

# THE SCOPE

College of Medicine | Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery

## Message from the Chair, 2014

As the 2013-2014 academic calendar comes to a close, I am delighted to reflect upon a successful year. The department has celebrated many accomplishments, including the introduction of our first CME accredited National Microvascular Course, the addition of five of our physicians on the “Best Doctors in America List” for 2013-2014, and the addition of three highly sought-after sub-specialized physicians.

The new physicians in our department, Dr. Bingcang and Dr. Heckman, have continued to grow as their practice becomes busier by the week. To meet the needs of patients in more western locations, they both expanded their clinics to our Village Point location. In addition to these new physicians, we have welcomed two new physician assistants into our department.

In June we held our traditional resident research forum followed by resident graduation, during which we bid farewell to Dr. Jamie Flohr and Dr. Jessica Moran-Hanson. We wish these graduates well in their future endeavors and will miss having them as part of our program. Our new first year residents are Dr. Jonathan Blecha and Dr. Andrew Logeman. Jonathan is from Gothenburg, Nebraska and received his medical degree from the

University of Nebraska Medical Center. Andrew is from Lisle, Illinois and received his medical degree from Loyola University of Chicago Stritch School of Medicine.

Dr. Russell Smith has spearheaded his new position as Resident course director by organizing eight total courses for the year, all of which have been extremely successful. We currently have one national course that offers 14 APA CME credit hours. With the success of our other courses we hope to provide more than one national course in the coming years.

The Head and Neck group welcomes two new members: Dr. Aru Panwar and Dr. Andrew Coughlin. We are excited to have both Aru and Andrew join our team.

These highly respected physicians retired from our department this year: Dr. Alan Richards, Dr. Anthony Yonkers and Dr. Barbara Heywood.

Because Dr. Yonkers is most revered as an educator who enthusiastically shared his knowledge with generations of young people in training, the UNMC Department of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery has established the Anthony J. Yonkers, M.D. Professorship in Otolaryngology to honor his committed service, excellence of teaching, and



personal attributes that made him become a role model for so many students. The NU foundation continues to work assiduously to fund the Yonkers Professorship. We would like to thank everyone who has supported it and the department as well.

I wish you all health and happiness in 2015.

**Dwight T. Jones, MD**  
Professor and Chair  
Department of Otolaryngology  
College of Medicine  
University of Nebraska Medical Center

# RESIDENTS

## Chief's Corner

### Dr. Jamie Katherine Flohr

Jamie Flohr is joining eight Otolaryngologists in September 2014 at Midwest Ear, Nose and Throat specialists in Woodbury, Minnesota where she will have a general ENT practice in Woodbury, St. Paul, Egan and Maplewood. She is looking forward to being near her niece and nephews who live 30 minutes away in Northfield. During her time off between graduation and starting her new job she traveled in Italy, golfed, and relaxed as much as possible.

### Dr. Jessica Ruth Moran-Hansen

Jessica is staying in Omaha with her husband Casey and her beautiful daughter Avery, and is practicing with one of our recent graduates, Dr. Adam Pleas, at Alegent-Creighton Health Care.

## Resident Training Fund Support Needed

As practicing physicians, we all realize that training all begins with a great medical education program, from the first year through residency and fellowship training opportunities. With your help, the Alumni Give Back Fund will provide much-needed funds to enable our ENT Department to provide the very best in resident training. In advance, the residents thank you for your consideration of how you can help make this fund a valued resource to the ENT Department and countless residents who will benefit from your generosity.

Please contact Meg Johnson, Assistant Vice President of Development, and University of Nebraska Foundation with any questions or interests of how you can help at [MJohnson@NUfoundation.org](mailto:MJohnson@NUfoundation.org) or 402.502.4107.

## Resident Research Forum

The University of Nebraska Medical Center Department of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery's Resident Research Surgery took place on June 21, 2014 from 8:00-11:30am in the College of Public Health, Room 3013.

