

## RESIDENCY PROGRAM TRANSITION

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When I was named Program Director of the Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery Residency at the Medical College of Georgia in 2014, I had one mission in mind – to continuously improve the program and make MCG the best place possible for our trainees to learn their craft. I cannot believe how quickly the subsequent six years flew by. I am proud of many of the things our program has achieved since that time. With the strong support of our Chair, Dr. Kountakis, and the esteemed otolaryngology faculty, we have expanded the resident complement from 10 to 13 (the first permanent increase since 1985) and maintained ACGME-accreditation without citations for 5 years straight. Additionally, we secured new training sites at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center and the Southern Otology Clinic at University Hospital; expanded resident experiences in areas such as audiology, allergy, speech pathology and neuroradiology; opened a new, state-of-the-art temporal bone lab; and helped lead the way for the hospital in resident involvement in quality improvement. Nevertheless, I am

undoubtedly most proud of the many fantastic residents who have completed their training here and moved on to successful careers in both academia and private practice and of recruiting many more outstanding people into the program. As I relinquish my role as Program Director in order to transition into my new position as Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education and Assistant Designated Institutional Official for MCG, I feel a touch of sadness that I will no longer be at the residency helm when these fine individuals graduate. Fortunately, I am able to leave them, and the program, in more than capable hands. I am happy to announce that Dr. J. Drew Prosser, Associate Professor and Chief of the Division of Pediatric Otolaryngology will be our new Program Director. He will be ably assisted by our new Associate Program Director, Dr. W. Greer Albergotti, III, Assistant Professor and member of our world-class head and neck surgery team.

I am confident that with their strong leadership and unwavering dedication to our trainees, the MCG Otolaryngology Residency will continue to grow and flourish.



**Dr. Stil Kountakis** (right) Chairman and Professor presents **Dr. Michael Groves** (left) with an award commemorating his exceptional years of service as Residency Program Director.



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