

## ALUMNI NEWS

The Annual Alumni Reception was held as part of the Annual AAO-HNS meeting in Denver, Colorado on September 11th, 2001 from 6:30-8:30pm. All alumni of the Columbia, Cornell, and Manhattan Eye & Ear residency programs were invited to attend. Our next Alumni reception will be held during the Annual AAO-HNS meeting 9/22 - 9/22/02 in San Diego, California.

Recent graduates of the Columbia program have taken academic positions. Dr. Matthew Hanson (Columbia 1995) has joined the faculty of Temple University's Department of Otolaryngology as Director of Otology/Neurotology. Other graduates working at academic institutions outside of NYC include Dr. Robert Frankenthaler (Columbia 1987), Assistant Professor, Harvard Medical School; Dr. Ghassan Samara (Columbia 1998), Assistant Professor, SUNY Stonybrook; and Dr. Edward Chang (Columbia 2000), Assistant Professor and Director of Facial Plastics & Reconstructive Surgery at the University of South Florida.

Congratulations to the residents finishing the program in June 2001. Dr. Samuel Lam began a fellowship in facial plastic and reconstructive surgery with Dr. Edwin Williams at the New England Laser & Cosmetic Surgery Center in Albany, NY. Dr. Craig Zalvan is completing a laryngology fellowship with Dr. Andrew Blitzer at Roosevelt Hospital. Dr. Ashutosh Kacker accepted a research position at New York Hospital. Dr. Abraham Joshua Zimm joined a private practice in Manhattan, and Dr. Steven Bramwit joined a private practice group in Stamford, Ct.

**Alumni!!! - Have you taken a new position? Moved? Doing interesting research? Please share it with us by email to [lgc6@columbia.edu](mailto:lgc6@columbia.edu).**

## LECTURESHIP AND CME ACTIVITIES

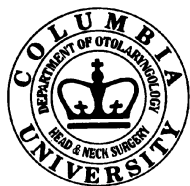
The Department has four named Lectureships, which are presented three times a year on a rotating basis.

- The Eleventh Annual Conference in Pediatric Otolaryngology/Head & Neck Surgery will be held on October 13th, 2001. The guest speaker will be Michael D. Poole, M.D., Ph.D., Professor and Chairman of Otolaryngology at University of Texas, Houston.
- Robert Simons, M.D. of the Simon Center will give the Howard W. Smith Lectureship in Facial Plastics and Reconstructive Surgery on November 15th, 2001.
- Charles Cummings, M.D., Andelot Professor and Chairman, Department of Otolaryngology at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, will give the John Conley Lectureship in Head and Neck Surgery on March 28th, 2002.

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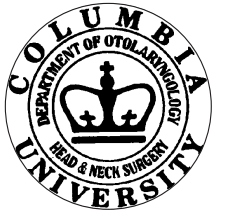


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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

We are all aware of the many successful mergers of major U.S. corporations over the past few years, but have any of us witnessed such a success in academic medicine? I am happy to report that such an event has taken place right here in Manhattan. On Dec. 31, 1997, the New York Presbyterian Hospital (NYPH) was officially formed, the result of a merger of the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center (CPMC) and the New York Weill Cornell Medical Center (NYWCC). As the current President of the Medical Board of this merged institution, I can report that the hospital is doing very well. As proof of the success of the merger, NYPH is the only hospital in New York to make the U.S. News & World Report 2001 honor roll as one of the top 16 hospitals in the United States.



More important to our specialty, the residency training program in Otolaryngology/Head & Neck Surgery is now fully integrated between the two hospital sites of NYPH; residents in the Columbia Program now spend an equal amount of their training years at CPMC and NYWCC. They also rotate during their chief resident year to the Head & Neck Surgery Service at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC). They benefit from the many areas of clinical excellence at all three sites, especially in the specialties of Head & Neck Oncology, Otology/Neurotology, Pediatric Otolaryngology, Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Laryngology, Rhinology and Audiology/Speech Pathology.

