

Update on Otolaryngology- Head and Neck Surgery Division

*Faculty Development Initiative,
Retirement of Founding Chief &
Appointment of Acting Chief*

The Department of Surgery is very pleased to announce the **full-time appointment of Ghassan J. Samara, MD, to the Division of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery.**



Dr. Ghassan J. Samara



Dr. David A. Schessel



Dr. Elliot Regenbogen



Dr. Arnold E. Katz

Dr. Samara has had over ten years of direct otolaryngology experience, as an assistant professor of surgery at Stony Brook University Medical Center, and as the section chief of otolaryngology at the Northport Veterans Affairs Medical Center. There, he has been involved in all aspects of head and neck surgery, including thyroidectomy and parathyroidectomy.

Dr. Samara performed the first balloon sinuplasty in Suffolk County, and was part of the surgical team that performed the County's first endoscopic pituitary surgery.

Dr. Samara earned his MD at the University of Miami, and then went on to the University of California at Los Angeles, where he trained in the general surgery residency and also served as a research fellow. He completed his otolaryngology-head and neck surgery residency at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York.

Dr. Samara has been selected for the Best Doctors in America® List since 2005. An active researcher as well as clinician, he has re-

ceived research funding through the National Institutes of Health and Veterans Affairs Medical Center Research Career Development Awards.

Dr. Samara looks forward to expanding his clinical practice at Stony Brook University Medical Center, and to continuing his research into head and neck cancer carcinogenesis.

Dr. Samara joins **David A. Schessel, MD, PhD**, associate professor of surgery, who joined our faculty in 2007 to lead our program in neurotology and cochlear implant surgery, and who is **acting chief of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery.**

Dr. Schessel received his MD and his PhD in neuroscience at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He received his residency training at Albert Einstein, and completed a fellowship in neurotology at the University of Toronto. He is board certified in both neurotology and otolaryngology, and is as a national authority on auditory neurosensory deficits.

Elliot Regenbogen, MD, joins our faculty on January 1, 2009, as an assistant professor of surgery with a focus on laryngology. He has been practicing general otolaryngology in Westchester County, and serving as chairman of the otolaryngology department at Northern Westchester Hospital.

Board certified in otolaryngology, Dr. Regenbogen obtained his MD from Albert Einstein College of Medicine, where he subsequently completed his residency training. We look forward to welcoming Dr. Regenbogen to our staff in the new year, when he will bring **his expertise in laryngology** to complement the strengths of our existing faculty.

For consultations/appointments with our otolaryngology-head and neck surgery specialists, please call (631) 444-4121.

Finally, we regretfully announce the **retirement of Arnold E. Katz, MD**, professor of surgery and founding chief of the Division of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, from his full-time faculty position after nearly 20 years of service to the institution.

Dr. Katz will continue as a member of our voluntary faculty, in which role he plans to contribute to the re-establishment of our otolaryngology residency program, and on a part-time basis, he will also contribute as a practicing physician to the ENT program at the Northport VA Medical Center.

