Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery Practice Site

Description of Services
The Otolaryngology Practice Site, also known and Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT), specializes in the diseases and treatments of the ear, nose, throat, head and neck. Subspecialties concentrate on:

- Head and Neck Cancer
- Facial Plastics
- Rhinology (Nose and Sinus)
- Thyroid and Parathyroid
- Neurotology (Ear)
- Laryngology (Voice and Swallowing)

Practice Site Location
The Otolaryngology Practice Site is located in the MCGHealth Ambulatory Care Center, 1447 Harper Street, 4th Floor, Augusta, Georgia.
Hours of Operation

Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Thyroid / Parathyroid (Dr. David Terris)**
- Thursday afternoons
- Friday afternoons

**Rhinology (Dr. Stilianous Kountakis)**
- Tuesday all day
- Thursday all day

**Laryngology (Dr. Gregory Postma)**
- Monday afternoons
- Tuesday afternoons
- Wednesday all day
- Friday mornings

**Neurotology (Dr. Brian McKinnon)**
- Monday all day
- Tuesday afternoons

**Speech/Language Pathology (Lori Burkhead, PhD, CCC-SLP)**
- Friday mornings
- Monday all day

**Head and Neck Cancer (Dr. Lana Jackson)**
- Wednesday all day

**Head and Neck Surgery (Dr. Jimmy Brown)**
- 1st and 3rd Tuesday mornings each month

**Pediatric Otolaryngology (Dr. Jack Borders)**
- Sees patients in the Pediatric Surgery Practice Site

**Facial Plastics (Dr. Achih Chen)**
- Tuesday mornings

Latest Practice News

- MCGHealth Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery welcomes Jimmy J. Brown, DDS, MD. Specializing in Head and Neck Surgery, Dr. Brown joined the team in Augusta 2009.

- MCGHealth is the only hospital in the Southeast offering da Vinci robotic surgery for thyroid nodules. The procedure, which completely eliminates neck scars, is performed by David Terris, MD, the surgical director of MCGHealth’s Thyroid and Parathyroid Center. Traditional thyroidectomies require hospitalization and a 3-4 inch incision in the neck, which leaves a visible scar. The robotic procedure, on the other hand, can be performed through an incision under the armpit or in another remote location, to avoid visible scarring.

Residents and Fellowships

As an academic medical center, MCGHealth’s Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery Practice Site serves as the clinical delivery system for the Medical College of Georgia’s students, residents and fellows.

**Resident Program**

Eight resident physicians are a part of the practice site. These physicians rotate through each of the services of the Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery Practice Site. In addition, they conduct research and treat patients at the VA Hospital. In addition to the resident physicians, two interns will also spend time in our practice after spending one year in General Surgery.

**Fellowship Program**

Currently, the MCG Department of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery have three physicians in its fellowship program:

- Endocrine Head and Neck: Dr. Melanie Seybt
- Laryngology: Dr. Ozan Ozgursoy
- Rhinology: Dr. Jastin Antisdel
Physicians

David Terris, MD
Thyroid / Parathyroid

Dr. Terris treats disorders of the thyroid and parathyroid including goiters, cancer of the thyroid/parathyroid, Graves disease, and hyper and hypothyroidism. Specializing in surgery of the thyroid and parathyroid, Dr. Terris is a pioneer in minimally invasive and robotic-assisted neck surgery. He collaborates with Endocrinology in the surgical care of patients with Thyroid disease.

Stilianous Kountakis, MD
Rhinology

Dr. Kountakis specializes in diseases of the nose and sinus, including chronic sinusitis, anterior skull base tumors (such as Olfactory Neuroblastoma, Encephlocele), sleep apnea, and septal defects such as those requiring a Septoplasty.

Gregory Postma, MD
Laryngology

Dr. Postma specializes in voice disorders, professional and singing voice care, dysphagia and associated swallowing disorders, airway surgery and reconstruction, Spasmodic Cysphone, and reflux and chronic cough. Most procedures are performed in office, such as manometry, transnasal esophagoscopy, esoprophagoscopy, laser procedures of vocal cords and vocal cord botox injections.

Achih Chen, MD
Facial Plastics and Reconstructive Surgery

Dr. Chen specializes in all aspects of cosmetic facial plastic surgery, including facelifts and browlifts. He repairs facial fractures, including trauma patients. Dr. Chen also removes cancerous lesions of the head and neck.

Brian McKinnon, MD, MBA
Neurotology

Dr. McKinnon specializes in diseases of the ear. Specifically, he treats disorders of hearing and balance including Cholesteatomas, a cyst made up of epidermal cells in the middle ear. In addition, Dr. McKinnon treats hearing loss, Acoustic Schwannomas and implantable hearing devices such as Bone Anchored Hearing Aid (BAHA) and Cochlear Implants.
Lana Jackson, MD  
Head and Neck Cancer

Dr. Jackson specializes in cancers and diseases of the head and neck, including the salivary glands. She leads the weekly Tumor Board, an interdisciplinary team involving physicians from Radiation Oncology, Surgical Oncology, Maxillofacial and other specialties as needed. Patients are seen in one location by all necessary disciplines to determine a plan of care with patients in one visit.

Lori Burkhead, PhD, CCC-SLP  
Speech Language Pathology Voice and Swallowing

Dr. Burkhead specializes in rehabilitation of patients with voice and swallowing disorders with special emphasis in issues unique to tracheostomy and ventilator dependency. She also treats voice restoration and dysphagia rehabilitation in head and neck cancer.

Jack Borders, MD  
Pediatric Otolaryngology

Dr. Borders specializes in diseases and treatment of the ear, nose and throat in children with a special interest in airway management. He sees patients in the Pediatric Surgery Practice Site.

Jimmy Brown, DDS, MD, FACS  
Head and neck surgery

Dr. Brown specializes in all aspects of sleep surgery including maxillomandibular advancement for severe OSA (Obstructive Sleep Apnea). His interests also include minimally invasive surgeries of the head and neck, including transoral approaches to the submandibular and other salivary glands, as well as other maxillofacial surgeries.

Practice Site Management

Glenn Bedell  
Administrative Director

Barbara Carter, RN  
Practice Site Coordinator