

# 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Otolaryngology Literature Update

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Paul R. Lambert, M.D. grew up in Charleston, West Virginia. He graduated from Duke University summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa. He then attended Duke University Medical School, graduating in 1976. His otolaryngology - head and neck surgery training was completed at UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles. This was followed by a fellowship in otology-neurotology at the House Ear Institute in Los Angeles.

Dr. Lambert began his professional career at the University of Virginia in 1982 and was on faculty there until 1999. He was director of otology-neurotology and became a professor and vice-chairman of the department. In 1999, he moved to Charleston as the professor and chair of the Department of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery at the Medical University of South Carolina, a position he held for 22 years. He now continues on faculty as Distinguished University Professor.

Dr. Lambert has been involved in hearing-related research all throughout his career. In 1987, he published the seminal discovery that inner ear hearing hair cells could regenerate in birds. His subsequent work in this area was widely published in prestigious journals including Science. In 1994, he was awarded otolaryngology's highest award for basic science research, the Edmund Prince Fowler Award for work in this field. He is a recipient of NIH support. Nationally, Dr. Lambert is well recognized within the broad specialty of otolaryngology and especially within the subspecialty area of Otology-Neurotology. He has, for example, served on the board of directors, and then vice president, for the American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery, and as a Director for the American Board of Otolaryngology, which is the certifying body for the specialty. He is past president of that organization, as well as for the American Neurotology Society and the American Otological Society. Dr. Lambert has authored over 170 publications and book chapters, and several textbooks related to ear diseases and ear surgery and has been listed in both the Best Doctors in America and America's Top Doctors continuously since 2001.