. Derek Leight, M.D., from Boystown National Research Hospital; Andrew Gaut, M.D., from Physician's Clinic in Council Bluffs, Iowa., Salvatore Zeino M.D., from his private practice based in Bellevue, Nebraska., and Richard Hallworth, PhD., from Creighton University. The invited judges selected the winners of the resident research forum.

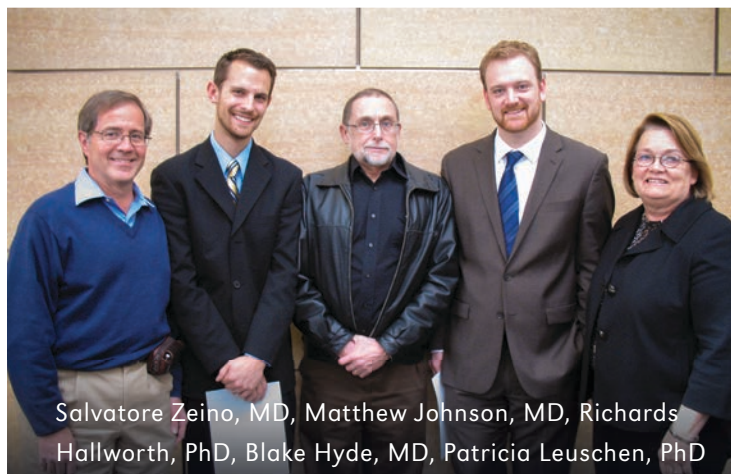
The residents gave a 20-minute oral presentation followed by a question and answer period on their research projects during 2011 and 2012.

PRESENTATION	RESIDENT
Effect of Alcohol on the Vestibular System 2011	Katherine Johnson, M.D.
Olfaction and ADHD Update 2011	Adam Pleas, M.D.
The Benefit of Brain MRI in the Evaluation of Pediatric Dysphagia 2011	Terah Allis, M.D.
A Prospective Analysis of 8.5mm Bone Anchored Implants (BAHA) Abutment Length and Complications 2012	
Utility of Computerized Tomography in Diagnosis of Peritonsillar Abscess 2011	Lindsey Klocke, M.D.
Radiologic Predictors of a Drainable Peritonsillar Abscess 2012	
Pharyngeal Reconstruction after Total Laryngectomy: A Review 2011	Jamie Flohr, M.D.
The Impact of Pharyngeal Closure Technique of Fistula Rates after Salvage Laryngectomy 2012	
Osteogenesis Imperfecta and Hearing Loss in the Pediatric Population 2011	Jessica Moran-Hansen, M.D.
Incidental Thyroid Carcinoma in Lymph Nodes of Squamous Cell Carcinoma Head and Neck Patients Undergoing Neck Dissections 2012	
Clinical Experience with Transtympanic Steroids 2011	Jonathan Hatch, M.D.
Risk Factors of Middle Ear Barotrauma During Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy 2012	
Triune Tube Outcomes 2011	Jordan Schramm, M.D.
Chronic Esophageal Foreign Bodies Presenting as Airway Compromise 2012	
Utility of Health Analysis Index, Mortality and Operative Outcomes 2012	Matthew Johnson, M.D.
Oro-nasal Fistula Rate after Primary Repair for Cleft Palate: The Inverted Horizontal Mattress Technique for Nasal Mucoperiosteal Closure 2012	Blake Hyde, M.D.

In 2011, first place was awarded to **Dr. Katherine Johnson** and second place went to **Dr. Adam Pleas**. In 2012, first place was awarded to **Dr. Matthew Johnson** and second place went to **Dr. Blake Hyde**. Donations to the resident Alumni Give Back Fund Foundation accounts were used to fund these awards.



Adam Pleas, MD, Katherine Johnson, MD, W.W. Derek Leight, MD, Andrew Gaut, MD, Patricia Leuschen, PhD



Salvatore Zeino, MD, Matthew Johnson, MD, Richards Hallworth, PhD, Blake Hyde, MD, Patricia Leuschen, PhD

# Residents, Fellows and Alumni

## Head and Neck Surgical Oncology Fellows



Aru Panwar, MD



Marcia Eustaquio, MD

The Head & Neck Surgical Oncology 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.