Jessica Moran-Hansen, M.D. presented: "Incidence of Stroke in Neck Dissection Patients"

Jamie Flohr, M.D. presented: "Regionalization of Healthcare and Laryngectomy Outcomes"

Jonathan Hatch, M.D. presented: "Jackson-Pratt Drain Following Cranioplasty with Titanium Mesh and Hydroxyl Apatite Decreased the Rate of Revision Surgery"

Jordan Schramm, M.D. presented: "Myringotomy and Ventilation Tube Insertion Sequelae with Triune, Collar Button, and Modified Goode T Tubes"

Blake Hyde, M.D. presented: "Variance in Operative and Perioperative Policies: A National Survey"

Matt Johnson, M.D. presented: "Otolaryngology Complications in Pediatric Small Bowel Transplant Patients"

Kyle Stansifer, M.D. presented: "Modifiable Risk Factors in the Development of Thyroid Cancer"

Paul Judge presented: "Use of phiC31 Integrase for Gene Therapy to the Inner Ear"

## Mini Boards

In May 2014, the department hosted its annual mini boards for residents. Volunteer faculty (Drs. Gomes, Emanuel, Heywood, Quilan, Medaris, Zieno, Sherrerd, and Denenberg) were invited to attend as guest examiners.

First row seated Dr. Gomes, Dr. Emanuel, Dr. Heywood and Dr. Moran-Hansen. Standing was Dr. Quilan, Dr. Medaris, Dr. Zieno, Dr. Sherrerd, Dr. Stansifer, Dr. Hyde, Dr. Johnson, Dr. Hatch, Dr. Flohr, Dr. Schramm, Dr. Judge and Dr. Denenberg.



# RESEARCH & EDUCATION



## Anthony J. Yonkers, MD Professorship in Otolaryngology

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Dating back to the early 1500s Oxford and Cambridge, England formed Endowed Chairs and Professorships that carried great prestige within the academic world for the faculty holding the position. It is a mark of excellence, allowing the brightest scholars and teachers to excel and help build intellectual thriving academic institutions. At UNMC, the endowment level for a Professorship is \$500,000; the endowment level for a Chair is \$1,000,000.

The Anthony J. Yonkers Professorship in Otolaryngology is the first named Professorship for the Otolaryngology Department. It honors the career of Dr. Yonkers with a focus on the many residents he trained and mentored in his over forty years of service. In honor of his dedication to training residents, funding from the Yonkers Professorship will support the Residency Program within the Department in perpetuity.

If you would like to make a gift to support the Yonkers Professorship, please contact Meg Johnson, Assistant Vice President-Development at **402.502.4107** or **mjohnson@nufoundation.org**.

## Courses

### NATIONAL

The Nebraska Microvascular Course held its second annual course on August 8 and 9 hosted by the Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, and the Department of Plastic Surgery. This national course serves residents, fellows, faculty, and allied health professionals with an interest in microvascular surgical technologies. This event offered two hands-on labs with didactic sessions. Our state-of-the art Microsurgical Simulation Lab allows for practice and mentoring in advancing microvascular skills. The second day, hands-on session allowed participants to practice harvesting various flaps on freshly embalmed cadavers at the University's Advanced Surgical Anatomy Lab. This year's guest speaker was Dr. Christopher Trahan from the Center for Restorative Breast Surgery in New Orleans, Louisiana. Dr. Trahan specializes in perforator flaps and breast reconstruction. Dr. Aaron Wieland returned for his second year as visiting faculty to share his experience in head and neck reconstruction.

### REGIONAL

Our Head and Neck surgeons hosted the 6th Annual Midwest Head and Neck Cancer Consortium in Omaha on April 10-12, 2014. The MWHNCC is comprised of the head and neck surgery divisions from the Universities of Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, and South Dakota/Sanford Health. The mission of the MWHNCC is to provide advanced educational experiences for trainees and to conduct research related to neoplastic disease of the head and neck. The resident and fellow presentations were excellent. Jonny Hatch, MD, was recognized as the winner for the best presentation. This year's meeting included a one and a half day skull base course for our residents and fellows in the new Department of Otolaryngology Bone Lab. We were fortunate to have Dr. Ivan El-Sayed as visiting professor for the course. The MWHNCC continues to conduct clinical-based research with at least two new projects planned for 2014-2015.

### LOCAL

With the current success of our National Microvascular Course, the department will plan to offer other courses to residents at the university on a national level in the near future. Below is a list of courses residents currently participate in during the year.

- Head & Neck/Laryngeal Anatomy
- Endoscopic Sinus Surgery
- Resident Microvascular Course
- Pediatric Airway
- Head & Neck Ultrasound
- Temporal Bone Course

For more information on courses offered by the department, please contact Karli Burt at **402.559.7978** or **karli.burt@unmc.edu**.