Although it is impossible to name all of the physicians on our faculty who contribute to the clinical excellence of our department, I should mention the 20 faculty members named by Castle Connolly as "Top Doctors in the NY Metro Area" in 2001. Those honored this year include (in alphabetical order): Vijay Anand (NYWCC), Jonathan Aviv (CPMC), David Chiu (CPMC), Lanny Close (CPMC), Peter Constantino (CPMC), Joseph Haddad Jr. (CPMC), Jacqueline Jones (NYWCC), Dennis Kraus (MSKCC), Bill Kuhel (NYWCC), Norris Lee (NYWCC), Arlene Markowitz (CPMC), Norman Pastorek (NYWCC), Shain Schley (NYWCC), Malcolm Schvey (CPMC), Samuel Selesnick (NYWCC), Jatin Shah (MSKCC), Ashok Shaha (MSKCC), Ian Storper (CPMC), Robert Ward (NYWCC) and Jack Wazen (CPMC).

I speak for the entire faculty and staff in wishing you and yours a happy and successful Fall, 2001.

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

### SOME RESPONSES TO THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE COLUMBIA MIRROR

"Thanks for including me in the Mirror mailings...It is an excellent publication which I have much enjoyed. I am very proud of the way the two institutions have joined together and in the cooperation they are showing." - Dr. John Roediger

"...I'm indeed pleased to receive your inaugural issue of the Columbia Mirror. You've done a great job in having 3 Endowed Chairs in such a short period of time."- Dr. K.J. Lee, Pres., AAO-HNS

## 1ST ANNUAL RESIDENT'S RESEARCH DAY



Thomas Takoudes, M.D. & Lanny Close, M.D.

The First Annual Resident's Research Day was held on Thursday, June 21, 2001 in our newly renovated conference room located in the Harkness Pavilion Building. Seventeen resident presentations were given; the papers and presentations were judged by Bruce J. Gantz, MD (University of Iowa), Stimson Schantz, MD (New York Eye and Ear), and Thomas Van De Water, MD (Albert Einstein School of Medicine). The winner of the resident Research Day Award was Dr. Thomas Takoudes. His presentation, "Effects of amoxicillin on free radical damage in guinea pigs" was done under the laboratory preceptorship of Dr. Joseph Haddad Jr. Second place went to Dr. Rajendra Bhayani, and third place was awarded to Dr. Abraham Joshua Zimm.

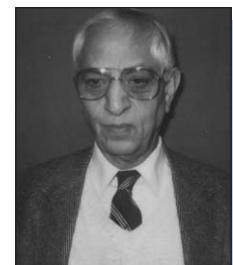
As part of the Research Day, Dr. Gantz, gave the 8th Annual Maxwell Abramson Memorial Lecture in Otolaryngology. Dr. Gantz is the Brian F. McCabe Distinguished Chair in Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. His lecture, "The Contemporary Management of Otitis Media with Cholesteatoma", was followed by a reception. His second lecture, "The Combined Electrical and Acoustic Stimulation for Severe High Frequency Hearing Loss" began the second session.

At the Resident's dinner that evening, the residents awarded the first Malcolm Schvey Clinic Teaching Award to Dr. Mark Fox, and the Maxwell Abramson Memorial Teaching Award to Dr. Maurice M. Khosh.

The Second Annual Residents' Day has been scheduled for June 2002. All faculty, alumni and interested parties are encouraged to attend.

## BASIC RESEARCH

### DR. SHYAM KHANNA RETIRES; DR. OLSON JOINS FACULTY



Shyam Khanna, Ph.D.

After 37 years of dedicated service to Columbia University as Professor of Auditory Biophysics and Director of the Fowler Memorial Laboratory, Dr. Shyam Khanna retired effective August, 2001. Dr. Khanna is an internationally known researcher in the mechanisms of the tympanic membrane, middle ear and cochlea. He is the author of 162 published papers and chapters, and holds patents for the Radar Mapping Simulator, Doppler Radar Navigator and Optical Sectioning Microscopic Interferometer. As professor emeritus, Dr. Khanna plans to continue the development and application of non-invasive optical tools for measurement of submicroscopic vibrations of sensory cells and auditory structures.

At the same time we acknowledge Dr. Khanna's many contributions to our field, we are proud to announce that Dr. Elizabeth Olson has been recruited from the Physics Department of Princeton University to assume the position of Assistant Professor of Biomedical Engineering and Auditory Biophysics (in Otolaryngology/Head & Neck Surgery) and Director of the Fowler Memorial Laboratory. Her research, funded by the NIDCD (NIH), entails fine pressure measurements within the auditory system. The collaborative work of Dr. Olson and Dr. Khanna holds great promise in furthering our understanding of pressure and movement dynamics of the auditory system.