Dr. Aru Panwar joined the fellowship in July 2012 after completing his residency at Creighton University Medical Center. He received a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery at University College of Medical Sciences & Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital, University of Delhi, New Delhi, India. In 2009 he was nominated for the Golden Apple Award for excellence in resident teaching. He was elected a member of Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society in 2010.

Dr. Marci Eustaquio joined our fellowship program in July 2011 from University of Colorado, Department of Otolaryngology. Dr. Eustaquio was a medical student at Rosalind Franklin University and Chicago Medical School in North Chicago, where she was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha in 2005. She completed her undergraduate training at Occidental College, Los Angeles and earned a Bachelor of Arts in biochemistry.

The Head and Neck Oncology fellowship program are now accepting applications for 2013-2014. For more information regarding this fellowship, please contact [ent@unmc.edu](mailto:ent@unmc.edu).

## Nebraska Academy of Otolaryngology

The Nebraska Academy of Otolaryngology annual meeting was held at the Wilderness Ridge Convention Center on September 27th, 2012 in Lincoln, Nebraska. The speaker was Mr. Darin Erstad, the UNL Baseball Coach. He discussed the current activities of the team and future projections.

There was a short meeting to discussed issues that have developed over the prior years as well as to select the new president. Next year's meeting is tentatively scheduled to occur in the Grand Island, Hastings, or Kearney area.

For more information about the next Nebraska Academy meeting, please inquire at [ent@unmc.edu](mailto:ent@unmc.edu).

## Chief's Corner

As this new academic year gets underway, there are many exciting things to share regarding the previous and current academic years.

First, the residents have continued to be productive from a research standpoint. Four posters have been prepared and presented at national and international meetings.

The annual resident research forum was held in October. Residents present on a wide variety of topics, including the role of imaging in the management of peritonsillar abscesses and the use of a novel suture technique to reduce the rate of oro-nasal fistula after cleft palate repair.

**Dr. Terah Allis** and **Dr. Lindsey Klocke** represented the residents at the 5th Annual Midwest Head and Neck Oncology Consortium in Iowa City, Iowa in April 2012. Dr. Klocke presented on the timing of neck dissection with TORS and Dr. Allis won third prize for her case presentation on oral erosive lichen planus induced squamous cell carcinoma.

The residents will continue to participate in

numerous hands-on learning activities this year. The Department will sponsor a sinus dissection course, cadaver neck dissection, and temporal bone lab. They will also travel to other courses covering maxillofacial trauma and temporal bone anatomy.

In June 2012, **Dr. Katherine Johnson** and **Dr. Adam Pleas** completed their residency training. Dr. Johnson is now practicing general otolaryngology in Boulder, Colorado and Dr. Pleas is practicing general otolaryngology in Omaha, Nebraska.

Dr. Terah Allis and Dr. Lindsey Klocke are looking forward to graduation in June 2013. Dr. Allis will pursue a fellowship in pediatric otolaryngology while Dr. Klocke will practice general otolaryngology in the Midwest.

We would like to thank the physicians, nurses, and clinic staff for all of their teaching and assistance throughout residency. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to work with everyone in the Department of Otolaryngology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.



## Mini Boards

Every spring the department hosts mini boards for the residents. Volunteer faculty were invited to be guest examiners at mini boards. The residents were given four cases with photos to read, review history, and then diagnose. This exercise is intended to serve as a “mock board” exam in an effort to prepare residents for Boards.



May 2011 volunteer faculty guest examiners and residents



May 2012 volunteer faculty guest examiners and residents

## Aster Award for The Scope

UNMC-Physicians marketing team was awarded the 2011 Silver Aster Award for the January 2011 issue of The Scope. The annual newsletter for the Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery began publishing The Scope back in the fall of 2000.

The Aster Award is a medical marketing award program in which healthcare organizations and advertising agencies compete against one another and are recognized for their marketing and advertising excellence.