## Research in 2014

The Head and Neck Surgical Oncology Division (H&N) is continually striving to promote multidisciplinary research as a prominent aspect of their division. March 2014 marked the one year anniversary of the Head and Neck Cancer Research Working Group at UNMC with the College of Public Health Environmental and Agriculture. The goal of this working group is to increase institutional knowledge of the clinical dilemmas facing providers and patients with head and neck cancer in order to facilitate collaborative basic science and translational research studies.

The merger of the Thyroid Tumor and Cancer Collaborative Registry (TCCR) with the other existing cancer registries on campus, to create an all-encompassing cancer registry called Integrated Cancer Repository for Cancer Research (iCaRe2), has been completed within the last year. In addition to this merger, the TCCR was also awarded two separate grants to reprogram and update the web-based data collection interface. To date there have been a total of five presentations at national meetings and three articles published using data mined from the

TCCR. The TCCR continues to enroll subjects and has nearly reached 1900 subjects enrolled between UNMC, Methodist Estabrook Cancer Center (Omaha, NE), Avera Hospital & University Health Center, and Sanford USD Medical Center (both in Sioux Falls, SD).

The Midwest Head and Neck Cancer Consortium (MWHNCC) entered its seventh year of collaboration between the Universities of Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska and Sanford School of Medicine in South Dakota. The Consortium is pleased to announce one manuscript was published as a result of the collaborative primary hyperparathyroidism study, which explored implications of multiple localizing perioperative studies for patients with primary hyperparathyroidism, as well as the role ultrasound plays in localizing the offending gland. A second poster presentation was also produced from this work. As a result of this study, the Consortium is planning a prospective trial for patients with primary hyperparathyroidism. The Consortium also has ongoing projections evaluating the role of PET imaging in staging of head

and neck cancer as well as the impact of obesity on outcomes for patients undergoing free tissue reconstruction of head and neck defects.

The Head and Neck division supports a host of ongoing cooperative group and institutional research projects. One study, which has just been submitted for grant funding is a collaborative effort with epidemiologists from the College of Public Health explore the issues of patients' decision-making when they are considering adjuvant treatment options of various types of head and neck cancers. Another study that has received IRB approval plans to evaluate the differences in the exomes of patients that present with T1a papillary thyroid carcinoma with or without regional metastases. The Head and Neck oncology research team continues to innovate exciting research opportunities that foster collaboration between varied specialties. The Head and Neck oncology research team anticipates continued growth and production of research improving the outcomes of our patients.



*Dr. Smith working with participants during the Ultrasound course at the 2014 AAO-HNS meeting in Orlando, FL.*

## Use of Surgeon Performed Ultrasonography in Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery

Surgeon performed head and neck ultrasonography is continually expanding in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. This technology can be used in the diagnostic evaluation of patients with a wide variety of head and neck diseases. While thyroid and parathyroid disease is the most recognized indication for head and neck ultrasonography, it can play an important role in evaluation of a variety of infectious, inflammatory, and neoplastic diseases in both adult and pediatric patients. In addition, surgeon performed head and neck ultrasonography has therapeutic applications for image guided needle biopsy and drainage procedures as well as intraoperatively for directed neck surgery. Dr. Russell Smith has utilized head and neck surgeon performed ultrasonography in his practice since 2004. He has been involved nationally with educational programs at both the AAO-HNS as well as the ACS since 2008. He recently was appointed co-director for the Head and Neck Ultrasound program with Dr. Lisa Orloff (Stanford University). He is also on the executive committee for the newly established Head and Neck Ultrasound Accreditation program through the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine.

## Maxillofacial Prosthetic Clinic

Jeffery C. Markt, D.D.S. is completing a three-year term as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics (AAMP). He will be installed as the organization's vice president-elect at its annual scientific session in New Orleans in November of 2014. The AAMP was founded in 1953 as a national professional organization that supports and promotes the discipline of maxillofacial prosthetics here and abroad. Dr. Markt's appointment will launch a four year progression through ranks that end with the AAMP's presidency. Since this succession will carry the responsibility of planning the organization's 2016 annual meeting in San Diego, Dr. Markt will be pleased to receive readers, speaker, or subject matter recommendations in advance of the meeting that routinely attracts a multidisciplinary and international audience.

## New Physicians at Village Pointe

Dr. Ryan Sewell, Pediatric ENT and Dr. Gary Moore, Neurotology, recently joined our excellent team at our UNMC Village Pointe location.



