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It has been a whirlwind first nine months! We have reimagined and rebuilt the head and neck oncology division lead by Jason Newman, M.D. FACS, the Wendy and Keith Wellin Endowed Chair in Head and Neck Surgery who joined us this past March as did Greer Albergotti, M.D. (H&N fellowship MUSC 2019). Byung Joo Lee, DDS (maxillofacial prosthodontics fellowship MD Anderson 2016) joined the division June 1. And, Alex Keiner, M.D., (H&N fellowship Penn 2015) joined us in September. While people are the most important part of any organization including ours, we are also pleased that the long-awaited renovation of the multi-disciplinary H&N oncology clinic on the 10th floor of Rutledge Tower is underway doubling patient flow capacity and adding stateof-the art equipment generously funded by the Wendy and Keith Wellin Fund.

We are also growing in other areas including facial plastics with **Michelle Hwang**, **M.D.** (facial plastics fellowship Thomas Jefferson U 2022) and sleep surgery with **Mohamed Abdelwahab**, **M.D.**, **Ph.D.** (sleep fellowship Stanford U 2021) joining us early this Fall. We have added five audiologists to support the incredible growth of our cochlear implant program and to expand our very successful vestibular clinic. To further complement care, we have recruited numerous advanced practice care providers, nurse navigators, surgical schedulers, and others with

ON THE MOVE!

many more to go. Again, while the individuals are the most important part, we have renovated our administrative space providing updated areas for our trainees and hybrid offices for faculty and staff accommodating new work schedules.

As promised in my inaugural Chair's Corner, the bulk of this issue focuses on the legacy of **Paul Lambert, M.D.** who took the program to national prominence starting with just four faculty members in 2000. Included in this issue of **the SCOPE** are brief bios and well wishes from all 61 residents he trained. His portrait was presented during our 2022 residency graduation on June 25th and now graces the wall outside our conference room. Paul continues to see patients and share pearls and wisdom with trainees, faculty, and a new chairperson!

If you are planning a trip to the peninsula, please let me know. If I'm in town, I'll be happy to show you around! labadie@musc.edu

Sincerely,

Robert F. Labadie, M.D., Ph.D., FACS Professor and Chair Otolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery Holder of the Paul R. Lambert, M.D. Endowed Chair in O-HNS

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ROBERT LABADIE, M.D., PH.D



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We have reimagined and rebuilt the Head and Neck Oncology and the Maxillofacial Prosthodontics divisions.

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Jason G. Newman, M.D., FACS Professor & Director Head & Neck Oncology Wendy and Keith Wellin Endowed Chair in Head and Neck Surgery Chief, Hollings Cancer Network



W. Greer Albergotti, M.D. Assistant Professor Head & Neck Oncology











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Alexandra E. Kejner, M.D., FACS Associate Professor Head & Neck Oncology

2022 ENT Interns



Stephanie M. Horton, M.D. was born in Brazil and raised in Knoxville, Tennessee. She graduated summa cum laude from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville with a degree in music (concentration in violin performance). She then went on to

attend medical school in Memphis, TN, at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. In her free time, Stephanie loves to play music, spend quality time with friends, and enjoy the great outdoors!



Lauren A. Howser, M.D. was raised in Scottsburg, IN and graduated from Indiana University's Kelley School of Business Honors Program summa cum laude with a degree in Supply Chain Management and minor in Chemistry. She attended medical school at Indiana University, earning a concentration in Business of Medicine, and was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society. She enjoys tennis, pickleball, card games, traveling, and is excited to now live by the water.

2022 ENT Fellows





Head & Neck Oncologic and Reconstructive Surgery M.D. & Residency: University of Maryland

Special Interest: HN Oncology, microvascular reconstruction

Nikita Chapurin, M.D., MHSci

Rhinology and Endoscopic Sinus/ Skull Base Surgery M.D.: Duke University Residency: Vanderbilt University Medical School Special Interest: Rhinology and Anterior Skullbase Surgery, outcomes research

Ryan V. Puccia, M.D.

Mohs reconstruction



Facial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery M.D.: Indiana University School of Medicine **Residency:** Medical College of Wisconsin Special Interest: Facial reanimation, Craniofacial, Rhinoplasty,



Nicole Kloosterman, M.D. was raised

in Boca Raton, FL and graduated from the University of Miami with maiors in Neuroscience and Public Health and minors in Chemistry and Sociology. Prior to medical school, she spent some time completing an

environmental health research fellowship in Spain. She earned her M.D. from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. Nicole loves playing volleyball, cooking with friends, learning new board games, and going on hikes.



Shreni N. Shah, M.D. is from Merritt Island, FL. She graduated from Yale University with a Bachelor's degree in Molecular, Cellular, & Developmental Biology. She attended medical school at the University of South Florida Morsani College of

Medicine in Tampa, FL. In her free time, Shreni enjoys dancing, watching Bollywood movies, traveling, and going to the beach.



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Haley C. Sibley, M.D. Laryngology

M.D.: Louisiana State University New Orleans **Residency:** Henry Ford Health System, Detroit, MI Special Interest: Airway, dysphagia, early stage laryngeal cancer, transgender voice care

Adam Snoap, M.D.

Pediatric Otolaryngology M.D.: Indiana University School of Medicine **Residency:** University of Florida Special Interest: Pediatric Otolaryngology

Joshua J. Sturm. M.D., Ph.D.

Neurotology M.D.: University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine **Residency:** New York Presbyterian Hospital-Columbia and Cornell Special Interest: Neurotology







DR. JASON NEWMAN

brings passion, expertise, and big ideas to his new role leading head and neck oncology at Hollings.



NEW VISION

Dr. Jason Newman's primary goals are to push Hollings to the cutting edge of head and neck cancer care and make innovative treatments more accessible to patients across the state.

What's apparent after spending a short amount of time with Jason G. Newman, M.D., FACS is his passion and laser focus.

"If you think about the things in your own life that bring you joy and excitement, it's often related to this part of the body," Newman said, gesturing to his face. "If you've had a cancer in this area, it's very hard to even interact with people without them noticing. It's how we socialize and make connections. It can affect something as simple as eating and speaking. The head and neck cancers that we treat affect all of those things, which to me are some of the things that give life meaning and joy."

It's what keeps Newman up at night, figuring out better ways to raise the bar in treating these patients. It's why he joined MUSC in March, taking on two critical roles. One involves leading the strategic growth of cancer programs across the state for MUSC Hollings Cancer Center, and the other is growing an already top-notch team of specialists as director of the Division of Head and Neck Oncology in the Department of Otolaryngology. The goal is to set the next standard of care for these patients and to make quality cancer care more accessible across the state, he said.

Newman brings an impressive pedigree to both roles. He completed residencies in Otolaryngology at Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital; New York Presbyterian Hospital, affiliated with Columbia and Cornell universities; and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, all located in Manhattan. Newman



Newman (right) is a surgeon with expertise in multiple areas and has a special interest in minimally invasive approaches.

then went on to serve as director of the cancer Newman said MUSC's head and neck division always service line at Pennsylvania Hospital, director of has had an impressive reputation. "It has a great Head and Neck Surgery, co-director of the Cranial faculty, great training, great research, and literally, it Base Center and director of the Head and Neck has been a place that's been on my list of places that Fellowship Program at the University of Pennsylvania if I ever left Penn, I would want to move to. I want to Perelman School of Medicine. see the next generation of what can happen here. It has a strong foundation and history of academic success, and I think the combination of that and the When the positions at MUSC and Hollings opened up, Newman said he couldn't resist the opportunity to lead the head and neck division as well as play an influential role in the expansion of cancer care across heights." the state for Hollings, which is South Carolina's only

new chair, Dr. Rob Labadie, whom I really like, will grow the head and neck program to tremendous **NEW TREATMENT PARADIGMS** National Cancer Institute-designated cancer center and one of only 71 in the nation. Hollings offers the Newman often likes to wear a pin with the slogan resources, research base and clinical trial base to "research cures cancer." support innovative advances, he said.

"We may be doing everything that's delivering the perfect standard of care right now, but if we're still "We bring cutting-edge medicine to patients who need it, and these are often patients who not curing 100% of cancer, we have work to do, right? find themselves in very complicated situations I think one of the roles of an NCI-designated cancer - previously treated cancers, cancers that have center and its physicians and other care providers is undergone multiple attempts of cure. We want to not just to provide the best care currently available see these complicated patients because we often but also to start exploring what the next level of that have the best tools to help them," he said, adding care will be," he said. that another goal is to catch these cancers early so that patients have the highest chances of getting Continued on next page the best outcomes.

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NEW VISION CONT'D

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One of the first items on his leadership agenda is to align studies clinically to develop treatment protocols that will most favorably affect the quality of life for patients. Newman will be part of that effort, as he also is actively involved in research focused on head and neck cancer clinical trials, including injectable cytokines for head and neck cancer and survivorship studies to improve the quality of life for these patients.