## First and Second Year Residents

Mid-March is Match Week for most residency programs across the country. We are excited to find out our new 2013 residents as it was a very successful recruiting season with many qualified candidates. Our department is extremely pleased to announce the results of our Match for 2011 and 2012.

Our second year residents are **Blake Hyde, M.D.**, and **Matthew Johnson, M.D.**, who began their residency training with us on July 1, 2011.

Dr. Blake Hyde graduated from the University of Colorado in Denver, Colorado. Blake completed his undergraduate training at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, graduating with a B.S. in Biology.

Dr. Matthew Johnson graduated from the University of Colorado in Denver, Colorado. Matthew completed his undergraduate training at the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colorado, earning his B.A. in Psychology and Neuroscience.

Our first year residents are **Kyle Stansifer, M.D.**, and **Paul Judge, M.D.**, who began their residency training with us on July 1, 2012.

Dr. Kyle Stansifer graduated from Temple University School of Medicine in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He completed his undergraduate training at Vanguard University of Southern California in Costa Mesa, California and earned his B.S. in Biology.

Dr. Paul Judge graduated from Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit, Michigan. He completed his undergraduate training at Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Michigan and earned his B.S. in Biological Sciences.

# Research and Education



## Research in 2012

Clinical research continues to thrive in the Head and Neck Surgical Oncology Division (H&N). Our Thyroid Tumor and Cancer Collaborative Registry (TCCR) in conjunction with the Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism department (DEM) has continued to grow. The TCCR is entering the 5th year of recruiting with nearly 1300 enrolled subjects with thyroid cancer or nodules. This registry has provided fellows from both DEM and H&N access to a large amount of data and samples, produced 3 articles and 1 abstract with future publications in preparation. The TCCR is moving forward with its mission to unite participating centers with expertise in thyroid tumor epidemiology, genetics, biology, early detection, and patient care to facilitate the rapid and uniform collection of critical information and biological samples to be used in developing prevention, detection, and treatment strategies against thyroid cancer.

The NIH sponsored trial to prevent depression in head and neck cancer patients completed enrollment in January. Data analysis is currently underway and a publication of the results will be forthcoming this year. This landmark study has broad implications for management of

patients with HNC. We are anxiously awaiting the publication of the results.

The Midwest Head and Neck Cancer Consortium (MWHNCC) also entering the 5th year of existence, is leading the way for collaboration between the University of Iowa, University of Kansas, University of Minnesota, University of Missouri, University of Nebraska and Sanford School of Medicine in South Dakota. There are currently 3 research studies that are active in the MWHNCC group. The first is the AAO-HNS and AHNS sponsored study, the Swallowing Function After the Treatment of Advanced Laryngeal Cancer (TALC), focusing on function after surgical vs. non-surgical treatment. This observational study is close to meeting the recruitment goal and will be starting analysis soon. Second, The Midwest Head and Neck Cancer Consortium Primary Hyperparathyroidism Registry, is still in the process of adding patients and has produced 2 abstracts on the impact of pre-operative imaging and intra-operative PTH assays. The third study in the MWHNCC is the Unknown Primary Tumor Squamous Cell Carcinoma Registry, which was started last year and is in the process of recruiting.

A study looking at outcomes of patients undergoing Transoral Robotic Surgery (TORS) for upper aerodigestive tract tumors is in the planning stages. TORS was performed for the first time in Nebraska in August of 2010 by our head and neck surgeons. A second study is the highly anticipated Head and Neck Cancer Collaborative Registry (HNCCR). The goal is to create a repository of data and biological specimens as a tool for future clinical and translation studies. Our staff has also been participating with investigators in UNMC's departments of Genetics, Cell Biology and Anatomy, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, and College of Public Health Environmental and Agriculture developing translational studies involving Human Papilloma Virus, over expressed membrane bound proteins, and estrogen metabolites and their possible role in carcinogenesis. The future of growth in research is essential to our aim at improving the lives of head and neck cancer patients.