## Anthony Yonkers, M.D., Retiring After 43 Years of 'Fun'



If you ask Anthony Yonkers, M.D., how to describe his forty-three years in medicine, he would say “fun.”

Dr. Yonkers, UNMC professor emeritus of otolaryngology and head and neck surgery, retired on Dec. 31, after forty-three years of service to UNMC, including serving as department chair for twenty-five years.

“When I was an undergraduate, we had the option of getting into medical school in three years. I thought that would be kind of nice. I applied, got in and from then on it’s been very fun, very rewarding.” In his fourth year of medical school, he decided ENT was for him.

“You deal with all kinds of people of all ages and a lot of disease entities, from tonsils and adenoids to tumors, so you have a spectrum of surgery and medical treatment.”

After his residency he was stationed at Offutt Air Force Base from 1968 to 1970. The Muskegon, Mich., native planned to go back home after separating from the Air Force. He never made it back.

He started his career at UNMC in 1968 as a part-time volunteer faculty member — the same year the department was formed by Thomas Yarrington, M.D. In 1970, he joined UNMC full-time.

“Tom Yarrington was a very influential guy. I had offers to go other places but UNMC was an attractive place. It was fun training

residents — being part of their education and seeing interesting cases. The private guys in town would always give us the more complicated cases.”

Dr. Yonkers also joined the Air Force Reserve, became a flight surgeon and retired in 1998 as a colonel.

One of the biggest rewards of his career has been training residents.

“Training residents is a stimulus to keep you up to date, fresh and on top of things,” he said. “The biggest thing for me was working with residents and watching them develop and grow.”

Dr. Yonkers’ long list of accomplishments and awards reflect his dedication and passion. He’s been at it longer than most of the physicians he graduated with from medical school.

“I was just back in Michigan, and more than ninety percent of my class is retired. I guess it’s time for me too. It’s hard to believe.”

Dr. Yonkers will continue in various roles in the department, performing educational and career mentorship, fundraising and instructional demonstration courses, seminars, and grand rounds.



## ACGME Opportunity Awaits Dr. Heywood

Dr. Barbara Heywood, Professor, Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck surgery, has taken a position as a field representative with the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. Effective December 1, 2014 she will be traveling throughout the US and Puerto Rico for site visits to gain information on residency programs for accreditation.

Dr. Heywood has been with the Department for fifteen years and residency program director for eleven years. After completing her residency at UNMC she went into private practice in Papillion and staffed surgery at the VA on Friday mornings for ten years. She has served

on the Graduate Medical Education Committee and the Continuing Education Committee. After completing her Master’s degree in Medical Education from USC, she served on the Education Development Institute which the all campus committee responsible for faculty development. Her clinical work involved otology, laryngology and allergy.

Her new position allows Dr. Heywood and husband Tom to move to Houston, Texas, where their daughter and three grandchildren reside. We wish her well and thank her for fifteen years of service to UNMC and the ENT program.



## Dr. Alan Richards's retirement



Alan Richards, M.B.B.Ch. retired from the University of Nebraska Medical Center on June 30, 2014 after 14 years of dedicated service to patients in the Omaha community. Born in South Africa, he attended the University of Witwatersrand-Johannesburg and received his M.B., B.Ch. in December of 1966. After completing his residency at the University of the Witwatersrand-Johannesburg Group of Teaching Hospitals in May of 1975, Dr. Richards received his Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, U.K. certification (F.R.C.S) in 1977 and his Fellow of

the American College of Surgeons certification (F.A.C.S) in 1980. He came to the University of Nebraska Medical Center in 2000 as Assistant Professor of Surgery, where he remained a faculty member until 2014. Dr. Richards now volunteers in the anatomy lab at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

## Welcome Andrew M. Coughlin, MD



Dr. Coughlin was born and raised in Council Bluffs, Iowa and graduated valedictorian from St. Albert High school. He received his undergraduate education at Nebraska Wesleyan University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, where he received highest distinction upon graduation. Dr. Coughlin attended the University of Nebraska Medical Center for his M.D., again graduating with distinction. In 2004 he was accepted into the Otolaryngology residency program at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, and has just completed his Head and Neck Ablative and Reconstructive

Surgery Fellowship here at UNMC. Dr. Coughlin is now part of the Otolaryngology – Head and Neck faculty specializing in head and neck cancer and reconstruction as well as skull base disorders. He is excited to continue working with the department and anticipates increased involvement training residents. Outside of work, he enjoys spending time with his wife and two children, and training for competitive running.

