Dear Colleagues,

This issue introduces a new feature in our newsletter highlighting the Department’s charitable missions. Several of our faculty members, fellows, residents and staff regularly take time away – not only from their busy clinical practices and teaching responsibilities but also from their families – to perform medical mission work. We are reminded of how fortunate we are in this country to have access to high quality medical care. Our highly trained surgeons and health care staff not only give back to their surrounding community but also to those in need around the world.

This year, we have visited or will visit Belize, Guatemala, Kenya, the Philippines and Haiti. We are very proud to make a difference in the lives of those at home and abroad.

I invite our alumni to share their charitable missions with us so that we can feature their efforts in future editions of our newsletter.

On behalf of our Otolaryngology family, I wish you a happy and healthy holiday season.

Sincerely, William M. Keane, MD

St. Luke Foundation for Haiti Mission

As part of the St. Luke Foundation for Haiti Mission, Drs. Baker and Curry travelled to Port-au-Prince to perform three cases in three days this past Spring. The three patients all had tumors of their jaw bones and were in need of reconstructive surgery - mandibulectomy with fibula free flap reconstruction with microvascular anastomosis.

The three patients are pictured with surgeons Adam Baker, MD (PGY5) and Joseph Curry, MD, Associate Professor and nurse Jen Holzworth.

Congratulations to patient and friend of Jefferson Otolaryngology – David Caldarella on winning the “Hero of Hope” Award sponsored by Takeda Oncology and Presented by the Academy of Oncology Nurse and Patient Navigators and Conquer Magazine. David, pictured above (left) with Drs. Melissa and David Cognetti, was recognized and appreciated by his peers for outstanding contributions to his community, serving as a role model to patients/survivors and exuding extraordinary spirit, grace and optimism in the face of adversity. Congratulations Mr. Caldarella on a well-deserved honor! More information regarding Mr. Caldarella’s foundation, David’s Dream & Believe Cancer Foundation, can be found by visiting davidsdreamandbelieve.org.

Jefferson has been once again listed among tops in the nation for Ear, Nose and Throat Care
Distinguished Service Award
Dr. Edmund Pribitkin, MD
Dr. Edmund Pribitkin, MD was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award at the American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery Meeting, September, 2015 – Dallas, Texas.

One-Year Term as President of the AOA
Danielle DeMaio-DeAngelis, MHA, COPM
Danielle DeMaio-DeAngelis, MHA, COPM – recently completed her one-year term as President of the Association of Otolaryngology Administrators. Danielle has served in leadership positions with the AOA for the past eight years, having served as the Chair of the Education Committee and COPM Advisory Board and president-elect prior to her presidency. Danielle was recognized for her service at the AOA’s recent meeting in Ft. Worth, Texas.

Merck Clinical Scholar Award
Michael Hall, MD (PGY-4), Gurston Nyquist, MD and Marc Rosen, MD
Michael Hall, MD (PGY-4), Gurston Nyquist, MD and Marc Rosen, MD were awarded the Merck Clinical Scholar Award at Annual Scientific Meeting held in Dallas, TX, September 25-27, 2015 for the presentation titled “Endoscopic Sinus Surgery: What to do with an Unexpected Pathology Result.”

Certification as Clinical Research Coordinator
Elizabeth Duddy, RN, BSN
Elizabeth Duddy, RN, BSN, Clinical Research Nurse in the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery successfully passed the exam on September 28, 2015 to earn her Certification as Clinical Research Coordinator.

Alumni Spotlight
Jefferson Otolaryngology alumna Lisa Grunebaum, MD
Lisa D. Grunebaum, MD is an Associate Professor of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and Dermatology at the University of Miami, and was recently named co-director of its facial plastic surgery division. She is one of only a handful of female facial plastic surgeons in the US to reach this level of academic advancement. An internationally recognized expert in minimally invasive approaches to beauty and aging and a frequent invited lecturer on these topics, Dr. Grunebaum also specializes in rhinoplasty (functional and cosmetic), facelifts and skin cancer reconstruction. Dr. Grunebaum earned her baccalaureate degree in French literature and Civilization with a focus in French Art History from Haverford College and the Sorbonne, Paris, France. She graduated magna cum laude from Jefferson Medical College where she was a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. Following medical school, Dr. Grunebaum completed residency training in Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and a fellowship in Facial Plastic Surgery at the University of Miami. Dr. Grunebaum is double board certified in Otolaryngology and Facial Plastic Surgery.