# New Providers



## Welcome Dr. Aaron Wieland

**Aaron Wieland, M.D.**, joined the Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery department in July 2011.

Dr. Wieland earned his undergraduate degree at Loyola University Chicago in 1999 and received his doctorate in medicine from Harvard Medical School in 2005. He finished his internship in general surgery from Brigham and Women's Hospital in 2006, then finishing his residency at Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary in 2010. Following his residency, Dr. Wieland completed a one year fellowship in Head and Neck – Microvascular Reconstructive Surgery at the University of Wisconsin Department of Otolaryngology in 2011.

Dr. Wieland's interests are in facial plastic and head and neck microvascular reconstruction, post-laryngectomy speech rehabilitation, and the use of robotics and other minimally invasive endoscopic techniques.

During Dr. Wieland's first year at the University of Nebraska Medical Center he commented, "I have had the opportunity to work with an outstanding group of nurses, dentists, social workers, general surgeons, oral surgeons and otolaryngologists." On behalf of our entire department, we are happy to have Dr. Wieland as part of our Otolaryngology –Head and Neck Surgery team.



## Welcome Back Dr. Lindau

**Robert H. Lindau III, M.D.**, is a board certified surgeon who joined the department in August 2012. Dr. Lindau received his undergraduate degree in Biomedical Sciences in 2000 from Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. From there, he completed his general surgery residency in June 2010 from Creighton University Medical Center. Following his residency, Dr. Lindau completed a one year fellowship in Head and Neck Surgical Oncology from UNMC and then another year fellowship in Microvascular and Reconstructive Surgery at Oregon Health and Sciences University.

We recently asked Dr. Lindau how he felt about coming back to UNMC. "It is an honor for me to return to work with a group of doctors who have trained me and mentored me over the last several years," stated Dr. Lindau. "I am blessed to have the opportunity to surround myself with colleagues who are committed to patient care, education, and research."



## Welcome Back Dr. Pate

The department is proud to announce the return of **Samuel Pate, M.D.** in December 2012, as a general ENT faculty member. Dr. Pate stated, "I am thrilled to return to Omaha. I look forward to the challenges and opportunities of working in an academic setting and assisting with the education of future otolaryngologists."

Dr. Pate completed his medical degree at the University of Missouri School of Medicine. Following medical school, Dr. Pate completed his Otolaryngology residency here at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in 2009. From there, Dr. Pate joined the faculty at St. Joseph's Mercy Medical Center in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

## Welcoming Two Physician Assistants

### Lindsey Mannel

**PA-C** joined the Otolaryngology team in November 2012. Lindsey was already familiar with UNMC, having completed the physician assistant program here in 1999. Prior to this position, Lindsey worked with a private OB/GYN clinic in Norfolk, NE.



Lindsey voiced, "I'm excited to be working in an ENT clinic that provides such stellar patient care and to have the opportunity to work with a great group of physicians."

### Andrea Ott PA-C

officially started in January 2013, however she had the opportunity to shadow many of our ENT physicians for several months prior to starting her job here.

"Being able to learn the daily operations of the clinic and to work with the physicians made the transition into my position feel so much more natural," Andrea stated.



Andrea is also a UNMC alumni. She graduated from the physician assistant program in 2008.



## A Patient to Go Ape Over?



It's not every day that a physician is referred a patient that is a permanent resident at the Henry Doorly Zoo.

When the call came in that Tubby, an adult male silver back low land gorilla, had a severe fracture of his upper jaw,

**Dr. Bill Lydiatt** was happy to help in any way possible.

Tubby was injured in an apparent squabble with another gorilla. Dr. Lydiatt mentioned to the staff on the day of surgery, "We've got a VIP coming in."

"Who?" they asked.

"You'll know him when you see him," stated Dr. Lydiatt.

Dr. Bill Lydiatt, the zoo veterinarians and The Nebraska Medical Center staff removed a part of Tubby's jaw as well as a few teeth. Dr. Bill Lydiatt and his team were able to replace what bones they could and close the defect with a mucosal based flap so that Tubby could resume oral nutrition postoperatively and function well subsequently. "It was a unique opportunity to experience these magnificent animals up close and personal and certainly our team was very thankful for the expert anesthetic performed by the veterinarians," stated Dr. Lydiatt.