## Welcome Dr. Aru Panwar



Aru Panwar, M.D., joined the surgical oncology team in the Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery in March of 2014. His hometown is New Delhi, India, where he attended medical school at the University College of Medical Sciences, University of Delhi. He completed his residency at the Department of Surgery at Creighton University and his fellowship at UNMC. Dr. Panwar's research and clinical interests include clinical outcomes research, trans-oral laser and robotic surgery, and thyroid and parathyroid disorders. He is a member of the American

College of Surgeons, American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, American Head and Neck Society, and the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society.

## Our New Physician Assistants in the ENT Clinic

### Jenna Kenny

Jenna is originally from Lincoln, NE, but has lived in Omaha for the past 8 years. She graduated from the UNMC Physician Assistant program in 2008. Prior to that, Jenna received her Bachelor's degree in Sociology from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Before joining the UNMC Otolaryngology Department in May 2014, Jenna worked at the Blair Family Practice Clinic for five years. Jenna is a board certified member of The American Academy of Physician Assistants, Nebraska Academy of Physician Assistants, and the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants.

Jenna is married and has a two year old daughter, Harper, and she and her husband recently welcomed new born, Connor, to their family.

### Megan Schliefert

Megan is a Kearney native and attended The University of Nebraska at Kearney. Following graduation in 2011, she relocated to Omaha where she completed the Physician Assistant Program at UNMC. After graduation from UNMC, she accepted her first position as a Physician Assistant with University of Nebraska Medical Center Department of Otolaryngology. Megan is board certified and a member of The American Academy of Physician Assistants, and the Nebraska Academy of Physician Assistants.

In her spare time, Megan enjoys the company of family and friends and likes to travel.

# AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

## Recognized Among the Best Doctors in America

Congratulations to Dr. Dwight Jones, Dr. William Lydiatt, Dr. Daniel Lydiatt, Dr. Oleg Militsakh and Dr. Russell Smith who were cited as Best Doctors in America 2013-2014.

The Best Doctors physicians are chosen from a database of more than 45,000 doctors in the United States. Physicians are selected on the basis of the question, "If you or a loved one needed a doctor in your specialty, to whom would you refer them?" A peer-review survey by thousands of doctors determines the doctors included in the database. Only those doctors who earn the consensus support of their peers are included, and only physicians in the Best Doctors database are allowed to receive the survey, nominate others, and vote.



## The Nebraska Medical Center ENT & Cancer Care Recognized by U.S. News & World Report

U.S. News & World Report ranked the Nebraska Medical Center 36th nationally for its cancer care. This is the best performance for the hospital in terms of national recognition in this ranking. The Nebraska Medical Center was also high performing in six other specialties, including otolaryngology. In addition to this national ranking, U.S. News & World Report named The Nebraska Medical Center as the top hospital in the state.

## Dr. Anthony J. Yonkers Conference Room

The conference room that our providers and administrative staff use so frequently will soon have a new name. An appeal was made to our chancellor who then forwarded the request to the university president. The university president approved the official new name as "The Anthony J. Yonkers Conference Room."



## Congratulations

Dr. Russell Smith  
"Educator of the Year"  
by the Otolaryngology  
residents for 2013-2014.





# OTHER NEWS

## Dr. Bingcang's trip to Honduras



On March 15, 2014 our Laryngologist Dr. Bingcang representing UNMC, joined The Hackett Hemwall Foundation, along with many nurses, physician's assistants, surgical technicians and physicians. They provide medical care and assistance to people in medically underserved areas. This group provides training for physicians in medical and surgical procedures during weeklong trips to Honduras to better serve people in need of medical care.

## First Annual Laryngectomy Support Group

Department of Otolaryngology- Head and Neck Surgery held its first Laryngectomy Support Group on April 25, 2014. The goal of the department is to provide an annual forum for laryngectomees, their family members and caregivers to socialize, share information, listen to guest speakers and offer support to each other. This open forum enables people to visit with other patients and speech language pathologists.

For more information please contact Karli Burt at **402.559.7978** or [karli.burt@unmc.edu](mailto:karli.burt@unmc.edu)

## Oral, Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Screening

Each year during Oral, Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Week, Head and Neck Surgical Oncology provides two free screening evaluations in the Omaha metro area. This year's free screenings were held in April 2014 and a total of 159 people were examined.