Board certified in otorhinolaryngology, Newman's areas of expertise include head and neck cancer surgery, robotic surgery, anterior cranial base surgery and thyroid surgery, with a special interest in minimally invasive approaches. He also specializes in fluorescent guided surgery. "These fluorescent surgeries that we do are really amazing. I mean, literally, the tumor glows, making it pretty easy to see and easier to achieve a higher rate of negative margins of cancer," he said.

"The goal is to do medicine in a novel way, with a new perspective, with Hollings pushing the cutting edge of what's happening in head and neck cancer medicine. What also is a driving force behind a place like Hollings and MUSC is educating the people who will then go out and deliver that care to patients locally, regionally and nationally."

That education should involve community providers as well. "We envision the creation of a more robust statewide network to help manage these patients. We want people to feel there's a single team of people caring for them."

Most of the care can be delivered by the regional team, while the most complex care can be handled by the specialized head and neck team in Charleston. Together, the whole team can then take full advantage of resources to serve the patient most effectively. Bringing access to multidisciplinary teams, reviews by tumor boards and a review of

clinical trials that would benefit a patient are all part of creating a care network to manage these patients, he said. Then other services could be handled through this network of care centers.

"That means offering medical support in local communities and providing educational outreach to health professionals who may not be seeing some of these cancers as regularly as we are," he said. "And I think when you start to set up networks that allow for the delivery of care in that way, across the state, you will just generally elevate the level of excellence that can be delivered."

The plan is to disseminate the latest in oncology care to this network of health professionals so that together they can coordinate to meet the needs of these cancer survivors more fully, particularly head and neck patients.

A case in point is the rapid rise of human papillomavirus or HPV-related cancers, in which oropharyngeal cancer (OPC) now has surpassed cervical cancer. HPV, a DNA virus, preferentially infects the lymphoid tissues of the oropharynx, including the tonsils in the back of the throat and the tonsils in the base of the tongue. The Southeast has been considered the focal point of this growing epidemic, where the incidence of HPV-OPC has risen by more than 200% over the past several decades.

"If you look at the curve of how many patients are getting HPV-related cancers in their throat, it has now passed cervical cancer as the most common cancer caused by that virus. It's still not very well known that the most common cancer caused by HPV is now throat cancer, base of tongue and tonsil cancer."

NEW CARE PARADIGMS

Newman knows that there are side effects of cancer treatments that sometimes don't even show up until much later.



are equally capable of managing their cancer, then "The best success is not just curing the cancer, but also taking care of the whole patient in the meantime, we are not doing the best job that we can for these and that's an ongoing effort. We see side effects of patients. our cancer treatments that sometimes don't even show up until two or three years after we've treated "It's a challenging time in managing what patients them. So, it's not, 'your treatment is over, and good are going through when they're experiencing their luck, we'll never see you again' because we already cancer journey. It's mission critical to understand know that two to four years out possible other side that we are not just treating cancer - that once effects of cancer treatments could mean cardiac they're patched up, everything is good. You have problems or hypothyroidism, dry mouth, dental to appreciate that there are long- term side effects problems or psychological concerns of recurrence." of this."

Newman and other Hollings researchers will be Newman knows these are ambitious goals, and it's expanding survivorship services surrounding these why they've added more than 10 team members. patients, particularly head and neck patients. "We "It's so amazing how fast this team is growing, and it are starting to realize that that is a critical part of doesn't just include surgeons. It's advanced practice the equation. We need to help them manage the practitioners, the speech and language pathologists, downstream side effects of all of what the cancer nurse navigators, the nutritionists. It's heartwarming has done to them. One of the greatest successes is to see all the different people being drawn to join this when patients find themselves getting back to most team. The hires we're making are very deliberate to make sure we create a level of excellence in all the of what they were doing before we met them. To me, that's the best success." subspecialties that serve these patients."

Initially drawn to the field of head and neck oncology because of the complexity of anatomy and physiology of the cases, Newman said it's the patients who keep him motivated to make a difference. "These patients are so appreciative, and they are ones who need the help the most because they have a lot to lose when things go wrong. These cancers can cause a lot of problems. When I walk into a room and hear the words 'Dr. Newman, you saved my life,' it's an honor and humbling to be able to help these patients in that way. That's what drives me to continue to do this."

Hollings serves the entire state, so an important piece of expanding access to care both during and after treatment is to create regional centers of excellence throughout the state so that patients can get the best care that they need close to home, if possible, where they have important support systems. "We know as an institution that we need to support the physicians and the programs that are trying to deliver that." These networks also will make it easier to expand survivorship services. "I may do a great surgery on a patient in Charleston, but if I can't get them back into their community to meet with a speech and language pathologist or a radiation oncologist who



MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM

With a wide range of expertise our team is continually searching for new, better ways to meet the needs of our patitents.

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Paul R. Lambert, M.D.

Was awarded the **MUSC Foundation Distinguished Faculty Service Award** on August 16, 2022 for his impressive accomplishments and outstanding lead ership and mentorship.

This annual award was enacted by MUSC's Board of Trustees to recognize and honor faculty members who, over a substantial portion of their careers, have provided exceptional and sustained service to MUSC and the citizens of South Carolina.

Above: Dr. Labadie recognizes Dr. Lambert's excellent work as the Department's "point guard" for the last 22 years. The alumnus and avid basketball fan receives a gift signed by Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski.



Teddy McRackan, M.D., MSCR

Captured the Harris P. Mosher Award in Clinical Research at the 2022 Trilogical Society Annual Combined Sections Meeting for his develop ment and implementation of the Cochlear Implant Quality of Life (CIQOL) Functional Staging System.

This honor was created to perpetuate the ideals of the great teacher for whom it was named and to bestow upon a worthy recipient the responsibility of furthering the highest standards of perfection in the study, teaching and practice of Otolar yngology.



David R. White, M.D **Clarice S. Clemmens, M.D.** William W. Carroll, M.D.

In the Fall of 2021, the American Board of Otolaryngology offered board certification in **Complex Pediatric Otolaryngology** for the first time. A Complex Pediatric Otolaryngologist (CPO) is an Otolaryngologist Head and Neck Surgeon who has special exper tise in caring for infants and children with either complex otolaryngologic pathology or morbidities. There are two pathways to certification, both requiring multiple years in practice, participation in multi disciplinary care, and case logs indicative of a complex pediatric prac tice. We are thrilled to announce that all of our pediatric otolaryngology faculty who were currently eligible for certifica tion were successfully certified.

PROMOTIONS

Ashli K. O'Rourke, M.D.

Professor Director of Laryngology



Kelly C. Harris, Ph.D.

Professor Hearing Research Program



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DR. WHITE



DR. CLEMMENS





DR. O'ROURKI



DR. HARRIS



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UPCOMING CONFERENCES

See the list of MUSC ENT continuing education courses on page 32





CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION



The Charleston Vestibular Conference: 2021 Update

This one-and-a-half-day conference was held on November 5 & 6, 2021 on the MUSC Campus and live streamed, directed by Habib G. Rizk, M.D., MSc. Our keynote speaker was Joshua A. Huppert, AuD, ABAC Team Lead, Vestibular Program, Department of Otolaryngology Children's Hearing Program, University of Miami Ear Institute. Guest speaker was Michael Teixido, M.D., from the Thomas Jefferson University of Pennsylvania, and the Delaware Otologic Medicine and Surgery Fellowship, Wilmington, DE. Over 103 doctors, audiologists, physical therapists, NPs, PAs, and RNs representing 24 states, and Ontario and Pueto Rico came for the lectures and hands-on labs covering many key topics regarding the evaluation and management of patients with vestibular disorders. Hope you'll join us at the 2023 Update!



The Charleston Pharyngoesophageal Manometry Training Program

The 2022 course was held on April 8 & 9, both in person and virtual. Directed by **Ashli K. O'Rourke, M.D.**, this interactive course for physicians and speech pathologists covered pharyngoesophageal high-resolution manometry (HRM) with a focus on clinical application of HRM in the evaluation and treatment of patients with pharyngeal dysphagia. Utilization of both pharyngeal and esophageal examinations were covered. We had 43 participants from 16 states, as well as Ireland, Great Britain, and Spain. We hope to see you next time in 2023.



The Southern States Rhinology Course

This course was held May 12 - 14, 2022 at the Kiawah Island Golf Resort. We had 61 attendees from all over the US. In addition to our regular faculty of John DelGaudio, M.D. (Emory), Stil Kountakis, M.D. (Augusta University), Rod Schlosser, M.D. (MUSC), Brent Senior, M.D. (UNC) and Mike Sillers, M.D. (Alabama Sinus and Nasal Institute), our guests of honor included David Kennedy, M.D. (Penn), and Elina Toskala, M.D., Ph.D. (Jefferson). We look forward to another great meeting at beautiful Kiawah Island in April 2023.

DEVELOPMENT



MEET CATHERINE

MUSC's College of Medicine welcomed back Catherine Joy Hanhauser as our new Director of Development for the Depart ment of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery. Catherine had previously served as the Director of Development for the Storm Eye Institute where she also resumed her leadership role along with the Department of Dermatology.