Elizabeth Olson, Ph.D.

## CLINICAL RESEARCH

Under Dr. Jonathan Aviv's leadership, several new findings have been made in our dysphagia laboratory related to studies on optical vs. blind transesophageal echocardiography (TE), trans-nasal esophagoscopy (TNE), and laryngopharyngeal sensory deficits in patients with laryngopharyngeal reflux (LPR) and dysphagia. Over the past year, five papers and two abstracts have been published on these subjects. Contact Dr. Aviv at jea10@columbia.edu for details.

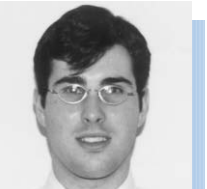


Lanny Close, M.D. & Bruce Gantz, M.D.

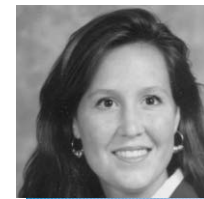
## DEPARTMENT OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY/HEAD & NECK SURGERY WELCOMES INCOMING RESIDENTS

The department is pleased to welcome our three new PGY-1 residents. Eli Grunstein, Corrine Horn, and Abtin Tabaei completed one year of General Surgery training at Columbia and will be with us for the next four years completing their specialty training.

Dr. Eli Grunstein obtained his BSc. degree in 1996 from Yeshiva University. In May of 2000, he graduated Alpha Omega Alpha from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Eli is an avid basketball player and was a member of the championship team while at Einstein. He and his wife recently experienced a new addition to their family – their baby boy was born in April.



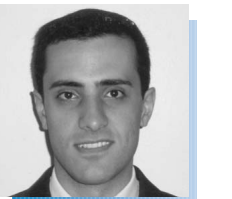
Eli Grunstein, MD



Corrine Horn, MD

Dr. Corrine Horn obtained her BA degree in Health Economics in 1994 from Princeton University. She completed a Masters Degree in Clinical Outcomes Research at Dartmouth in 1996, before obtaining her Medical Degree from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in May 2000. In her free time, Corrine attends the opera, visits ski slopes, and loves to cook.

Dr. Abtin Tabaei obtained his BSc. degree from Duke University in 1995. He graduated Alpha Omega Alpha from Cornell University School of Medicine, where he also engaged in basic sciences ENT research. Abtin is a classical violinist, loves running track, rollerblading, and traveling.



Abtin Tabaei, MD

## DR. HEALY PRESENTS THIRD LAWRENCE SAVETSKY LECTURE

On April 26, 2001, Dr. Gerald Healy presented the Third Lawrence Savetsky Lectureship in Pediatric Otolaryngology. His main lecture was on "Current Management of Head & Neck Malignancies in Children", followed by a reception. A subsequent talk was given to the house staff and medical students on "Etiology of Stridor in Pediatric Population"

Dr. Healy is Otolaryngologist-in-Chief at the Children's Hospital Medical Center in Boston, MA., and Professor of Otolaryngology & Laryngology at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Healy is also President-Elect of the Triological Society.

Dr. Charles Bluestone of Pittsburgh, PA., and Dr. Robin Cotton of Cincinnati, OH., have been previous Savetsky Lecturers.



Lanny Close, M.D. & Gerald Healy, M.D.

## DEPARTMENT NEWS!!

- Dr. Mani Zadeh presented a talk, "Serum Eosinophilia in the Prognosis of Chronic Sinusitis" as part of Resident's Night on June 7th, 2001 at the New York Academy of Medicine.
- Dr. Joseph Haddad Jr. was guest speaker at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, 21st Symposium on Ear, Nose & Throat Diseases in Children in Pittsburgh, PA in July, 2001. He gave two presentations on the medical and surgical care of children with cleft lip and palate, and was a member of panels on otitis media and airway disorders in children.
- Dr. Ian Storper received an Honor Award from the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the Annual AAO-HNS Meeting in Denver, Colorado in September.
- Dr. Jonathan Aviv has been promoted to Professor of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery at New York Presbyterian Hospital. He has also been elected Vice-President of the American Broncho-Esophagological Association.
- Dr. Lanny Garth Close was recently named President-elect of the Association of Academic Department of Otolaryngology/Head & Neck Surgery.