The Head and Neck Cancer Screening Clinic will be held again in April 2015. For more information please contact, Jean Palmer at **402.559.7775**, or [jean.palmer@unmc.edu](mailto:jean.palmer@unmc.edu)



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## Our New Logo

On Monday, October 13, UNMC unveiled its new logo. The Nebraska Medical Center, Bellevue Medical Center, and UNMC Physicians—once three separate entities—are now operating under one name: Nebraska Medicine. UNMC, with about 4,700 employees, will remain a separate entity from Nebraska Medicine, but will share a new logo to more closely align the two organizations. "It allows us to unite all our employees under a new identity," Bill Dinsmoor, CEO of Nebraska Medicine said. The newly integrated organization, with more than 6,100 employees, allows us to strengthen our services by providing our patients with access to nearly 1,100 physicians, 678 licensed hospital beds, and 39 ambulatory clinics in the Metro area.

## Meet Dr. Knows



It's difficult to see germs when you sneeze - until you've met Dr. Knows. Dr. Knows is a 3-foot-tall puppet. Since 2006, Dr. Knows has been used to teach kids better nasal hygiene, showing the function of the nose in larger-than-life detail.

Children see the nose smelling, breathing, and warming and filtering air.

In 2013, Dr. Knows visited over 2,600 students in Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st grade. Our ENT nurses and staff visited over 31 public and private schools and daycares. Dr. Knows also appeared at the 2013 & 2014 Nebraska Science Festivals.

## Nebraska Academy of Otolaryngology

The Nebraska Academy of Otolaryngology had their annual meeting on September 10, 2014 at The Lodge at Wilderness Ridge in Lincoln. The guest speaker this year was Ann Frohman. She is the former director of the Department of Insurance under Governor Dave Heineman and the resident expert on the ACA. She spoke to the group about the Affordable Care Act.

For information on joining the NAO please contact Laureen Mally at **402.559.8007**.



## Academic Otolaryngology Opportunity

Otolaryngologist with Sleep Medicine Fellowship

Otolaryngologist with Laryngology Fellowship

General Otolaryngologist

### OPPORTUNITY:

#### Competitive Compensation

- Generous Comprehensive Benefits
- Collegial work environment
- Balanced Lifestyle
- Favorable malpractice climate
- Magnet Designation for Extraordinary Nursing

#### Care by ANCC

- U.S. News & World Report ranked The Nebraska Medical Center's ear, nose and throat program as high performing
- The Nebraska Medical Center is recognized by J. D. Power & Associates for service excellence

### OMAHA OFFERS:

- Population of 860,000+ (MSA)
- Low cost of living
- Perfect blend of big-city amenities and Midwestern hospitality
- Henry Doorly Zoo
- Joslyn Art Museum and Jazz on the Green
- Omaha Symphony Orchestra
- College World Series
- Lauritzen Gardens (botanical gardens)
- Omaha Community Playhouse & The Rose Theatre
- Excellent shopping and restaurants
- 10,500 Acres of Park land in 247 city parks
- More than 50 public, private, and semi-private golf courses in area

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 Swallowing disorders  
 Airway  
 Professional Voice  
 General ENT



**Daniel Lydiatt, MD**  
**DDS, FACS**  
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 Specialty:  
 Head and Neck Surgical Oncology  
 Head and neck endocrine surgery



**Samuel Pate, MD**  
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 General ENT



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 Specialty:  
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 and reconstruction  
 Skull base disorders



**William M. Lydiatt, MD, FACS**  
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 Thyroid Surgery  
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 Pediatric airway disorders  
 Pediatric cystic fibrosis  
 Pediatric sleep disorders



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 Endocrine surgery  
 Head and neck  
 reconstructive surgery  
 Salivary gland surgery  
 Rehabilitation of facial paralysis



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 Endoscopic sinus/skull  
 base tumor surgery  
 Trans-oral robotic surgery



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 Facial nerve disorders  
 Balance disorders  
 Skull base surgery



**Anthony J. Yonkers, MD, FACS**  
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*Volunteer Faculty*



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 Trans-oral robotic surgery  
 Head and neck free flap  
 reconstructive surgery



**Aru Panwar, MD**  
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 Head and neck Cancer

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