## Pediatric Otolaryngology Update



According to the American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, national health statistics reveal that pediatric ear, nose, and throat disorders are among the primary reason children visit a physician. "Pediatric otolaryngology has become a widespread practice because of common ear, nose, and throat occurrences that happen in children," according to **Dr. Ryan Sewell**.

Pediatric otolaryngologists like Dr. Ryan Sewell treat pediatric problems such as chronic sinusitis, reoccurring ear infections, sleep apnea and chronic tonsillitis as well as more difficult issues such as anomalies of the pediatric neck and airway.

Pediatric otolaryngology is one of the most rapidly growing and advancing fields in our specialty.

## New Space for the Head and Neck Clinic

The renovations for the Head and Neck Surgical Oncology clinic are completed and the faculty and staff have been working in their new space since April 2011.

The Head and Neck surgical oncology clinic is located in the old geriatric clinic and includes 8 oversized exam rooms, a dedicated speech therapist room, and an additional procedure room. Beyond growth of the clinical space, new equipment including a second ultrasound machine, a TNE scope and a stationary surgical light in the surgical room were purchased as well.

**Dr. Bill Lydiatt**, Head and Neck Division Chief commented, "The substantial expansion in the size of the head and neck clinic as a whole has been an essential aspect for continued growth of the service."

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## ALLERGY UPDATE

**Dr. Barbara Heywood** and the University of Nebraska Medical Center Physicians ENT allergy clinic are now offering sublingual immunotherapy (SLIT) as an alternative treatment for those patients whom immunotherapy is recommended, but who are unable to tolerate complete regular injections. Allergy drops are placed under the tongue and are used at home on a daily basis. Most patients will note significant reduction in symptoms within six months, but three years of treatment is usually recommended for maximal benefit.



## OFP Update



**Dr. Jeffery Markt** of the OFP/DO division, has initiated a nasoalveolar molding (NAM) program meant to assist the craniofacial plastic surgical community and newborns with clefts of the lip and palate. The NAM process involves the fabrication of a plastic intraoral appliance that engages each alveolar bony segment in a manner not dissimilar to a complete denture or obturator. The prosthesis is held in its intraoral position by way of Steri-Strip tape and orthodontic elastic bands that engage one or two plastic stems that extend anteriorly from the intraoral appliance. The NAM process is ideally commenced within the first week of a baby's life when

cartilaginous and bony structures are the most pliable. The NAM process is continued for three to six months prior to a baby's labial surgery by way of modifications to the plastic appliance and the continual application of force realized through the use of the orthodontic elastic bands.

Weekly modifications to the intraoral aspect of a NAM appliance entail a selective reduction of plastic fitting surfaces in the areas toward which one wants to move a cleft alveolar segment and the addition of an elastomeric material to the plastic fitting surfaces in the areas upon which one wishes to apply a vector force that will over time result in the motion of a cleft alveolar bony segment. Once a baby's alveolar cleft has been closed to an approximate 5 mm width, one or two nasal extensions are affixed to the labial flange of the intraoral component of the NAM appliance depending on whether the baby harbors a unilateral or bilateral clefting condition. Nasal NAM appliance extensions terminate in the anterior aspect of the affected nare where they apply an anterior force upon the alar cartilage that is meant to provide the nare with an ovoid shape that is retained upon the surgical closure of the labia. Like the intraoral component of the NAM appliance, the appliance's nasal extension is modified by way of an incremental weekly addition of approximately 1 mm of an elastomeric material.

Anecdotally, these efforts at the UNMC have led to a significant reduction in cleft alveolar segments prior to labial surgeries for a number of children. A pair of recent patients with cleft segments presenting at widths approximating 1 cm were treated until the margins of their alveolar cleft segments were in apposition prior to their labial surgeries. Such care reduces tensions necessary to surgically close labial and nasal mucosa and skin and can reduce postoperative labial scarring. Furthermore, longitudinal data compiled at New York University suggests that more than half of those patients whose NAM process reduces a cleft alveolar segment to the degree a gingivoperiosteoplasty can be combined with their labial surgery will not need to undertake the autogenous alveolar bone graft that is typically done during a child's eighth or ninth year.

