

## 2009 AAO-HNS/F AWARD RECIPIENTS

### Distinguished Award for Humanitarian Service: Richard Wagner, MD

Dr. Wagner received his MD from the University of Southern California School of Medicine in 1983, completed an internship in general surgery at Huntington Memorial Hospital, Pasadena, CA, a residency in general surgery there, and a residency in otolaryngology at Mount Sinai Medical Center, NY. For many years he practiced general otolaryngology in Las Vegas, NV, until he retired to pursue humanitarian work in 2001. In 2000, he helped found Global ENT Outreach (GEO), a humanitarian organization that treats ear disease in underserved populations around the world. Director of GEO since 2003, Dr. Wagner has performed surgeries in Ethiopia, and most recently has directed his efforts to South America. He has established temporal bone laboratories in Honduras, and has made trips to El Salvador, Ecuador, Peru, and American Samoa to perform and teach surgery. Recently his organization has partnered with the Christian Blind Mission (CBM), a German foundation that is helping to fund a new temporal bone laboratory in Lima, Peru. He has also been working with the CBM to establish a national hearing screening program and ear clinic for underserved people in this region. Dr. Wagner has lectured extensively on clinical and academic topics and contributed to articles in numerous publications. The Distinguished Service Award recognizes Dr. Wagner's tireless efforts to deliver medical care to those who would not otherwise be able to receive it.



Richard Wagner, MD

### Jerome C. Goldstein, MD, Public Service Award: G. Paul Doxey, MD

Dr. Doxey is the president and chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Doctors' Volunteer Clinic in St. George, UT. Since founding the multidisciplinary clinic in 1999, Dr. Doxey and his team have worked tirelessly, keeping the clinic open daily from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm to provide free care and medication to uninsured local residents. In addition to running the clinic, Dr. Doxey is a past president of the Utah Society of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery and the Washington County Medical Society. For his public service efforts, he has received awards that include "Community Service Volunteer of the Year (1999)," "Doctor of the Year" (2000 and 2003), and "Distinguished Service" Utah Medical Association (2002). He was recognized in 2009 by Utah's Governor in the "State of the State" address for his work in providing healthcare to the uninsured residents of Utah. After ENT training at the University of Utah, Dr. Doxey has been in solo practice for 24 years—nine years in Salt Lake City and 15 years in Saint George. He is also known throughout the community as the founding member and guitarist in the "Rok Dox," a rock band of local physicians. Dr. Doxey is being recognized with the AAO-HNS Public Service Award for his commitment and achievements in service to improve public welfare.



G. Paul Doxey, MD

### Holt Leadership Award: Spencer C. Payne, MD

Dr. Payne graduated from SUNY at Stony Brook School of Medicine in 2001, and has shown strength as a young leader throughout his career. Acknowledged during medical school for his contribution to the improvement of student life, he actively participated in student government and his school's admissions committee. As a resident in otolaryngology—head and neck surgery at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, MI, he chaired House Staff Council and regularly met with the hospital's administration to work on improving multiple aspects of its health system. Dr. Payne has also remained involved with his state medical society and the American Medical Association. His involvement in the Academy began early in his residency through his participation in the Section for Residents and Fellows (SRF). He initially served as the information officer, was later elected chair of the SRF, and in the following year, provided valuable guidance and support to the section as immediate past chair. Dr. Payne continues to be involved with resident education and research by contributing to peer-reviewed publications, taking part in studies, presenting lectures, and belonging to numerous professional societies. Currently, he is an assistant professor of otolaryngology—head and neck surgery at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA. He will be recognized at the 2009 annual meeting for exemplifying the attributes of a young leader—honesty, integrity, fairness, advocacy, and enthusiasm.



Spencer C. Payne, MD

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courses, with the ICAC using new submission guidelines designed to provide the committee with more objective views and feedback upon which to base decisions. "More than 20 percent of this year's courses represent new offerings," said Dr. Diaz, "and the ever-popular catalog of minicourses has been expanded to offer attendees the greater opportunities to mix with colleagues and presenters in smaller class-size settings."

Dr. Diaz became ICAC coordinator this year, following the six-year term of Andrew Blitzer, MD. He said he plans to continue the overall improvement of the course offerings begun by Dr. Blitzer and the committee during the last several years.

"I hope to continue to steer the ICAC in doing the excellent job of selecting courses of interest in both clinical and academic practices," he said.

"Because instruction courses are such an important source of CME credits for AAO-HNS members, registration for annual meeting sessions are expected to fill quickly," Dr. Diaz said. He encourages online advance registration at [www.entnet.org/annual\\_meeting](http://www.entnet.org/annual_meeting) to ensure members get into their first-choice sessions.

Those registering through August 31 will receive a discount rate of \$50 per hour, and \$70 per hour for hands-on courses. After August 31, registration fees are \$70 and \$90 an hour respectively, including onsite course registration at the annual meeting.

CME stations will be available in the San Diego Convention Center, and attendees will be able to print a Certificate of Attendance at designated stations. Course feedback can also be entered from personal computers for up to one month after the end of the annual meeting.

## AAO-HNSF/ANS Hands-on Hearing and Balance Workshops

**Saturday, October 3**  
San Diego Convention Center  
Register at [www.entnet.org/annual\\_meeting](http://www.entnet.org/annual_meeting)

**Evaluation and Management of the Dizzy Patient: What You Need to Know**  
3.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™  
8:00 am–12:00 pm  
\$270 Physician/Allied Health  
\$95 Resident/Fellow-In-Training

This workshop offers a concise and practical review of basic physiology, history, examination, testing, and treatment options for patients with dizziness and imbalance. It is geared toward residents and practicing otolaryngologists who would like to improve their skills with these challenging patients. Case studies will be used to highlight key features of diagnosis and management of several vestibular disorders.

The American Neurotology Society (ANS) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The ANS designates this education activity for

the maximum number of hours indicated above of AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

**Hands-on Audiometrics for the Practitioner: What the Otolaryngologist Needs to Know**  
4.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™  
8:00 am–1:00 pm  
\$270 Physician/Allied Health  
\$95 Resident/Fellow-In-Training

The goals of this workshop are to provide residents, fellows, and practicing otolaryngologists with the indications and interpretations of different types of audiologic testing and equipment (audiometry, tympanometry, OAE, and ABR). Hands-on experience with state-of-the-art equipment will be offered. Participants will also be able to identify the appropriate test for each patient, perform a routine audiogram, understand masking dilemmas, perform impedance testing, and interpret OAE/ABR testing in both children and adults.

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am–12:00 pm, Tuesday, October 6. Under the leadership of David Witsell, MD, MHS, this year's translational session will focus on rhinology and will feature outstanding national and international physicians and scientists offering a cutting-edge look at both basic science and clinical practice. The program will present a basis for research applications in decision-making, concluding with a panel/audience discussion on inflammatory mechanisms and future research applications and translation.

The latest updates in safety and quality issues will be presented during the "2009 AAO-HNS/F Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Mini-Program" from 8:00 am–12:00 pm Monday, October 5. This mini-program will broadly examine the quality and safety landscape and future challenges. The session will then move into an interactive session on payer contracting, measuring assessment, and preventing situations that may result in less-than-optimal provider grades or standing with payers.

A particularly stimulating educational

highlight of the annual meeting is the AAO-HNSF Academic Bowl, with audience participation, which will be held from 10:30 am–12:00 pm on Sunday, October 4. Competing teams from four residencies will square off in answering challenging clinical questions.



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