Catherine has over 25 years of fundraising experience in higher education at The Penn sylvania State University and the University of Maryland where she served as Director of Development for University Libraries and as Associate Dean for Development at the College of Information Sciences and Tech nology.

Please join us in welcoming Catherine to the Department of Otolaryngology.

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If you would like to be a part of our lifesaving mission to help find a cure for diseases and help advance education and cuttingedge research at MUSC, the Development Office is ready to help guide you through the process.









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Charleston, SC

Eugene Brown, III, M.D.

I am in private practice in Charleston, SC. I was a senior resident Dr. Lambert's first year at MUSC and the timing of those events created a special bond between us. Even though I only had one year with Dr. Lambert it was impactful in terms of inspiring me to be both a good doctor and a good person. Practicing within the same city for 20 years, I have had the opportunity to interact with Dr. Lambert many times and in several different capacities. Further, I have had the opportunity on a national level to interact with many of Dr. Lambert's peers who unequivocally reflect upon him being a solid leader and a champion of this specialty. I congratulate you on an exceptional career and thank you for your many contributions. Good luck in the retirement basketball league!



Greenville ENT

Greenville, SC

Robert O. Brown, M.D.

In June of 2000, Gene Brown and I were the first group of residents to graduate under the leadership of Dr. Paul Lambert. We all had darker hair then, including Paul, and no doubt we were the ones who started his graying! Even then, I knew that MUSC had a special leader, and over the years that has been affirmed over and over again as the department has grown and matured into a nationally respected program. I personally respect Paul and his leadership - always a gentleman - and I appreciate how he was so kind to quickly transition from mentor and boss to friend and colleague. Lynn and I moved to Greenville, where I have been a part of Greenville ENT Associates ever since. I am privileged to practice with an amazing group including multiple MUSC student and resident alums. I went on to get additional training in microvascular reconstruction and facial plastics after several years, so my practice today is solely head and neck surgery, facial





reconstruction, microvascular reconstruction, and trauma. I also serve in the Army Reserve. We have three now-adult sons who were born during and right after our Charleston days, and we have been blessed with an amazing family life. Paul also encouraged me to develop as a leader, and his jump from Virginia to MUSC was an example to me of being willing to believe and take chances. I know that Paul influenced me to be confident, principled, and thoughtful; but also that there are times to just roll up your sleeves and dig into hard work. My entire family was blessed when Paul came to MUSC in 1999, and we have continued to reap the benefits of knowing him. Thank you, Paul and Debbie, for showing us the way and for being our friends. We wish you great happiness and peace and different hills to climb in your new phase.



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Hot Springs, A



Jeffrey J. Miller, M.D.

I attended MUSC from 1996-2001. When I applied and was accepted into the ENT residency at MUSC, Dr. Adkins was the chairman, and the department had a total of six attendings. Our department went through some tumultuous times and dwindled down to three attendings. Dr. Lambert became chairman in 1999 and began the transformation of the program. Typical of change, there were some growing pains, but the program trajectory under Dr. Lambert's leadership climbed. He is to be commended for his positive accomplishments related to the growth and reputation of the program. Personally, the residency experience was very transformative in all aspects of my life. Millions of small lessons that combined to cohesive, broad avenues directing me towards being an ENT physician and better person. Dr. Lambert bears the responsibility of the lion's share of that transformation. Specifically, I learned how to move the microscope just a skosh with the headbutt technique. I learned that by pursuing perfection, we obtain excellence. I learned you can always learn more. I learned perseverance. I learned that when you know something completely, you can explain it in easily understood terms. I learned that I'm a better ear surgeon when Dr. Lambert is holding and directing the ear speculum. I am currently practicing general otolaryngology as an employed physician for CHI St. Vincent ENT Clinic Hot Springs, Arkansas. I have been here for eight years. I love what I do and want to continue as long as I am capable.





Calhoun D. Cunningham, III, M.D.

Following residency, I completed a fellowship in otology and neurotology at the House Ear Clinic in Los Angeles. I currently live in Raleigh, North Carolina, and I am on faculty at Duke University Medical Center. I am thankful for all of the faculty at MUSC, whose guidance and mentorship laid the foundation for my career. I would especially like to thank Dr. Lambert, whose influence, and selfless devotion to teaching solidified my decision to pursue Neurotology. Congratulations Paul! I am grateful to have you as a colleague and friend.



Charleston

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Judith M. Skoner, M.D.

Dr. Paul Lambert and I started at MUSC together, he as the new Chairman and me as a resident. Over the ensuing years, Dr. Lambert not only completely transformed the residency program, but while doing so, always took the time to ensure his residents felt heard and appreciated. Quarterly weekend gatherings for all the residents at his home, with breakfasts lovingly home-made by Mrs. Lambert-all of us there together discussing work and life is still a cherished memory. Dr. Lambert's clinical expertise and compassionate calm guidance provided an environment that allowed us all to blossom and thrive. I am still close with so many of my co-residents from that time, as that is the kind of team spirit and bonds that Dr. Lambert fostered as our leader throughout training. Years later, following my fellowship at Oregon Health & Science University in facial plastic and reconstructive surgery/microvascular surgery, tragedy struck my own family here in Charleston and precipitated my move back to South Carolina. With his usual grace and vision, Dr. Lambert brought me on faculty at MUSC as Assistant Professor in Otolaryngology-HNS, and Oto-HNS division chief at the RHJ VA Medical Center.

I have been here at MUSC since, with a clinical focus on complex microvascular head & neck reconstruction, facial trauma and complex facial plastics, and am proud to be a part of Dr. Lambert's legacy and the continuing evolution and excellence of our department.



2003 North Carolina Eye, Ears,

Nose & Throat

Raleigh, NC

Irenee Duncan, M.D.

I am currently an Attending at the Durham VA Medical Center which is affiliated with Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina. During residency, Dr. Lambert's calm and steadfast demeanor left a lasting impression upon me. His dedication to patient care still influences my interactions with patients to this day. After residency, my husband (MUSC alumnus, Cal Cunningham) and I had the good fortune to travel throughout Europe with Paul and Debbie several times. We have many great memories from our trips to Berlin and it was Paul's idea to tag on side adventures to Poland and Czech Republic. Congratulations and best wishes Paul and Debbie!



Adam Spiess, M.D.

Congratulations to Dr. Lambert and his wife Debbie! I cannot begin to describe the impact he has had on our lives. Dr. Lambert took time from his busy schedule to visit our home and hold our newborn son. Being new parents five states from home, his words of wisdom and support are to this day still a cherished family memory. He encouraged us as physicians and as parents and as people - he helped quide us to be the best version of ourselves. Cathy and I are living in Columbus and have become empty nesters this past fall. Logan is a junior at Kenyon College and Madison a freshman at Santa Clara University - they are both perusing STEM majors and playing college golf. I feel blessed for the times we still share as a family on the golf course. Dr. Lambert has been an instrumental life role model, and I am grateful for all he has taught me.



Lake Norman



Keith Meetze, M.D.

I am presently practicing at Lake Norman ENT in Mooresville, North Carolina. I am married to my wife Machen and have an 8 year old daughter, Tilson, and 5 year old daughter Carson. Dr. Lambert was a great mentor, teacher, physician and person. His caring demeanor helped shaped the way I care for my patients.



Michael C. Noone, M.D.

I am currently a practicing general otolaryngologist at Charleston ENT in Charleston, South Carolina. I was a surgical intern when Dr. Paul Lambert became the chairman of the Otolaryngology Department at MUSC. From very early on it was easy to see that Dr. Lambert had a vision for the department which he saw to fruition by recruiting top attendings in all the of the otolaryngology subspecialties. As residents, we learned much in the discipline of Otology from Dr. Lambert, but more importantly we learned how to be professionals. We learned how to care for patients in a compassionate manner. Dr. Lambert treated all of the residents as colleagues, with respect and with genuine care for our medical education. Routinely, he would invite all of the residents for breakfast at his house followed by multiple games of basketball. Dr. Lambert played in all of the games while the out of shape residents rotated in and out. He seemed to always be on the winning team no matter his teammates. At the end of the games, he would jog home as the residents sprawled out on the ground gasping for air. Thank you, Dr. Lambert, for the education and for the fellowship.

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Charleston EN Association, LLC Summerville, SC



Matthew Scarlett, M.D.

I am currently working in Summerville, South Carolina as a general otolaryngologist in private practice. I was in the first class of residents that Dr. Lambert recruited to MUSC in 2000 and greatly appreciate the confidence he had in me to successfully match with his program. He was a great mentor in clinic and the OR, as well as a wonderful role-model as a leader and family-man. His teaching and guidance have served me well and I thank him for that.



2005

Cumberland Valley ENT Hagerstown,



Angela Chu Stonebraker, M.D.