## Reopening Village Pointe

In February 2013, the ENT clinic reopened their doors at the location southwest of the Village Pointe shopping center at 178th and Burke. This will be an additional location for **Dr. Dwight Jones**, pediatric otolaryngology and **Dr. Samuel Pate**, general otolaryngology along with the clinic at the main UNMC location. The department also hopes to recruit additional general and subspecialty ENT physicians.

The Village Pointe clinic has 2,660 square feet of space with exam rooms, an audio booth, a provider's office, and a nurse station. The Village Pointe ENT and Ophthalmology clinics share the procedure room and common areas such as a workroom, break room, check-in and check-out areas, the reception room, and second waiting room. Other known occupants of Village Pointe Medical Building include Children's pediatric primary care and urgent care facilities, Olson Women's Center, internal medicine, neurology, psychiatry, and pain management clinics.





Oleg N. Militsakh, MD, Randal S. Weber, MD, Aaron Wieland, MD, Marcia Equestaquio, MD, Daniel Lydiatt, MD, William Lydiatt, MD

## Head and Neck Cancer Symposiums

The Head and Neck Cancer Symposiums are designed for physicians and their care teams involved in the care of patients affected by head and neck cancer.

The Head and Neck Surgical Oncology Division sponsored its 7th Head and Neck Cancer Symposium on June 10, 2011. The symposium included guest speaker Daniel G. Deschler, M.D., FACS, Chief of Head and Neck Surgery at Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary in Boston, Massachusetts. Dr. Deschler presented two lectures. The first lecture was on "Head and Neck Reconstruction" and the other was on "Praise of the Survivor".

The eighth Head and Neck Cancer Symposium was held at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in the Harold M. and Beverly Center for Public Health on Friday, December 9, 2011. The guest speaker was Dr. Randal S. Weber, M.D., FACS. Dr. Weber is a Professor and Chairman of the Department of Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. Dr. Weber spoke about surgical salvage for head and neck cancer and improving the quality of head and neck cancer care.

For more information about the next symposium, please inquire at [ent@unmc.edu](mailto:ent@unmc.edu).

## Oral, Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Screening

Each year the division of Head and Neck Surgical Oncology provides two free screening evaluations in the Omaha metro area. "Early detection is a prime way to reduce the morbidity and mortality of head and neck cancer. Screening of otherwise asymptomatic people is one way to find cancers and pre-cancers prior to them becoming evident to the person. I am particularly proud that so many of our colleagues join together to serve the public by participating in this screening effort", stated Dr. Bill Lydiatt.

The head and neck cancer screenings will be held again in April 2013. Please contact Jean Palmer at 402.559.7775 or [jpalmer@unmc.edu](mailto:jpalmer@unmc.edu) for further information.

## Schramm received MD of the Quarter Award

In September of 2011 **Dr. Jordan Schramm** was awarded MD of the quarter from the 6th floor Nebraska Medical Center (6NSU) staff. "I didn't even know this award existed before I received it" stated Dr. Schramm. "It means a great deal to me knowing that the people I work with appreciate what I do and enjoy working with me."

Dr. Schramm was surprised with the award at the beginning of an early morning grand round meeting wherein faculty, fellows, residents and students witnessed this accolade.

Dr. Schramm is a third year resident from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry in Rochester, New York.

## Annette Lewin Receives UNMCP Legacy of Leadership Award



**Annette Lewin** is one of our Medical Receptionists in our ENT clinic who received the Legacy of Leadership Award. To be eligible for the Legacy award a UNMC Physicians employee must receive the UNMC Physicians Spirit of Service Award. During 2012, there were 42 Spirit of Service Awardees and of those 42, only 3 received

the Legacy of Leadership Award. The Legacy of Leadership Award commemorates those who have made a positive impact in the organization and is the highest honored award.

Annette handles constant scheduling changes, always puts patients first, and she is known to have a very professional attitude. Her kindness and warm nature make patients feel special and she handles difficult situations with the utmost professionalism. Julie Zetterman, clinic manager stated, "Annette's responsibilities for ETAT and scheduling are greatly impacted by every change made and she has a great attitude throughout." We want to congratulate Annette once again on this major achievement.

