

OTOSCOPE Quarterly

A publication for friends and colleagues of Jefferson's Department of Otolaryngology– Head & Neck Surgery

In Memoriam: Louis Dale Lowry, MD



We were saddened to learn of the passing of **Louis Dale Lowry, MD** (1937-2021). Dr. Lowry served as the Chair of Otolaryngology at Jefferson from 1980 – 1991. He was born in Kansas and raised in Missouri. He completed medical school at the University of Missouri. After this he served as a Navy Flight Surgeon and Medical Officer before completing residency in Surgery and Otolaryngology at the University of Chicago in 1971. His first appointment was at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. In 1973, he moved to Philadelphia to take a job at the University of Pennsylvania. Six years later he was appointed Chair at Jefferson, a position that he assumed on January 1, 1980. In the decade prior to Dr. Lowry's tenure, the Department experienced a period of instability with the 4 prior Chairs serving in the role for only 2 years each. In his 11 years as Chair, Dr. Lowry established the foundation for what would become the elite Academic Department and training programs that we know today. There are many still at Jefferson who remember Dr. Lowry well. Mary Costa, who today is our Billing Manager, was his medical secretary when he started at Jefferson in 1980! We have received many great tributes from his former colleagues and trainees. Here are just a few examples.

"He was an extremely good man. Honest, honorable, dependable and loyal to the program and all his residents."

"I remember him as an excellent clinician and an effective chairman, and as a kind and genuine person who spoke frankly and with conviction."

"Dr. Lowry was and will always be my mentor in Otolaryngology."

"Dr. Lowry has been a quiet influence on every major decision in my life. His honesty, integrity, desire for only the best for his patients and trainees, Hugh ethics and moral character have shaped everyday of my career as an Otolaryngologist."



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Achievements and Congratulations



Colin Huntley, MD



Elizabeth Cottrill, MD



Christopher Fundakowski, MD

Christopher Fundakowski, MD has been accepted as member of National Ultrasound Faculty within the American College of Surgeons.

Congratulations are in order to **Colin Huntley, MD** and **Elizabeth Cottrill, MD** who are recipients of the **2021 Sidney Kimmel Medical College (SKMC) Dean's Award for Excellence in Education**. They will be honored at an upcoming SKMC Faculty Awards Dinner which is being planned for the Spring.



Jefferson Oto in the News



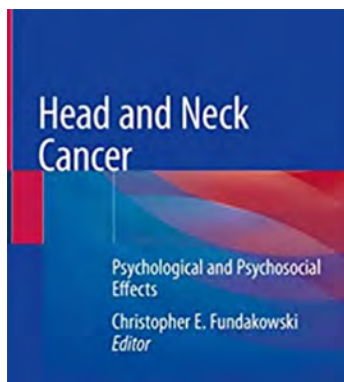
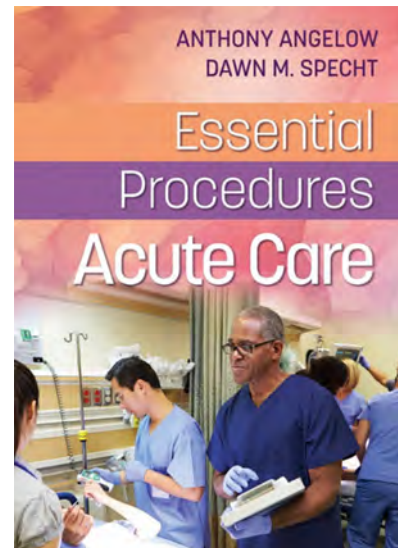
DaVinci SP Robot

Congratulations to **David Cagnetti, MD** and the OR team for completion of the first case at Jefferson utilizing the new

DaVinci SP (single port) robot on November 8, 2021. Many thanks to our stellar nursing and resident/fellow teams, our robotic coordinator Colleen Berkery, and the team from Intuitive Surgical for making the case a success. Since the first Transoral Robotic Surgery (TORS) at Jefferson on March 17, 2010, Drs. Cagnetti, Curry, Luginbuhl, and Fundakowski have performed over 900 robotic surgeries, making Jefferson one of the most-experienced centers in the country. The new SP robot provides cutting-edge technology that will enhance the care of our patients.

Essential Procedures: Acute Care

Congratulations to **Troy DeRose, CRNP** for his chapter on tracheostomy changes being featured in *Essential Procedures: Acute Care*. His chapter will help to educate medical professionals in critical care procedures everywhere. The textbook is available for purchase on Amazon and the Kindle store.

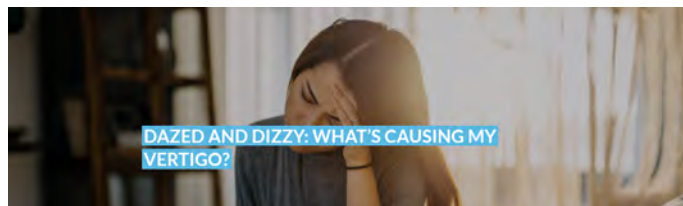


Head and Neck Cancer: Psychological and Physiological Effects

Christopher Fundakowski, MD has a recently published textbook, *Head and Neck Cancer: Psychological and Physiological Effects*, which is

available on the Amazon store. His expertise in the field of head and neck cancer will help educate the next generation of head and neck specialists across the globe.