Currently I am in private practice at Cumberland Valley ENT in Hagerstown, Maryland. We returned to my husband's hometown in 2010. There are moments of gratitude I have on any given day when I am talking with a patient. It helps me reflect on how fortunate I am to do what I am doing and how lucky I was to meet Dr. Lambert as a UVA medical student. While he may not have noticed me in the sea of talented students, I took note of him and the respect he gained from the residents, patients, and colleagues. His decision to leave UVA led to my decision to go to MUSC also. I believed in his vision as he showed us the literal blueprints of the future of the department during our interview. With his belief in me, I started on my professional journey. Later he and his wife indirectly provided their "approval" of my future husband, Matt. Dr. Lambert played such a key role during a pivotal time in my life our family will always be thankful.





Marcus Moody, M.D.

Congratulations, Dr. Lambert! It does not seem like over 20 years ago that I began residency training under your guidance, but it makes perfect sense that the MUSC ENT department has seen such growth and development by your hand. Your surgical precision, your calm and steady leadership, and perhaps most of all your daily personal example of what it looks like to be a scholar and a gentlemen are all indelible memories from those five years. I think I still have a lot to learn from you too, so let me know when you're ready to move to Birmingham! I know my practice and my patients have all benefitted from your lasting influence. It has been an honor to call you mentor and friend. Best wishes and highest regards to you in all of your endeavors in this next stage of your career!





Bradford Woodworth. M.D.

I am honored to participate in this legacy tribute for Dr. Paul Lambert. My current position and title is the James J. Hicks Endowed Professor and Interim Chair of the Department of Otolaryngology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham Heersink School of Medicine. I also serve as an Adjunct Professor of Neurosurgery and Senior Scientist

ANOTHER DRAW TO THE PROGRAM WAS HIS STERLING REPUTATION AS ONE OF THE BEST **NEUROTOLOGISTS IN THE COUNTRY.**

BRADFORD WOODWORTH, M.D.

in the Gregory Fleming James Cystic Fibrosis Research Center and Center for Clinical and Translational Science.

I interviewed at MUSC at the early stages of Paul's career at MUSC. While the department was still quite small, I saw the potential in the program. I remember the chair at my medical school program saying, "Watch out for MUSC... Paul Lambert will make it an incredible place to train." Another draw to the program was his sterling reputation as one of the best neurotologists in the country-my primary area of interest at the time. However, Dr. Lambert made a number of terrific hires, including Rodney Schlosser, who would turn out to be my primary mentor. He fostered my interest in rhinology as my career choice. The primary reason I pursued a career in academic medicine and as a surgeon-scientist was through the influence of Paul and the pieces he put into place in the department. I have been so fortunate to have taken this career path and build upon the foundation of training I achieved at such a superb otolaryngology department.



Jeffrey L. Neal, M.D.

It was a special privilege and honor to be part of one of Dr. Lambert's first classes of residents at MUSC. His leadership, vision, and persistence transformed MUSC Otolaryngology into a world-renowned department. Dr. Lambert was the ultimate teacher, surgeon, and mentor. He challenged each resident to do better, think better, and be better, and ultimately helped us expand our potential. He taught me that the greatest challenges that you face in life usually end up being the most rewarding. My time with Dr. Lambert and in residency at MUSC were some of the most rewarding times in my life. Thank you Dr. Lambert.



2007 Pediatric O-HNS Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions Baltimore, MD



Margaret L. Skinner, M.D.



Thomas S. Dozier, M.D.

I live in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina with my wife Laura and my daughters, Sanders (8) and Mary Grace (5). I have been practicing general otolaryngology in the Summerville, SC office of Charleston ENT & Allergy since completing residency. Although the value of general otolaryngology was rarely specifically emphasized, I was trained by a number of nationally and world renowned subspecialists that Dr. Lambert recruited to what has become a nationally ranked residency program. That training has provided the foundation for a very rewarding career in general otolaryngology here in Charleston, and I remain friends with a number of those faculty members now, almost 14 years later. I am deeply appreciative of the learning experience I had under Dr. Lambert's leadership.



Charleston ENT Mount Pleasant,

Mark D. Ghegan, M.D.

Upon completion of residency in 2008, I briefly returned to private practice in my hometown of Atlanta, Geogia. Charleston ENT and Allergy called shortly thereafter and my family and I returned to Charleston, where I am currently in practice. My wife, Joanna, is a pediatrician and we have two children. Chandler Grace is a rising senior in high school, and Wright will be entering seventh grade. Some of my fondest memories of my time during residency are when Dr. Lambert so graciously welcomed us residents into his home during the annual Christmas parties and Saturday morning resident breakfasts.

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2009 **ENT Specialists** Frankfort, KY



Chadwick N. Ahn, M.D.

Following the conclusion of my residency, I moved to Frankfort, Kentucky, and joined ENT Specialists. I'm currently co-owner of the practice. We employ two physicians, five audiologists, and one physician assistant acrossfour different locations throughout Central Kentucky. I practice General Otolaryngology. My time spent with Dr. Lambert is something I'll always cherish. He was and is the consummate surgeon - an expert in all areas of his field, a true humanitarian in the community, a fantastic mentor to his trainees, and a man of great faith. When I talk to other physicians about their residency experiences, I realize how lucky we were to have a chairman like Paul. He went to great lengths to make us all feel like family, and to let us know he cared about us. My life and career that I currently enjoy are only possible because Dr. Lambert believed in me, and I will be forever grateful for my time in Charleston.



2009

Kaiser Permanente -Northwest

Portland, OR

John C. Goddard, M.D.

I practice Neurotology at Kaiser Permanente in Portland, Oregon and serve as the Chief of our department. In 2004, I was fortunate enough to match at MUSC, and early on in residency I quickly gravitated toward otology. This was in large part due to my experience working with Dr. Lambert.

He was a fantastic yet humble surgeon, and he had a real talent for communicating with patients in a way that was genuine, understandable, and meaningful. After a day of surgery, Dr. Lambert would personally call each patient the next day to check on them. This is something I found remarkable, and I have been doing the same throughout mv career.

As a result of Dr. Lambert's guidance and support, I was able to pursue a Neurotology fellowship at the House Ear

Clinic, which enhanced the training I received in residency. It is fair to say that Dr. Lambert is the person that has most impacted my professional trajectory and is greatly responsible for helping me get to where I am today. I am grateful for all he has done for me and my family.

Congratulations, Paul, on all of your accomplishments!





Eric R. Oliver, M.D.

Paul R. Lambert, M.D. is the epitome of a gentleman and a scholar. However, he transcends beyond those alone, because he is also a true leader. He is a leader because he genuinely cares about others, always making time to listen and act if necessary. I remember him once stating that he pursued academic medicine because he could ultimately impact more individuals by teaching others. Mission accomplished. Dr. Lambert has been a shining example of what a physician and surgeon should be, and I sincerely thank him for influencing all of us in such a positive manner.





Charles S. Coffey, M.D.

I am an Associate Professor at the University of California San Diego, where I have been on faculty since completing

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I CONTINUE TO LOOK TO HIM AS A MODEL OF THE SURGEON AND TEACHER WHOM I ASPIRE TO BE.

CHARLES COFFEY, M.D.

H&N oncology fellowship in 2011. I practice at both UCSD Moores Cancer Center and the San Diego VA, and am also heavily involved in medical student teaching and administrative roles within the UCSD School of Medicine. I credit Dr. Lambert's leadership and mentorship with much of my own success in establishing a successful and fulfilling career in academic medicine. Most importantly, I continue to look to him as a model of the surgeon and teacher whom I aspire to be. Dr. Lambert's compassion and humility have set the standard for me and generations of otolaryngologists who have been fortunate enough to learn under his guidance.



Joshua D. Farrar, M.D.

Dr. Lambert was able to lead and teach, and at the same make life in the hospital enjoyable and meaningful for the people around him. I'm always trying to follow that example. We are living and working in Roanoke, Virginia alongside (fellow Alums) Eric Oliver's and Travis Reeves' families at Carilion Clinic



Jonathan S. Kulbersh, M.D.

I am currently practicing facial plastics and reconstructive sugery in Charlotte, North Carolina. I started my solo practice, Carolina Facial Plastics, in 2012. The MUSC residency was the best five years of my life. I made great relationships and learned my profession that I love to this day. I had a wonderful experience at MUSC, and Dr. Lambert had a wonderful positive influence on me. I respected and learned the importance of leadership, kindness, and the right way to treat people from him. I am forever grateful to the people of the program at MUSC and Dr. Lambert. I wish him the best on his next chapter.





Geoffrey B. Pitzer, M.D.

Ilive in Pacific Beach, San Diego, with my partner, Grace, and our rescue animals, Nala and Sevro. I'm a partner physician at ENT Associates of San Diego and the co-founder and owner of the affiliated San Diego Clinical Research Center. Looking back on Dr. Lambert's meaningful impact on my life and career, I'm reminded of the resident weekend breakfasts he and Mrs. Lambert hosted at their home. He began each breakfast with a prayer, expressing gratitude for the special privilege we had as physicians to care for our patients. And then he would open the conversation by asking the residents, "What can I do for you? How can I make your training experience and lives better?" Dr. Lambert's steadfast example of benevolent compassion and virtue in leadership, patient care, and education had a monumental influence on me when I was a fledgling physician. And his example continues to guide me both professionally and personally. I am forever grateful for his mentorship and wisdom.