# Promotions, Awards and Recognitions

## Department Physician in the Spotlight

**Dr. Jeffrey Markt** puts forth a herculean effort for all of his patients' needs with prosthetic and dental care. On behalf of the Head and Neck Cancer Service Line at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Nebraska Medical Center, and Nebraska Methodist Hospital, Dr. Markt sees all of the patients undergoing radiation therapy along with surgical defects requiring prosthetic rehabilitation. He accommodates patients who come from great distances on short notice and does so with supreme attention to detail that elevates the care of the head and neck cancer patient to among the highest in the nation.

Dr. Markt provides an essential component to the care of head and neck cancer patients. Since the majority of head and neck cancer patients receive radiation to the head and neck, the initial assessment of their teeth must be done in an expeditious and high quality manner. Dr. Markt uses his years of experience treating patients with head and neck cancers to assess the

needs of their teeth and overall oral health during and after radiation therapy. The complications that can ensue from poorly managed teeth can be catastrophic, including substantial bone loss, severe caries and osteoradionecrosis. The latter can result in the need for extensive hyperbaric oxygen therapy as well as difficult surgical and reconstructive procedures. Prevention of these catastrophic side effects is foremost in Dr. Markt's care plan.

"It is no understatement," said Dr. William Lydiatt, Head and Neck Division Chief, "that Dr. Markt is an essential and vital part of the entire management of head and neck cancer patients, not just for the head and neck surgeons, but for radiation and medical oncologists, social workers and reconstructive surgeons. Our state is very fortunate to have an expert with the knowledge, experience and skills of Dr. Jeff Markt and it is a pleasure to work with him day in and day out."



## Dr. Bill Lydiatt awarded "Physician of Distinction"

**Dr. Bill Lydiatt** was selected as "Physician of Distinction" for specialty care at The Nebraska Medical Center. This award has been given to Dr. Lydiatt by his peers through nominations and an evaluation process established to measure a physician's contribution to patient care and medicine at The Nebraska Medical Center.

The Specialist Recognition is presented annually to one physician specialist who exceeds the expectations of his or her practice or profession and who made a difference in the life of a patient, staff member or colleague. This is a physician who is recognized locally, nationally or internationally for work in his or her specialty and who by example sets the standard for patient care.

Dr. Bill Lydiatt was presented with the award on March 16, 2011. "This recognition is not about me. It's about teamwork and a sense of shared purpose from all members of the team that has driven this program forward as well as the steadfast support from The Nebraska Medical Center" stated Dr. Lydiatt.

## 2011-2012 Best Doctors List

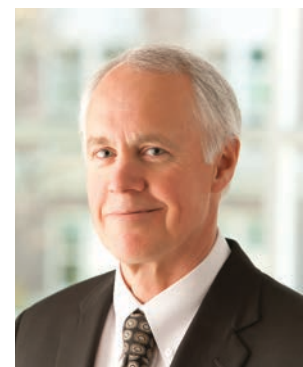
UNMC doctors and those affiliated with UNMC-Physicians, such as our very own **Dr. Russell Hopp**, **Dr. Donald Leopold**, **Dr. Daniel Lydiatt**, **Dr. William Lydiatt**, **Dr. Oleg Militsakh**, and **Dr. Russell Smith**, have been recognized on this year's list of Best Doctors in America.

The Best Doctors list is derived from a database of over 45,000 doctors in more than 40 specialties, which represents the top three to five percent of specialists in the country. The survey is based on one question: "If you or a loved one needed a doctor in your specialty, to whom would you refer them?"

## Dr. Dan Lydiatt's Privileged Award

Active Fellowship in the Triological Society also known as The American Laryngological, Rhinological & Otolological Society, Incorporated brings the distinction of being elected to the most prestigious society in Otolaryngology.

On April 20, 2012 **Dr. Dan Lydiatt**, had the pleasure of accepting this privileged award.



"I was gratified to see this work recognized by such an august group," stated Dr. Dan Lydiatt. The ceremony took place during the 115th Annual Meeting as a part of COSM in San Diego.



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