Dazed and Dizzy: What's Causing My Vertigo?



Dennis Fitzgerald, MD sat down for an interview with the Health Nexus to discuss the causes and treatments of vertigo. Vertigo is a condition that affects more than 15% of Americans where they may feel that the room is spinning and will have a sense of imbalance. Read the full story.

<https://thehealthnexus.org/dazed-and-dizzy-whats-causing-my-vertigo/>

Otolaryngology Events

COMING UP NEXT...

FEBRUARY 23, 2022

Virtual Alumni Night

Featured Speakers

David Cognetti, MD
The Herbert Kean, MD Professor
Chair

Ryan Heffelfinger, MD
Associate Professor
Alumni Affairs Director



Including a tribute to
Louis Dale Lowry, MD
(1937-2021)

MARCH 9, 2022

James Reilly Lecture in Pediatric Otolaryngology



Pediatric Hearing Loss: CMV, Genetics, and Funky Anatomy

Margaret A. Kenna, MD

Professor of Otolaryngology, Harvard University
Director of Clinical Research, Otolaryngology Program, Boston Children's Hospital

MAY 11, 2022

Annual Otolaryngology Research Day

Since 2019, the department hosts an annual research symposium where residents, clinical fellows, and research fellows showcase their research. Accolades are also awarded based on participant selection.



Visiting Professor

Susan D. McCammon, MD

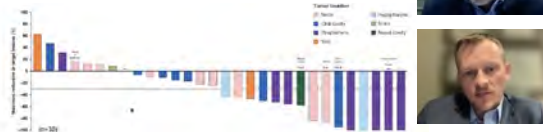
John W. Poynor Endowed Professor in Otolaryngology, University of Alabama at Birmingham

LOOKING BACK

DECEMBER 8, 2021

OTOLARYNGOLOGY SPECIALTY WEBINAR SERIES

Cutting Edge Clinical Trials in Head & Neck Cancer



DECEMBER 10, 2021

Thyroid Cancer and Parathyroid Disease Update 2021

Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center
Thyroid Cancer and Parathyroid Disease Update 2021
Updates in Diagnosis and Treatment

FEATURED GUEST SPEAKERS
Marcia Brose, MD, PhD
Thomas Jefferson University
Philadelphia, PA
R. Michael Tuttle, MD
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
New York, NY
Gregory W. Randolph, MD, FACS, FACE, FEBS
Harvard Medical School
Boston, MA

JEFFERSON COURSE DIRECTORS
Elizabeth E. Cottrill, MD
Harvard Medical School
Jeffrey L. Miller, MD, FACP, FACE

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

DECEMBER 10, 2021

Otolaryngology Holiday party



It was great to get our Oto Family together and celebrate each other! Thank you to Jamie Robinson for finding such a beautiful venue! We laughed, we danced, and we heard a great speech from **David Cognetti, MD** reflecting on how fortunate we were to get together and how hard our faculty, trainees, and staff work to care for our patients.

FEBRUARY 2, 2022

OTOLARYNGOLOGY SPECIALTY WEBINAR SERIES

Implantable Hearing Devices

Featured Speakers

Thomas Willcox, MD
Associate Professor of
Otolaryngology - Head
and Neck Surgery

Rebecca Chiffer, MD
Assistant Professor of
Otolaryngology - Head
and Neck Surgery

Paula Marcinkivech, AuD, CCC/A
Clinical Audiologist

Giving Back

Mission Trip to Kenya

Adam Luginbuhl, MD, Dylan Roden, MD (HNF '19), Aarti Agarwal, MD (PGY3). OR nurses Jennifer Holzworth and Kevin Gummel, nurse anesthetist Malachi Cohen, and audiologist Sarah Lively braved Covid restrictions to deliver specialized head and neck surgical care and hearing healthcare services to Kijabe Hospital in Kenya - all thanks to support from the CHANCE fund. Dr. Aarti Agarwal was the recipient of the Ashley Greywoode Memorial Scholarship, named in remembrance of the late wife of Jewel Greywoode MD (R'11). The scholarship gave Dr. Agarwal the opportunity to join the team in providing care in Kenya.

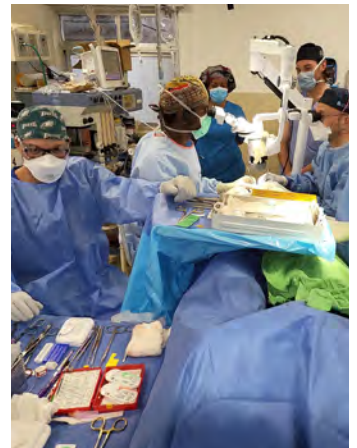
It was a week-long expedition with highlights including intensive free flap surgeries and essential hearing healthcare. The surgical team was able to work alongside the team in Kijabe and complete several free flaps for both benign and malignant disease as well as thyroid surgery, skull base surgery, and cleft surgery. The team worked with two ENT surgeons on the ground, **Dr. Chege** and **Dr. David Nolan** to incorporate ourselves into the infrastructure that was present there.