Jacob E. Smith, M.D.

I am currently practicing in a thriving multi-specialty group in Springfield, Missouri. I have great partners and an excellent community to serve. I feel blessed in that I am able to use much of the training that I received in residency, ranging from stapedectomies the way Dr. Lambert taught me, to head and neck cancer resections and everything in between. While Dr. Lambert will always be one of the best surgeons that I've worked with, I continue to be profoundly impacted by the way that he treated people, his consistency with his work, and his meticulous nature in how he would seek to improve everything that he was a part of. I will continue to be grateful for the impact and investment that Dr. Lambert made in my life!







2011

Western New York Ear, Nose, and Throat



Orchard Park, NY

Natalka D. Stachiw, M.D.

Buffalo, New York! With some very unexpected twists of fate, I am an owner of an ENT practice and 10 years into practicing general otolaryngology. There hasn't been a boring month, yet. I have the opportunity to teach residents, which is a constant reminder of my roots. As I hold the ear speculum for a resident or teach "how to drape" an ear case, I recall my days in the ambulatory surgery center with Dr. Lambert. My little notebook of surgical pearls and ear case surgical summaries still get reviewed regularly. I am so grateful for the years of mentoring. I also know that my patients also greatly benefit from my excellent training.



2012

Nemours Children's Health, Otolaryngology Jacksonville, FL



Steven M. Andreoli, M.D.

After pediatric fellowship at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, we moved to Jacksonville, Florida. Brandie and I have three wonderful children. Jack, who was born during residency, is now 11. Our two daughters, Madelyn and Olivia, are nine and three years old. I am currently on staff at Nemours Children's Health and Wolfson Children's Hospital serving as director for the Vascular Anomalies and Aerodigestive Tract Programs. Our residents come from the University of South Florida. I sincerely appreciate all of Dr. Lambert's mentorship and role modeling. Beyond great surgical training, I can now recognize the value of his approach to teaching residents as well as his model of leadership by example. Dr. Lambert sold me on his vision of the residency and department at MUSC and he remains a North star for my career. Congratulations on a wonderful career.



2012 Medical College of Georgia at Georgia Regents University Augusta, GA



James Ken Byrd, M.D.

After finishing our fellowships in Pittsburgh in 2014, Heather and I were fortunate to be recruited to the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University, as they had need for both an academic pediatric anesthesiologist and a head and neck surgeon. I serve as the Vice Chair of Clinical Affairs and Chief of Head and Neck Surgery for the Department of Otolaryngology and have an appointment in the Department of Neurosurgery. I enjoy my practice working with students, residents, and fellows in the areas of head and neck surgery and skull base surgery. On a personal note, Heather and I have had two children since moving to Augusta and are constantly fighting to keep them from being converted into Georgia Bulldog fans. I am grateful for my training at MUSC under Dr. Lambert's leadership. I felt that all doors were open after completing residency and was well prepared for academic practice when I started at MCG. I am also grateful for Dr. Lambert's encouragement to overcome setbacks in life, such as when he somehow convinced me to start playing basketball again after an Achilles tendon rupture!





Lauren A. Kilpatrick Leeper, M.D.

After completing fellowship, I returned to my alma mater to join faculty in 2014 at the University of North Carolina--Chapel Hill. I am currently an Associate Professor in the Division of Pediatric Otolaryngology, the Fellowship Director for Pediatric Otolaryngology, and the Medical Director of the Children's Cochlear Implant Center. Perhaps most disappointing to Dr. Lambert is our success as a basketball program since my return to UNC: national champions in 2017, runners-up in 2016 and 2022, and absolute victors in Coach K's final home game at Cameron Indoor and in the first NCAA tournament game ever between Carolina and Duke in this year's Final Four! I met and married my husband Bradley in Chapel Hill and we now have two children, Sutton (age 17 months) and Carr (age one week).

Dr. Lambert truly represents servant leadership and that approach to leading our department and residency shaped the way we residents performed in residency and thereafter. He is a model for humility, patient care and technical excellence. Moreover, his grace towards me during my sister's illness left a lasting impression on me and my family; I believe the kindness I received from him during that time is unique to Dr. Lambert as a Chair. Mrs. Lambert similarly embraced us and welcomed us regularly into their home to build a sense of family that is unique to the MUSC program. I believe that Dr. Lambert's example is what helped to create the lasting mentorship and friendships I have with my co-residents and faculty after completing our training program. We are so very grateful for his leadership, even if he doesn't share his blueberry picking tricks very well!



Caroline A. Banks, M.D.

I live in downtown Boston with my husband and four little loves. I am a Facial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeon working at Massachusetts Eye & Ear/Harvard Medical School. I specialize in taking care of patients with facial paralysis. My five years at MUSC were the most wonderful years! I am forever grateful for Dr. Lambert and the entire department for creating such an environment of learning, warmth, patience, joy, and love for this incredible speciality. I will never forget operating with Dr. Lambert, with his calm demeanor and beautiful way of teaching, and I can only hope to pass along a small part of that to the residents that I now get to teach. I will always remember those days when we residents were gathered around Dr. Lambert's dining room, laughing and discussing important topics, and feeling so lucky to be a part of this gem of a residency program. Thank you, thank you, thank you, Dr. Lambert!





M. Taylor Fordham, M.D.

I am an assistant professor of pediatric otolaryngology at the Children's Hospital of San Antonio, Baylor College of Medicine. We have been in San Antonio since 2014.

Dr. Lambert played an instrumental role in my maturity as a physician and as a human being. His words, his teaching, the breakfasts at his home...he is the consummate leader and mentor. I am indebted to him and his dedication to the residents, and his impact on me continues to this day.



Travis D. Reeves, M.D.

I am currently practicing pediatric otolaryngology in Virginia, but look forward to transitioning back to South Carolina this summer to join Greenville ENT Associates! Due to Dr. Lambert's leadership and the excellent training experience at MUSC, I have had incredible opportunities to practice the full spectrum of my subspecialty while building multidisciplinary programs. All of this was possible because of Dr. Lambert's commitment and dedication to the MUSC residents. Thank you, Dr. Lambert, and congratulations on a well-deserved retirement!

HE WAS ALWAYS GENEROUS WITH HIS TIME, ATTENTION, AND KNOWLEDGE.









SAMUEL OYER, M.D.





Charleston EN Associates

Charleston, SC



Jessica Gullung-Lee, M.D.

The residency years are where you develop skills as a clinician and surgeon, grow in knowledge and begin to see the shape of the physician you will become. The department, led by Dr. Lambert, was a home away from home and there were multiple ways in which Dr. Lambert incorporated the residents that made us feel like family valued our input and ideas, fed us breakfast (thank you Mrs. Lambert!) and supported us through dark moments in our lives. Dr. Lambert guided the department into one of the top residencies in the nation with highly esteemed staff, and I am proud to be one of the graduates. His legacy will continue on as part of our foundations and in the lives he changed forever. I stayed close by in Charleston, South Carolina with my husband and two children, practicing with Charleston ENT & Allergy.



2014

UVA Health

Charlottesville VA



Samuel L. Over. M.D.

I still distinctly remember my residency interview at MUSC, after which my wife and I both felt a sense of being "home." Fortunately the match allowed that to become a reality and I enjoyed five years of residency at MUSC. Dr. Lambert was a great role model and father figure to me during that time. He was always generous with his time, attention, and knowledge. The only thing he wasn't willing to share was the location of his top secret blueberry picking patch which fueled so many delicious blueberry pancakes! After fellowship, I was again fortunate to join MUSC as a faculty member where I got to know Dr. Lambert as not only a role model, but a colleague and friend. Currently, I am in academic practice at the University of Virginia specializing in Facial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery. Dr. Lambert left guite a legacy at UVA as well, so I am constantly reminded of the number of lives he has touched and very grateful to be a part of his legacy.







Albuquerque, NM

Gregg W. Schmedes, M.D.

I think back to MUSC with the fondest of memories. Dr. Lambert taught me certainly about otology, but perhaps more importantly how to lead and treat patients with compassion. My wife Kelly and I live in Albuquerque, New Mexico where I serve as a state senator and work in general private practice.





Lynchburg, VA

Jav M. Cline, M.D.

I am currently practicing general otolaryngology at a private practice in Lynchburg, Virginia. It is a busy practice that covers a wide breadth of ENT and it's been a wonderful experience for my family and me. I can't say enough about my training under Dr. Lambert's leadership. He created a culture and developed a program that thrived with him at the helm. I truly consider it an honor to have learned a portion of his skillset and experienced all that the MUSC program has to offer. I know that he will be sorely missed in this role, but I am excited for all the benefits that these changes will bring for him. Thank you, Dr. Lambert!

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JAY CLINE, M.D.



