



C. GAELYN GARRETT, MD

**CANDIDATE FOR
NOMINATING COMMITTEE
(ACADEMIC)**

What do you see as the priorities of the Nominating Committee in selecting the future leaders of our Academy?

We are in the midst of exciting yet daunting changes in medicine. As physicians, we should be leading the charge to insure that these changes positively impact our primary goal of providing the highest standards of medical care to our patients. The American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery (AAO-HNS) is uniquely positioned to provide the resources and support to accomplish this goal. The strength of the AAO-HNS is clearly its fellow members; as a member of the Nominating Committee, I will seek leaders who are forward thinkers and motivators of the membership to foster the relationship between clinicians and policymakers. Rather than be stymied by these challenges, our leaders will embrace the opportunities to build on what is successful and redirect what is not. With that positive relationship, the AAO-HNS can continue to be our advocate for advancing our primary missions of patient care, education and scientific innovation. We are physicians first – but we need to recognize the necessity for expanding our influence beyond the clinical realm. Our future Academy leaders will continue to help us lead this charge.

Name C. Gaelyn Garrett, MD

I have been fortunate to have spent the majority of my academic career within the Department of Otolaryngology at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Upon completion of my residency at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill, NC in 1994, I came to Nashville for a one-year fellowship in Laryngology under the mentorship of Dr. Robert Ossoff. That initial one-year has turned into a more than 19-year academic career at Vanderbilt.

My primary clinical focus is laryngology, with an emphasis on professional voice and airway disorders. For the first 10 years of my career, about 50% of my practice included general adult and pediatric otolaryngology. Since becoming Medical Director of the Vanderbilt Voice Center in 2004, my practice has been fully laryngology. My current positions in the Department of Otolaryngology also include Division Chief of Laryngology and a recent appointment as Vice-Chair, Chief of Clinical Operations under the leadership of our Chairman, Dr. Roland Eavey. I also am heavily involved in the administrative functions of Vanderbilt Medical Center. These include serving as Medical Director of the Otolaryngology, Ophthalmology, Plastic Surgery and Oral Maxillofacial Surgery Surgical Service Pod and Medical Director of the Medical Economics and Outcomes Committee (directing surgical supply chain processes). These additional roles have provided me invaluable leadership and management skills.

As an academic otolaryngologist, I strongly believe in the importance of continued research and educational endeavors in addition to my clinical responsibilities. Our research efforts at Vanderbilt have led to a better understanding of laser applications in the larynx, vocal fold wound healing, the applicability of neuromuscular pacing for bilateral vocal fold paralysis among others. We also have collaborative research projects with our colleagues in gastroenterology, allergy and pulmonary medicine. On the education front, I am a Co-Director of the Vanderbilt Laryngology fellowship program. We have trained over 40 laryngologists, most who have gone on to academic careers themselves. Community outreach and education has also been a major priority of the Vanderbilt Voice Center. As such, we provide seminars on voice care and screenings for young and emerging artists in Nashville.

Beyond Vanderbilt, I have always been encouraged by my mentors to be active in the academic societies of our specialty as a way to broaden my education and the education of others. As a Fellow of the American Academy of Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery, I have had the opportunity to be a course instructor during the annual meeting for nearly every year of my career. I have also been the Program Chair for the annual educational meetings of the American Laryngological Association and the Triological Society.

As a full-time academic subspecialist, I feel a strong obligation to maintain my identity as an otolaryngologist. This is a belief that I will always pass along as a mentor to our residents and fellows. I have definitely benefitted from this same wisdom throughout my training and career.

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Name C. Gaelyn Garrett, MD

Current Employment Vanderbilt Univ. Medical Center (1994 – present)

Place of Birth Decatur, GA

Education:	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Graduation</u>
UNC – Chapel Hill	1980-1984	BA	1984
UNC – School of Medicine	1984-1988	MD	1988

Residency and Fellowship

UNC Hospitals	1988-1994	Otolaryngology Residency
Vanderbilt Medical Center	1994-1995	Laryngology Fellowship

Specialty

Otolaryngology / Laryngology

Licensure and Certification

American Board of Otolaryngology – 1996
 State Licensure: Tennessee 1994 – present; North Carolina 1993 - present

Previous Employment

N/A

Memberships and Offices Held /Academy and other societies

1. ALA: President (2013-present); Vice-Pres (2012-2013); Secretary (2008-2012); Editor-Historian (2005-2008); Councilor at large (2003-2005); Program Chair (2005)
2. Triological Society: Council Member (2003-2012); Secretary-Treasurer Southern Section (2003-2010); Vice-President (2011-2012); Program Chair Southern Section Mtg (2003); Program Chair Annual Mtg (2012); Program Committee Annual Mtg (2008); Combined Sections Mtg (2007, 2011, 2013)
3. American Board of Otolaryngology: Senior Examiner (2005-2008); Guest Examiner (2000-2002, 2011); Task Force for New Materials (1999-2002); Home Study Course (2002-2008)
4. AAO-HNS: CORE Study Group (2004-2006)

Honor/Awards

AAO-HNS Honor Award (2003)

Presidential Citation, Triological Society (2012)

Presidential Citation, American Laryngological Association (2012)

Vice-Presidential Citation, Triological Society Combined Section Meeting (2014)

International Invited Speaker

- Middle East Updates in Otolaryngology, Dubai, UAE (April, 2012)
- Philippine Society of Otolaryngology-H&N Surgery Mid-year Convention (May, 2011)

Community Service

Covenant Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN – various activities

Shade Tree Clinic – Student Run Clinic, Nashville, TN; specialty otolaryngology clinic sessions

Health Screenings for local uninsured musicians, Nashville, TN

Regional/Local Hospital Participation

Vanderbilt Medical Center - current

Veterans Administration Hospital, Nashville, TN (1994-2007)

St. Thomas Hospital (1994-2006)

Summation of Published Works Within the Specialty

Peer-reviewed journal articles: 65

Textbook Contributions: 15

Specific article list available on request.