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Vikas Mehta grew up in Bakersfield, and graduated from University of California Berkeley with a degree in biochemistry. He then took time off to do volunteer work abroad in India serving in the earthquake-ravaged areas of Gujarat. After several months, he joined the Americorps National Civilian Community Corps for one year before matriculating in medical school. He then completed medical school at the University of California Irvine and went on to residency in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary where he won awards for excellence in teaching and research. After residency, he fulfilled his lifelong ambition to care for cancer patients and completed a fellowship in Head and Neck Surgery at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Upon finishing fellowship, he has joined the faculty at LSU Health Sciences Center Shreveport in 2012, where he serves as Director of Robotic Head and Neck Surgery and Co-Director of Head and Neck Surgical Oncology. During his first three years of practice, he also worked part-time and completed a Masters of Public Health from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Vikas Mehta is a diplomate of the American Board of Otolaryngology and a member of the American Head and Neck Society, the American College of Surgeons, and the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. He has served on multiple committees within the AAO-HNS and AHNS taking very active roles within them, including founding several recent projects such as the AHNS monthly journal club, the OREBM article highlight within the *Bulletin* and the AHNS Young Members Group. He also has recently been appointed to help educational development of materials for the AAO-HNS including the clinical practice guidelines for "Evaluation of an Adult with a Neck Mass" and "Management of a Patient with HPV positive Oropharyngeal Cancer." He also has authored numerous publications and chapters related to otolaryngology/head and neck surgery. He has presented research at national meetings, earning awards from both the AAO-HNS and AHNS. He has also served on several committees within LSU including serving as the Cancer Liaison Physician to the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer. Recently, he has developed an interest in cost effectiveness and outcomes research. He has given multiple lectures on the Affordable Care Act and taught a course at the Academy Meeting on Cost Effectiveness in Otolaryngology.

Vikas currently resides in Shreveport, Louisiana, with his wife Maura and their two children Kareena and Leela. They enjoy spending time with their children, travelling and participating in local community service activities.