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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN LANNY GARTH CLOSE, M.D.



This inaugural issue of the Columbia Mirror begins with a brief review of the proud history of the Department of Otolaryngology. The program actually began in 1908 as two separate departments, the Department of Laryngology, headed by Dr. Simpson, and the Department of Otology, chaired by Dr. Bacon. The two departments combined in 1916 under the direction of Dr. Coakley as the Department of Laryngology and Otology. In 1954, the department name changed to the more convenient Department of Otolaryngology with the chairmanship of Dr. Edmund P. Fowler. Forty years later, as part of the recruitment effort which brought me to Columbia in 1994, the name of the department took its present form as the Department of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery, which most would agree better describes the scope and depth of our teaching, research and clinical activities.

Over the 92 years of the department's existence, several notable faculty members have made an impact on the field of otolaryngology; Edmund P. Fowler, M.D. served as chairman and was a leader in research in otolaryngology; Daniel Baker, M.D., a chairman and leader in laryngology and the American Laryngologic Association; Juergen Tonndorf, M.D. as a pioneer in otology research; John Conley, M.D. is considered the father of head and neck surgery; Maxwell Abramson, M.D., a chairman and leader in the field of clinical and research otology; Howard W. Smith, M.D., a leader in facial plastic and reconstructive surgery, and still an active member of the Columbia faculty. Dr. Abramson's untimely death in the early 1990's created an opening in the position of department chair that brought me to New York in August, 1994.

The past academic year has resulted in unprecedented changes which have broadened and strengthened the department immeasurably, making it one of the top programs in the United States. The merger of Presbyterian Hospital and New York Hospital, along with the collapse of the Manhattan Eye, Ear & Throat Hospital (MEETH) training program, provided the opportunity for our department to expand to two excellent training hospitals, the New York Weill Cornell Campus of the New York Presbyterian Hospital and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. At the same time, the department's number of residents increased as former MEETH residents joined our department to complete their residency training. The blending of the Columbia and former MEETH programs has brought out the complementary strengths of these great academic and clinical programs. Rounding out their outstanding clinical experience, the Columbia residents continue to rotate to St. Luke's Roosevelt.

The announcements in this first issue and future newsletters will attest to the many exciting developments in the program. Wishing you and yours a happy and prosperous 2001.

Lanny Garth Close, M.D.  
Howard W. Smith Professor and Chairman

## JOSEPH HADDAD JR., M.D. NAMED LAWRENCE SAVETSKY CHAIR IN PEDIATRIC OTOLARYNGOLOGY

The department is proud to announce the addition of a third endowed chair, which has been awarded to Dr. Joseph Haddad Jr., Associate Professor and Vice Chairman of the department. The Lawrence Savetsky Chair in Pediatric Otolaryngology is the result of a \$1.5 million fund-raising effort. Dr. Haddad and Dr. Savetsky were honored at a reception in New York in October, 2000, where professional portrait artist Kevin Gordon unveiled his portrait of Dr. Savetsky.

Dr. Savetsky retired in 1999 after a career at Columbia spanning over 40 years.

The other two chairs in the department are the Howard W. Smith Chair, held by Dr. Lanny Garth Close, and the Calvin F. Barber Chair, held by Dr. David Chiu.



Portrait of Lawrence Savetsky, M.D.

## RESIDENT CLAIM TOP PRIZE AT KNOWLEDGE BOWL

Drs. Samuel Lam and Ashutosh Kacker won the Nasal Knowledge Bowl at the Annual Academy meeting held this past fall in Washington, D.C. They defeated 27 other teams, comprised of national and international contestants, through five rounds of "Jeopardy" - style questions, to take home the \$8000 first prize award. The competition was sponsored by the Mayo Clinic and the American and International Rhinologic Societies.

## DEPARTMENT WELCOMES INCOMING RESIDENTS

We are pleased to announce that two new members are joining our training program in July: Andres Orjuela, M.D. and Mark Shrime, M.D. Andres and Mark will be with us for the next five years, completing one year of general surgery, followed by four years of otolaryngology/head and neck surgery training.

Dr. Andres Orjuela obtained his Bachelor of Science Degree in 1996 from the University of California, Irvine. In May of 2001, he graduated with honors from the University of Southern California - Keck School of Medicine. In his free time, Andres plays soccer, dances Latin music, paints and loves to travel.

Dr. Mark Shrime obtained his Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1996 from Princeton University. In May of 2001, he graduated with honors from the University of Texas, Southwestern Medical School. Mark is a talented musician and artist. While in medical school, he produced several variety shows and films.

We welcome these well-qualified physicians in our training program and look forward to their contributions to the department in the coming years.



Andres Orjuela, M.D.



Mark Shrime, M.D.

## THREE NEW FACULTY MEMBERS JOIN DEPARTMENT OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY

The department is pleased to announce its continued growth with the addition of 3 new faculty members in the past two years.

Dr. Lianne M. de Serres has joined the Division of Pediatric Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery at Babies and Children's Hospital, joining Dr. Joseph Haddad Jr. and Dr. Jeffrey Keller. Dr. de Serres trained at University of Washington, Seattle where she also completed a Pediatric Otolaryngology Fellowship. Her husband, Dr. Guy McKhann, has joined the Columbia Department of Neurosurgery. Dr. de Serres' clinical and research interests include airway disorders, surgical management of velopharyngeal incompetence and quality-of-life issues in pediatric otolaryngology.



Dr. Maurice Khosh joins Dr. Jeffrey Ahn in the Division of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. He will be the Director of Facial Plastic Surgery Clinics at New York Presbyterian Hospital. Dr. Khosh trained at Columbia, and completed a Fellowship in Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at University of Washington, Seattle under the preceptorship of Dr. Wayne Larrabee and Dr. Craig Murakami (Columbia ENT, 1988). Dr. Khosh's clinical and research interests include endoscopic facial plastic surgery, augmentation rhinoplasty, and nasal valve reconstruction.



Dr. Jose Fayad trained at Columbia, and then completed a Neuro-otology Fellowship at the House Ear Clinic in Los Angeles, California. Dr. Fayad joins Dr. Ian Storper in the Division of Neurotology as Director of Otology. He is overseeing the Center of Cochlear Implants and Implantable Devices. His research interests include the histopathology of sensorineural hearing loss and clinical aspects of cochlear implantation.

## LECTURESHIPS AND CME ACTIVITIES

The Department has four named Lectureships, which are presented three times a year on a rotating basis. The upcoming lectureships are as follows:

- Gerald Healy, M.D., Otolaryngologist-in-Chief of Pediatric Otolaryngology at the Children's Hospital Medical Center in Boston, MA, will give the Lawrence Savetsky Lectureship in Pediatric Otolaryngology on April 26, 2001.
- Bruce Gantz, M.D., Professor and Head, Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at The University of Iowa, will give the Maxwell Abramson Memorial Lectureship in Otology on June 21, 2001.
- Robert Simons, M.D. of the Simon Center will give the Howard W. Smith Lectureship in Facial and Plastic Reconstructive Surgery on November 15, 2001.
- Charles Cummings, M.D., Andelot Professor and Chairman, Department of Otolaryngology in the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, will give the John Conley Lectureship in Head and Neck Surgery in March of 2002.