Charlotte Eye Ear Nose & Throat Associates Charlotte, NC

2015

Brendan P. O'Connell, M.D.

I currently work as an otologist at Charlotte Eye Ear Nose and Throat. Dr. Lambert was a driving factor in my decision to pursue a career in ear surgery. His approach to patient care and surgery was so elegant, yet straightforward and easy to understand. I have always gravitated towards trying to do things like him, and am proud that I have also found success with use of a 4.0 Robinson bucket handle on all primary stapes surgeries -- no need for measurement! Lappreciate everything you have done for me, Dr. Lambert; I am so thankful to have had the opportunity to train with you.



Shawn M. Stevens, M.D.

I'm glad for this opportunity to celebrate you and your incredible career and to let you know the impact you have had on me and my career. I am currently serving as an Assistant Professor at Barrow Neurological Institute and as President of the Arizona Society of Otolaryngology. After completing my Neurotology Fellowship at the University of Cincinnati in 2017, my family and I moved back to our native Phoenix area to join a prominent ENT private practice and form the Arizona Ear Institute. In 2020, at the cusp of the pandemic, my partner and I were approached by Barrow Neurological Institute to form and co-lead the newly formed Barrow Department of Otolaryngology and Skull Base Surgery. In the past 18 months since its inception, the Department has met with great success including formation of the largest cochlear implant program in Arizona (top three in the Southwest region), an ABI national center of excellence, a top tier head and neck oncology program, and a thriving clinical/surgical practice. Also during this



time, I was appointed to the role of co-Director of the Acoustic Neuroma Program and serve as Director of the Cochlear Implant and ABI programs at Barrow. I continue to pursue research and academia, various committee and leadership roles, and proudly volunteer in our church and community. You have made a profound impact on my early career success -during our five years together you were a constant model of leadership, integrity, and the dogged pursuit of excellence. I am proud to carry on the legacy you instilled at MUSC, and I hope to impact other professionals coming up in their training in the same manner you have impacted me.



Augusta-Aiken

Augusta, GA

Chris M. Ayers, M.D.

Currently I am a partner at Augusta/Aiken ENT, which serves Central Savannah River Area along the border of Georgia and South Carolina. Our group consists of 14 ENT physicians, one Immunologist and one Pathologist. The MedicalUniversity of South Carolina has played a tremendous role in my life as that is where I attended both medical school and residency. I have so many incredible memories from my time spent there. Dr. Lambert was the main reason I elected to continue my education and training at MUSC. I still remember asking him during my interview if there was a chance he would retire before I finished. I try to model many of my actions as a leader after him. From the way he operates and cares for patients, manages a department and even how he would bring residents in his home for breakfast to hear our opinions. There is no doubt in my mind that MUSC Otolaryngology is what it is today because of his exemplary guidance. I am so grateful to have learned from one of the greats. I hope he has a much deserved and fulfilling retirement.

I HAVE MODELED MY PRACTICE ON HIS **PROFESSIONALISM, HUMILITY, AND GENUINE BRILLIANCE.**



Alex Sokohl, M.D.



2016

Texas ENT **Specialists** Houston, TX



Michael W. Moore. III. M.D.

We have moved back home to Houston, Texas and I am working in a large private practice group. I am thankful to MUSC for the clinical experiences I received and the technical skills that were imparted to me. In particular, I am thankful to Dr Lambert, not only for his superb teaching. but for showing me how to be a gracious and humble leader, husband, and father.



Associates in ENT & Head and Neck Surgery

2016



Hixson, TN

Alex D. Sokohl, M.D.

My wife, family, and I have returned to Chattanooga, Tennessee to practice with an outstanding group of physicians in all aspects Otolaryngology. With several fellowship-trained partners, we are providing care to a large metropolitan community with high acuity and complex patients.

Dr. Lambert was instrumental with his indefatigable and stalwart support throughout my residency in driving me to follow my passion of Otology. With his steadfast teaching and ever-patient demeanor, I have modeled my practice on his professionalism, humility, and genuine brilliance. We have now established a cochlear implant program in Chattanooga at his recommendation, and our patients are thrilled. Thank you to Dr. Lambert for the inimitable opportunity to train under such greatness. You are and always will be a true mentor.







William W. Carroll, M.D.

I am currently a pediatric otolaryngologist at MUSC. I still remember traveling around the country as a medical student for residency interviews and thinking that no chairman impressed me more than Dr. Lambert at my home institution. Training under Dr. Lambert was a huge blessing. His career accomplishments stand on their own merit and are tremendous. But I will always cherish some of the smaller memories: Whether it was complex chronic ear surgery, blueberry pancakes on Saturday morning, getting jump shots drained on me, or witnessing his surgical professionalism and humility. A constant inspiration and father figure to me, it is always special to recognize Dr. Lambert. Thank you for everything!





Valerie A. Fritsch, M.D.

Time spent with Dr. Lambert in the OR and in clinic are certainly some of my fondest memories from training at MUSC, as well as the resident breakfasts, Christmas parties, and chief send offs. His leadership inspires excellence, and I am grateful and honored to have been a small part of his far-reaching legacy.

HE INSPIRED EVERY RESIDENT AND FACULTY MEMBER TO BE THEIR BEST SELVES.

KATHELYN BRANDSTETTER, M.D.



Travis P. Schrank, M.D.

I completed a combined M.D.-Ph.D. program at the University of Medical Branch, where I studied molecular biophysics and clinical medicine. I completed residency training at the Medical University of South Carolina, followed by a fellowship in Head and Neck Oncologic and Reconstructive surgery at UNC.

At present, I am faculty in the Department of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery at UNC. My scientific work focuses on addressing translational questions in head and neck cancer biology with benchtop experimentation and bioinformatic methods. Current research interests include genomics of HPV+ OPSCC, NRF2 dysregulation in HNSCC, and copy-number heterogeneity in HNSCC.



Kathelyn A. Brandstetter, M.D.

After residency went I on to do a Facial Plastics and Reconstructive Surgery Fellowship at University of Washington. I am currently working for Kaiser Permanente in Northern California as part of the transgender facial feminization team. My two partners and I are currently performing more FFS procedures than anywhere else nationwide! I 100 percent attribute my success to the incredible training and mentoring I received in residency, and I feel so honored to have been part of this program. Under Dr. Lambert's leadership, the MUSC Otolaryngology Department and Residency Program grew into one of the best, highest regarded departments and residency programs in the country. The thing that always amazed me was not the thorough surgical training we received as residents, or the incredible quality of care provided to our HNS patients, but the environment/atmosphere that Dr. Lambert created within the department. It was one of respect and collegiality, encouraging kindness and collaboration, and it came from his own interactions with everyone around him. As a leader, Dr. Lambert took the time to ask the important questions, encourage feedback on what was working and what needed to change, and then actually implemented that change. He inspired every resident and faculty member to be their best selves. He exemplified the idea of leading from within rather than from above, as he made himself so approachable. In the words of the brilliant Dolly Parton, "If your actions create a legacy that inspires others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, then you are an excellent leader." Dr. Lambert, you (and Debbie's blueberry pancakes) will be missed dearly, but your legacy will live on.

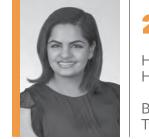


2018 Colorado ENT and Allergy

Colorado Springs, CO

Robert G. Keller, M.D.

I am currently in my fourth year of practice as a General Otolaryngologist in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Dr. Lambert was an inspiration and incredible mentor during my residency years. A day spent with Dr. Lambert in the OR or clinic was a prized day and highly sought after among the residents. Training with Dr. Lambert afforded me the skills to take care of many ear patients in my current practice. I will be forever grateful to have had him as an amazing teacher and Chairman during my residency years.



2018 Henry Ford Hospital

Brownstown Twp, MI

Shivangi Lohia, M.D.

I am currently living in Detroit, Michigan and have a faculty position at Henry Ford Health within the ENT department. I have a part general ENT and part Head and Neck practice. I know that my success in finding a position in my field of interest at an academic institution is owed primarily to Dr. Lambert and the MUSC faculty. The training and





skills that they provided allowed me the opportunities to obtain fellowship and academic positions that I wanted. Dr. Lambert was a wonderful and kind mentor and teacher who dedicated his time to the well-being of his residents. Even prior to my time as a resident at MUSC, Dr. Lambert supported me as a research fellow and assisted me in matching in a residency position. He and the other MUSC faculty were critical in helping me achieve my goals.

DR. LAMBERT WAS A WONDERFUL AND KIND MENTOR AND TEACHER WHO DEDICATED HIS TIME TO THE WELL-BEING OF HIS RESIDENTS.

SHIVANGI LOHIA, M.D.



2019

Austin Ear Nose Throat Clinic

Austin, TX



Ryan M. Boerner, M.D.