We were able to donate many instruments, tracheostomy tubes, light boxes, drills and saws to the team in Kijabe. We left humbled and grateful to our hosts in Kijabe. Dr. Lively brought **67 donated hearing devices** and trained their audiology technician on hearing aid programming, real ear measurement best practices, and patient educational materials. It was especially meaningful to fit a three-month-old baby with bilateral atresia with a soft band ponto device. Sarah and Jonathan (audio technician) were able to fit 16 devices throughout the week.

We hope to establish roots with the amazing doctors in Kijabe for more hearing missions in the future. Cheers and ears to the Jefferson Balance and Hearing Center SqAuD for touching lives with essential hearing healthcare across the globe!



Mission Trip to Kenya Cont.



Mobile Cancer Screening Van

On December 4, 2021, **Zach Urdang, MD, PhD** led a team who performed free head and neck cancer screenings at Laundry Cafe on North Broad in the Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center Mobile Cancer Screening Van. Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with the screening event. This is an example of the community service we provide at our department!

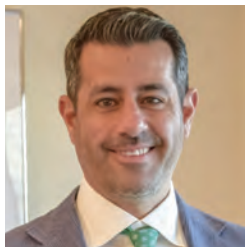


Residency Applicants Update

'Tis the season – interview season, that is. This year, we had 541 applicants for our five residency positions! The applicants show us that we have a lot to be excited about for the future of our residency and the field of Otolaryngology. One artistic resident applicant sent in this great Thank You drawing. Thank you to Drs. Boon, Cottrill, Huntley, Cognetti, Parkes, Rabinowitz, Goldman, and Chiffer for interviewing our future residents and thank you to Karen Keane for her outstanding job coordinating!



Jefferson Otolaryngology Alumni News



Brian Nicholas, MD (R '11) has been inducted into the **American Otological Society**. Dr. Nicholas is currently Associate Professor of Otolaryngology and Communication Science at the Upstate University Hospital in Syracuse, NY.



We are sad to announce that **Marc Feldman, MD (R '87)** passed away in January, 2022 after a battle with pancreatic cancer. Dr. Feldman was a former resident of our program and went on to become the Division Director of Plastic Surgery at Shore Medical Center and Atlanticare Regional Medical Center. [View his Obituary here.](#)

Jefferson Oto Alumni, we want to hear from you! [Click to Submit](#)

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Letter from the Chair

David M. Cognetti, MD
 Professor and Chair
 Department of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery
 Thomas Jefferson University

It has been an incredible first year as Chair of the Department of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery. While the COVID-19 pandemic introduced unexpected challenges, it also highlighted the great strengths of our department. I watched in amazement as our faculty, residents, and staff doubled down on their commitment to their patients and each other and excelled while doing so.

inherited. It is also a testament to all who work in our department and are dedicated to the highest quality patient care by driving health care advancement and equity through collaboration, education, and innovation as promoted by our mission statement. Simply stated, we have outstanding people who do outstanding things. Last year, I introduced a weekly newsletter called *Otoscope* to internally highlight all the great things that happen in our department every day. I am excited to now introduce *Otoscope Quarterly*, a publication created to externally share highlights of the Department with our friends and colleagues. This inaugural issue appropriately focuses on our people and their accomplishments. Below, you will see our recent graduates and our incoming trainees. Alumni of our residency should be excited to learn that our training programs continue to excel. In the past decade, we have added clinical fellowships and research fellowships, and our applications have soared as our academic achievements have grown to parallel our clinical expertise. In 2020, our department produced the highest number of peer-reviewed publications for a single year in its entire history. Our graduates are marching into top fellowship programs and obtaining

The *Otoscope Quarterly* is just one of many planned steps to reconnect with our alumni. Earlier this year, we hosted an alumni Zoom event, and we were thrilled to see the enthusiasm of over 50 of our alumni in attendance. We have had many alumni virtually join us to speak at our invited Lecture series, webinar series, and resident education sessions and we appreciate their sharing of their knowledge. We hope to see more at our upcoming events, which are highlighted on page 4 and we greatly look forward to when we can welcome alumni back to campus. I am excited for our future given the quality of our people and the steep upward trajectory of our academic and clinical growth. I look forward to sharing more highlights of our department in future issues. In the meantime, please be in touch!

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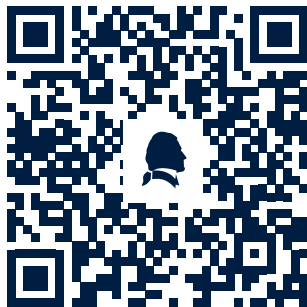


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