Jefferson Medical College Faculty Awards

Research Update

• Congratulations to Adam Luginbuhl, MD
Dr. Luginbuhl was recently awarded an 18 month long, $300K Department of Defense grant - "Treating Radiation-Induced Skin Injury and Fibrosis Using Small Molecule Thiol-Modifying Agents" beginning September 30, 2015.

• New Clinical Trials
Drs. Marc Rosen and Gurston Nyquist are participating in a clinical trial with IntersectENT evaluating the safety and effectiveness of a steroid releasing sinus implant in patients with chronic sinusitis - "The RESOLVE II Study: A Clinical Evaluation of the Safety and Efficacy of the Steroid-Releasing S8 Sinus Implant in Chronic Sinusitis Patients with Recurrent Sinus Obstruction."

Dr. Maurits Boon is participating, in conjunction with Sleep Medicine, in a clinical trial with Inspire Medical Systems, Inc to collect long-term safety, training performance, and efficacy data in a post market setting on the Inspire Upper Airway System.
Welcome current class of Otolaryngology Residents:

Drs. Marc Rosen and Gurston Nyquist have been active regionally and nationally promoting the exciting achievements here at Jefferson’s Minimally Invasive Cranial Base Surgery and Endoscopic Neurosurgery Center. The cranial base team recently published a special edition to the JHN Journal that highlights the collaboration between the Departments of Neurosurgery and Otolaryngology. This sampling of clinical research demonstrates why the team has become leaders in treating pituitary tumors and advanced lesions of the cranial base. The team will be hosting the 5th Annual Advanced Open and Endoscopic Cranial Base Dissection Course for residents at the Stryker Facility in Mahwah, NJ and the 4th Annual TJU-SNU Endoscopic Skull Base and Pituitary Symposium April 8-10, 2016 at Jefferson with our colleagues from South Korea. Drs. Rosen and Evans currently serve on the Executive Planning Committee for the 7th World Congress for Skull Base Surgery in Chicago May 15-18, 2016.

At a skull base meeting this fall – pictured are faculty and former fellows of the Minimally Invasive Cranial Base Surgery and Endoscopic Neurosurgery Center here at Jefferson. In the photo, the attendings from both departments are pictured with current and some past fellows from the programs.

Incoming Class

2015-16 Otolaryngology Fellows:

Minimally Invasive Cranial Base Surgery and Endoscopic Neurosurgery Center
The Clerf Lecture was established in 1979 and is held annually in honor of the late Louis H. Clerf, MD, Emeritus Professor of Laryngology and Bronchoesophagology (JMC 1930-1954). This year’s Clerf Lecturer was Daniel W. Nuss, MD, the George D. Lyons Professor and Chairman, Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Louisiana State University in New Orleans, Louisiana, on the topic “Disaster Preparedness for Physicians, Healthcare Providers and Educators: Reflections of the Hurricane Katrina Experience Ten Years Later.”

Left to right: James Evans, MD (TJU Neurosurgery), Daniel W. Nuss, MD, Marc Rosen, MD and Gurston Nyquist, MD (TJU Otolaryngology)

Oto residents in attendance at the Pennsylvania Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery meeting in Hershey, PA, June 19-20, 2015. Pictured, left to right: Lucas Bryant, MD (PGY4), Adam Vasconcellos, MD (PGY2), Akshay Sanan, MD (PGY3), Kiley Trott, MD (PGY3), Colin Huntley, MD (PGY5), Nadia Mostovych, MD (PGY 4) and Jill D’Souza, MD (PGY 5).

Jefferson Otolaryngology’s poster won an institutional contest for completed safety project.

Pictured left is Natalie Vercillo, MD (PGY 5), lead author on the poster.

Congrats team!
2015 AHNS Annual Meeting

Jefferson’s Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery proudly presented research at the 2015 American Head and Neck Society Annual Meeting in Boston. Pictured is Sudeep Roy, MD, PGY4 (resident), representing the research project “Novel Therapeutic Approach Using Triterpenoid Rta 408 to Prevent Radiation-Associated Tissue Injury and Fibrosis in Rodent Model.” Other authors of the research include Juliana Rodin (SKMC student), Kealan Hobelmann (SKMC student), Giuseppe Staltari (SKMC student), Joseph Curry, MD, David Cognetti, MD, Adam Luginbuhl, MD, and Ulrich Rodeck, MD, PhD (Dermatology).