I was fortunate to have completed my Otolaryngology training under the tutelage of Dr. Paul Lambert at MUSC. I am currently a private practice ENT physician in Austin, Texas with Austin Ear, Nose, and Throat clinic. We have 14 physicians in our practice with subspecialists in Neurotology, Laryngology, Rhinology, and Facial Plastic Surgery. We are affiliated with Dell Seton Medical Center at The University of Texas at Austin and work closely with medical students interested in otolaryngology. The training I received at MUSC under Dr. Lambert has provided me with the tools and competency to provide quality ENT care to the greater Austin community. I have since been peer-selected for Austin Monthly's Top ENT Physicians list for both 2021 and 2022 as well as selected for Texas Super Doctors Rising Stars list for 2022. I serve as the ENT consultant/provider for the University of Texas Athletics Department and work closely with UT student athletes and staff. Jennifer and I now have two children, a two-year old son, Hayden, and a three-month old daughter, Everleigh. When reflecting on the residency interview trail, I cannot imagine having chosen another program with a Chairman that was as thoughtful and intelligent with the ability to unite the interests of the both the residents and faculty as Dr. Paul Lambert. Thank you!!





Phong T. Le, M.D.

Dr. Lambert was a great mentor at MUSC, along with all the wonderful faculty. His gentle demeanor, expertise, and leadership made a great impact on me with the way I practice otolaryngology in Wichita, Kansas. I am forever grateful I had the opportunity to train at MUSC. There is not another place I would have rather trained at.



Patrick F. Morgan.M.D.

After graduating from Paul Lambert's Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at MUSC, I went on to complete a fellowship in head and neck oncologic and microvascular reconstructive surgery at the University of Miami. I then took a faculty position as an Assistant Professor at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University, which is where I currently treat patients

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IN A WORLD WHERE WE "TRUST BUT VERIFY", DR. LAMBERT IS ONE OF THE FEW WHERE THE SAYING CAN STOP AT "TRUST".

PATRICK MORGAN. M.D.

with head and neck cancer, on both the oncologic and reconstructive side of care.

Dr. Paul Lambert was a tremendous mentor during my training at MUSC. He was always supportive in our clinical endeavors, from taking the time to demonstrate various surgical techniques and clinical reasoning, to supporting a weeklong medical mission trip to Africa with a coresident, Alexander Murphey. I can continue to provide numerous examples detailing how he demonstrated his true selflessness and genuine interest in his residents and their well-being. There is one specific experience that sums up how I viewed and trusted him and continue to feel such gratitude for my time in his department.

During my residency, I proposed to and subsequently married the woman of my dreams. During my quest to find the "perfect" ring, I asked Dr. Lambert for advice and ideas, as he always had the right answer, and I knew I could trust whatever advice he would provide. After our conversation, I took recommendation to heart, and without guestion or background research, I followed the path he suggested I travel, and, without surprise, his personal advice led me to find what I was looking for. In a world where we "trust but verify", Dr. Lambert is one of the few where the saying can stop at "trust".

The Department will surely miss him and his leadership, his fingerprint will forever be instilled in the Department and we all thank him for his time and leadership during our training.



Alexander W. Murphey, M.D.

I'm currently working in Anchorage, Alaska at the Alaska Native Medical Center. I took this position after graduating in 2020, and it's been an unbelievable opportunity both personally and professionally. In my current position, I care for the native Alaskan peoples across the entire state of Alaska. We treat all specialties, but with a heavy focus on otology due to the predisposition of ear disease within this population. It was due to my exceptional otology experience in residency under Dr. Lambert as well as Drs. Ted Meyer, Teddy McRackan, and Habib Rizk that I was able to take on this position and remain confident in my surgical abilities. Dr. Lambert was a truly inspiring leader and surgeon, and I will forever be grateful for having the opportunity to learn from him. Dr. Lambert, thank you for taking a chance on me and congratulations on your best promotion yet.



Florence A. Othieno, M.D.

Dr. Lambert's leadership and vision had a profound and positive impact on my residency. He was a humble yet fearless leader who always taught and led by example. His excellence as a teacher often had me leaving his OR feeling like I was a top surgeon. Dr. Lambert was very adept at helping his residents gain confidence. He would, for example, deftly reposition a scope and continuously suction excess fluid, allowing the residents to move the case like seasoned otologists. I especially enjoyed Dr. Lambert's quarterly resident breakfast meetings where Debbie served us her world-famous blueberry pancakes! Dr. Lambert would then take the time to listen and address our concerns. I am truly honored to have trained under Dr. Lambert's leadership. I sincerely hope he finds the next chapter of his life even more rewarding than the last. May God bless him with continued good health and success.

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FLORENCE OTHIENO, M.D.





Niagara Falls, NY

Robert J. Taylor, M.D.









2020

Spartanburg and Greer ENT & Allergy

Spartanburg



Mitchell L. Worley, M.D.

I am currently a general otolaryngologist practicing in the upstate of South Carolina with Spartanburg and Greer ENT & Allergy. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to be a part of the MUSC residency program while Dr. Lambert was chair, and I feel that it prepared me well to manage general ENT issues in my community. I am thankful for Dr. Lambert's efforts to not only build a strong department with an excellent training experience, but also his desire to get to know the residents individually, either while spending time with them at the quarterly breakfasts in his home, or when teaching in clinic or in the OR. When seeing patients in clinic, I often remember tidbits of wisdom from Dr. Lambert and the other faculty at MUSC, and I am grateful that they remain readily available to help manage my complex patients. I always tell these patients that I am sure they will receive exceptional care when I refer them to MUSC.



2021

PeaceHealth Medical Group

Vancouver, WA



Jordan J. Allensworth, M.D.

I am currently a staff Otolaryngologist for PeaceHealth Medical Group in Vancouver, Washington. Dr. Lambert has meant the world to me as I learned what it meant to become an ENT and a professional. He is the reason I came to MUSC from the opposite side of the country, and was a welcoming, thoughtful, and kind mentor during my time there. He has truly been a role model for me both in my work and beyond. He has made our profession better by example, and I am happy to have been a part of it.



The Christ Hospital Cincinnati, OH

2021



Mark S. Costello, M.D.

I am currently employed as a General Otolaryngologist at The Christ Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio. I wanted to take a moment to publicly recognize my training program, as well as the leader of the department during my five years in Charleston. I feel truly honored to have been given the opportunity to learn from some of the country's leading otolaryngologists. It can be difficult to recognize when, as aresident, you are working long hours in the hospital, but now that I am out in practice, I can say with complete certainty that MUSC prepared me for anything and everything that I will encounter (and then some). I have called upon knowledge I gained from every attending physician in the department, and I formed such great relationships with them that I stay in contact with many of them to this day. I thank each and every one of them. As for Dr. Lambert, I first met him when I rotated at MUSC as a medical student. It was apparent early on that he was genuinely invested in the education of all students, residents, and fellows with whom he crossed paths and was dedicated to the advancement of the department. Under his leadership, the department grew to become a nationally-recognized institution for our specialty. This could not have been done without his tireless efforts. As for me personally, he has made a lasting impact on me as a clinician, surgeon, and person. I would like to thank him for all of his time and tutelage during my five years in Charleston, and I wish him and the department nothing but the best in the years to come.

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I WILL CHERISH AND UTILIZE THE LESSONS I LEARNED FROM DR. LAMBERT UNTIL THE END **OF MY OWN CAREER.**

JOSHUA HORTON. M.D.



Chattanooga ENT Chattanooga



I am a general otolaryngologist practicing in my hometown of Chattanooga, Tennesee. I am grateful for the MUSC ENT department as a whole but especially to Dr. Lambert for five wonderful years in Charleston and excellent training. Three words come to mind when I think of Dr. Lambert: excellence, kindness, and humility; characteristics that I strive to model in both my personal and professional life. Dr. Lambert is the epitome of a gentleman, and I am so grateful to have trained under his leadership.



Joshua D. Horton, M.D.

I am currently practicing general comprehensive Otolaryngology in a community setting outside Nashville, Tennesee. Currently living in Nashville with my girlfriend, Sarah and our dog, Max.

Dr. Lambert is the primary reason I chose to come to MUSC for my training. I was looking for a program with grit and a hunger to improve and grow. During my interview, Dr. Lambert shared his vision for the continued upward trajectory of the department in the clinical, research, and educational realms. Success comes from the top down and Dr. Lambert had demonstrated a track record of strong leadership and excellence as he built the department from relative obscurity. During the early years of my training, I had the privilege of observing this leadership in action and learned countless lessons from his example. Then during the senior years of my training, I was lucky enough to work side-by-side with him in the clinic and in the operating room. From his kind and patient approach to patients and his thoughtfulness in decision-making, to his technical skill and experience while operating - I will cherish and utilize the lessons I learned from Dr. Lambert until the end of my own career. Dr. Lambert is responsible for building a renowned and respected Otolaryngology -Head & Neck Surgery department at MUSC and his legacy will forever be that he accomplished this the 'right way,' with honor and poise. It was my great privilege to have worked with him at the end of that journey.





2022 The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Cente Houston, TX

Michael R. Bobian, M.D.