Women in Otolaryngology - Jefferson Chapter Formed

Right is a picture of the residents and faculty member who gathered for the inaugural meeting on September 9, 2015.

Pictured left to right: Drs. Erin Reilly (PGY1), Lauren Galinat (PGY1), Meghan Crawley (PGY2), Candace Mitchell (PGY3), Heather Nardone (Assistant Professor, Al Dupont), Nadia Mostovych (PGY4), Jill D’Souza (PGY5) and Natalie Vercillo (PGY5) Not pictured, but present at the event was Lindsay Goodstein (PGY4)

Jefferson ENT Specialty Network

Designed to create and build strategic relationships with community Ear, Nose and Throat practices in Southeastern Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey, our mutually beneficial partnership delivers quality patient care while ensuring the utmost in patient satisfaction. By collaborating to develop and implement care guides and clinical protocols, patients are provided with seamless access to tertiary and quaternary care for complex treatment care and clinical trials.

Current Jefferson ENT Network

**Boran and Puzzi Ear Nose and Throat**

Thomas V. Boran, Sr., MD
Joseph V. Puzzi, MD
Pottsville, PA

**Brad Millman, MD**

Bensalem, PA

**David Goldfarb, MD**

Princeton, NJ

**ENT Allergy Specialist**

Brian Broker, MD
Laurence Cramer, DO
Paul Swanson, MD
Carol Actor, MD
Stephen Tai, MD
Bryn Mawr, PA

**Morrow-Syed ENT Associates**

William J. Morrow, DO
Zubair Syed, DO
Somers Point, NJ

**Ocean Otolaryngology Associates**

Bruce Peters, MD
Stephen Kupferberg, MD
Christine Gillespie, MD
Toms River, NJ

**Philadelphia ENT Surgical Associates**

Lee Rowe, MD
Philadelphia, PA

**Princeton Eye and Ear**

Chetan Shah, MD
Rakesh Patel, MD
Samir Undavia, MD
Dean Drezner, MD
Gregory Smith, MD
Aileen Lee, MD
Freehold, NJ
Plainsboro, NJ
Lawrenceville, NJ

**South Jersey ENT Surgical Associates**

Clodualdo S. Orquiza III, MD
Vytas E. Siliunas, DO
Priya J. Wagle, MD
Linwood, NJ
Department of Otolaryngology
Head and Neck Surgery Faculty

Advanced Head and Neck Oncologic Surgery
William M. Keane, MD
David M. Cognetti, MD
Joseph M. Curry, MD
Adam J Luginbuhl, MD
Tara DiFabio, CRNP, CORLN

Rhinology and Sinus Disorders
Marc R. Rosen, MD
Edmund A. Pribitkin, MD
David Rosen, MD
Gurston G. Nyquist, MD

Sinus and Skull Base Surgery
Marc R. Rosen, MD
Thomas O. Willcox, MD
Stanley Pelosi, MD
Gurston G. Nyquist, MD
Jennifer Carey, CRNP, CORLN

Sleep Apnea and Snoring Surgery
Maurits S. Boon, MD

Thyroid and Parathyroid Surgery
Edmund A. Pribitkin, MD
David Rosen, MD
David M. Cognetti, MD
Joseph M. Curry, MD
Adam J. Luginbuhl, MD

Voice and Swallowing Disorders
Joseph R. Spiegel, MD
Maurits S. Boon, MD
Rosemary Ostrowski, MM, MS, CCC-SLP
Adeline Schultz, MeD, CCC-SLP
Nora Whittaker Jones, CCC-SLP

Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
Edmund A. Pribitkin, MD
Ryan N. Heffelfinger, MD
Howard D. Krein, MD, PhD
Shannon Brady, CRNP, CORLN

Microvascular Surgery
Ryan N. Heffelfinger, MD
Howard D. Krein, MD, PhD
Joseph M. Curry, MD
Adam J. Luginbuhl, MD

Pediatric and General Otolaryngology
Maurits S. Boon, MD
David Rosen, MD
Kyle Fisher, MD
Brian McGettigan, MD

Rhinology and Sinus Disorders
Maurits S. Boon, MD

Thyroid and Parathyroid Surgery
Maurits S. Boon, MD

Voice and Swallowing Disorders
Maurits S. Boon, MD

Upcoming Events

4th Annual Thomas Jefferson University-Seoul National University Endoscopic Skull Base and Pituitary Surgery Symposium
Friday-Sunday, April 8-10, 2016
Dorrance H. Hamilton Building 1001 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107