I just finished my fifth year of residency with the Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery Department at MUSC. Next year I will be pursuing two years of fellowship training in Head and Neck Surgical Oncology and Microvascular Reconstruction at the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. My time and training with the Department led by Dr. Lambert has been truly enjoyable and gained me tremendous training experience, mentorship, and friendship along the way. My first impressions of Dr. Lambert on interview day still stick with me today, and have grown into the attributes of his I most admire: his calm and collected leadership, a true love for his craft, and his warm patient care. The always enjoyable experiences we have shared together, either one-on-one or as the entire department family, have positively shaped me though this chapter of my training and will undoubtedly extend far into my personal and professional future. Many thanks to Dr. Lambert for his years of service to the department and role modeling along the way.







Mayo Clinic

Rochester, MN

James R. Dornhoffer, M.D.

I finished my residency and next year I will be pursuing a fellowship in neurotology at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. I thank Dr. Lambert so much for making this department what it is and giving me the resources to get to where I am going.



2022

Conway Medical Center



Conway, SC

Mitchell J. Isaac, M.D.

The department and program that Dr. Lambert has fostered at MUSC is truly spectacular and I cannot express how grateful I am to have been a part of it. Dr. Lambert is, without a doubt, one of the best teachers, mentors, and ear surgeons I have had the privilege of training under. I hope that I will be able to translate the countless lessons and skills I have learned from Dr. Lambert into a successful practice at Conway Medical Center, where I will start my career in August 2022.

MY FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF DR. LAMBERT ON INTERVIEW DAY STILL STICK WITH ME TODAY ... HIS CALM AND COLLECTED LEADERSHIP, A TRUE LOVE FOR HIS CRAFT, AND HIS WARM **PATIENT CARE.**

MICHAEL BOBIAN. M.D.



CONGRATULATIONS CHIEFS!! Graduates Drs. Mitchell Issac, James Dornhoffer, and Michael Bobian (I to r)

The leadership demonstrated by this group of chief residents was truly extraordinary. The group rose to overcome significant challenges throughout the pandemic and over the last year with grace, determination, and humility. Well done, gentlemen. You will be missed.

Michael R. Bobian, M.D. matched into the Head & Neck Oncology and Microvascular Reconstruction Fellowship at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. In addition to outstanding clinical skills, Dr. Bobian was known for his leadership and calm demeanor. His accolades include an AAO-HNS CORE grant for work on T cells in oral cavity cancer, two manuscripts, one chapter, and he presented at national and international meetings. His expertise in the production of a great cup of coffee is worldrenown, but as of this writing, the authenticity of the claim remains in question. We wish Dr. Bobian all the best during his fellowship and hope he remains dry in Houston.

James R. Dornhoffer, M.D. matched into the Neurotology Fellowship at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. Dr. Dornhoffer was incredibly productive during his time in Charleston publishing at least 18 manuscripts on a wide variety of otologic topics. He was known for his ability to multitask, clinical decision making, surgical skills, and progression as a sous chef. Dr. Dornhoffer's ability to retain incredible detail led him as a PGY3 resident to obtain the highest score in the nation on the yearly in-service exam. Yet another amazing accomplishment. We wish Dr. Dornhoffer and his wife, Claire great success during fellowship in Minnesota.

Mitchell J. Isaac, M.D. leaves MUSC to establish a general Otolaryngology practice at the Conway Medical Center in Conway, SC. Dr. Isaac brought strong problem-solving skills, work ethic, and creativity to residency. During training, he furthered these skills in becoming an outstanding clinician and surgeon. He published four manuscripts with a focus on surgical movements during otologic surgery. An avid boater, during time away from clinical work, you are likely to find Dr. Isaac out on the water. We wish Dr. Issac, Julianne, and Isabella Grace all the best in the Myrtle Beach area.

CONGRATULATIONS FELLOWS!

Graduates of the 2022 Fellowship Programs in Head & Neck Oncologic and Reconstructive Surgery, Rhinology and Endoscopic Sinus/Skull Base Surgery, Neurotology, and Pediatric Otolaryngology.



We wish her all the best luck and success.

Emory University.

Mallory Raymond, M.D. completed the 2020-2022 fellowship in Neurotology. She will join the faculty of the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida as an attending neurotologist.

Husein Smayli, M.D. completed the 2021-2022 fellowship in Pediatric Otolaryngology. He will join the faculty of the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at McGill University in Quebec City, Canada as an attending pediatric otolaryngologist.



Alana Aylward, M.D. completed the 2021-22 Head and Neck and Microvascular fellowship. She will be taking a job in Washington State, as an attending head and neck cancer physician at Virginia Mason Franciscan Health.

Thomas Edwards, M.D. completed the 2021-2022 fellowship in NeuroRhinology. He was loved by patients and staff and we are excited to see him join the faculty at















Krishna G. Patel, M.D, Ph.D. was honored by the residents with the annual **Resident Teaching Award**. It is recognition for an individual who spends hours with residents in the lecture room, cadaver lab, and operating theater to ensure they leave MUSC with excellent training and skills.





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2022-23 EVENTS

The 36th Annual F. Johnson Putney Lecture in Head & Neck Cancer

October 28, 2022

MUSC Hollings Cancer Center & Virtual Live Stream This half-day lectureship will bring together world class Head and Neck specialists to discuss improving the quality of health care for patients with head and neck cancer.

Keynote Speaker: **Bert W. O'Malley, M.D.** President and CEO University of Maryland Medical Center

Guest Speaker: **Elizabeth A. Nicolli, M.D.** University of Miami Hospital and Clinics Miami, FL

The Charleston Pharyngoesophageal Manometry Program

Spring 2023 MUSC Campus and Virtual Live Stream

This two-day introductory/intermediate program, designed for speech language-pathologists, laryngologists, and otolaryngologists, will consist of didactic sessions to introduce participants to the basics of pharyngoesophageal high-resolution manometry (HRM). Case based examples will serve to expand participants' understanding of the clinical applications of HRM. Both pharyngeal and esophageal examinations will be covered. We will focus on the diagnostic and therapeutic capabilities of HRM as well as protocols for pharyngeal dysphagia patients. CEU credits will be available.

The Charleston Pediatric ENT

Spring 2023

MUSC Campus and Virtual Live Stream

A comprehensive full day course designed to provide pediatricians, family practioners, and otolaryngologists with up-to-date guidelines to implement in their daily practice, promote quality and efficient care, and tackle challenging ENT diagnosis with confidence.

Southern States Rhinology Course

April 20 - 22, 2023 Kiawah Island Golf Resort

Intended for practicing Otolaryngologists and will feature presentations on topics for the practicing rhinologists and sinus surgeons. A hands-on laboratory dissection is available, featuring stateof-the-art endoscopic instrumentation, video, and image guidance systems.

The Charleston Course, 12th Annual Otolaryngology Literature Update

July 28 - 29, 2023

Kiawah Island Golf Resort and Virtual Live Stream This course is designed to help the busy clinician stay current in our rapidly expanding specialty. Fifteen of our faculty members are charged with reviewing last year's literature and choosing five to eight best articles in their subspecialty for critical review. In two days, more than 100 manuscripts will be reviewed, and those "pearls" important to your practice will be emphasized. There may be no better way to stay current in our field than with the Charleston Literature Course!

The Charleston Vestibular Update

November 3-4, 2023

MUSC Campus and Virtual Live Stream

This one-and-a-half day conference followed by a hands-on practical lab is designed for all providers involved in the care of patients with vestibular disorders. The course will cover many key topics on the evaluation and management of dizzy patients to provide current knowledge and the ability to employ best practices when servicing this population.

Guest Speakers: **Janet Helminski, PT, Ph.D.** Professor, Physical Therapy Midwestern University, Downers Grove, IL

Kristen Janky, Ph.D.

Vestibular and Balance Laboratory Boys Town National Research Hospital, NE

Michael Teixido, M.D.

Assistant Professor, Otology-Neurotology Thomas Jefferson University University of Pennsylvania Director, Delaware Otologic Medicine and Surgery Fellowship, Wilmington, DE

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Founded in 1824 in Charleston, MUSC is home to the oldest medical school in the South as well as the state's only integrated academic health sciences center, with a unique charge to serve the state through education, research and patient care. Each year, MUSC educates and trains more than 3,000 students and 850 residents and fellows in six colleges: Dental Medicine, Graduate Studies, Health Professions, Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy. MUSC brought in more than \$328 million in biomedical research funds in fiscal year 2021, continuing to lead the state in obtaining this funding.

As the clinical health system of the Medical University of South Carolina, MUSC Health is dedicated to delivering the highest quality and safe patient care while training generations of compassionate, competent health care providers to serve the people of South Carolina and beyond. Close to 25,000 care team members provide care for patients at 14 hospitals with approximately 2,500 beds and five additional hospital locations in development, more than 300 telehealth sites and nearly 750 care locations situated in the Lowcountry, Midlands, Pee Dee and Upstate regions of South Carolina.

In 2022, for the eighth consecutive year, U.S. News & World Report named MUSC Health the No. 1 hospital in South Carolina.