



## **Cecelia Damask, DO**

### **Candidate for Audit Committee**

#### ***What qualifications or experience allow you to be an effective member of the Audit Committee of the Academy?***

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During this rapidly spreading global pandemic, I have found a great sense of gratitude for our Academy. I have been an active member serving on various AAO-HNS/F committees. It is through this work and interactions with other Academy members that I have developed a deep appreciation of the value of the AAO-HNS/F to the practicing otolaryngologist.

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It is definitely a challenging time to practice otolaryngology-head and neck surgery. As we continue to battle COVID-19 and its variants, there are two ways we can choose to respond. On the one hand, we can choose to see only negativity – an uncertain economic outlook, our strained healthcare system, and anxiety over when our lives will return to normal, if ever. This negativity is all around us and it's easy to get sucked into talking, thinking, feeling, and judging in a negative manner. But on the other hand, there is another response that can bring us together and carry us through this crisis – and that is gratitude. I have found a great sense of gratitude for our profession and our Academy. It is through my connection with our organization that I have been able to find ways to remain grounded through these uncertain times.

It is this kinship that drives my passion for the Academy. I have been an active member serving on various AAO-HNS/F committees and as a peer-reviewer for the journal. In addition, I have been a member of the Annual Meeting Planning Committee as well as presenting at the Annual Meeting. It is through this work and interactions with other Academy members that I have developed a deep appreciation of the value of the AAO-HNS/F to the practicing otolaryngologist.

If I am given the opportunity to serve on the Audit Committee, it will be an honor and a privilege to work hard to serve our Academy and its members ensuring the AAO-HNS/F's continued success in the future. Thank you for the opportunity. I humbly ask for your support.

## CURRICULUM VITAE

**Name:** Cecelia Damask, DO

**Current Employment:**

Lake Mary Ear, Nose, Throat & Allergy, owner, 2006 to present  
795 Primera Blvd Ste 1031  
Lake Mary, FL 32746

**Place of Birth:** Chicago, IL

**Education (include institutions, dates, degrees):****Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine**

Midwestern University, Downers Grove, IL  
Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine  
September 1995 – June 1999

**Bachelor of Arts, Classics Major**

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL  
September 1989 – June 1993

**Residency and Fellowship:****Otolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery Residency**

Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Doctors Hospital, Department of Otolaryngology, Columbus, OH  
July 2000 – June 2004

**Surgical Internship**

Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Doctors Hospital, Department of General Surgery, Columbus, OH  
July 1999 – June 2000

**Specialty:**

Comprehensive Otolaryngology  
Otolaryngic Allergy

**Licensure and Certification:**

Florida Osteopathic Medical License, active, unrestricted  
North Carolina Medical License, active, unrestricted  
New York Medical License, active, unrestricted  
Ohio Medical License, inactive

Board Certified, American Osteopathic Boards of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery  
Otolaryngology & Facial Plastic Surgery, May 2005

Continuous Certification, American Osteopathic Boards of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery,  
Otolaryngology & Facial Plastic Surgery, October 2013

**Previous Employment:**

Cape Fear Otolaryngology, 2004 to 2006  
2053 Valleygate Drive  
Fayetteville, NC

**Memberships and Offices Held /Academy and other societies:**

**American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery**

AAO-HNS/F BOG Governance & Society Engagement Committee, Member, 2020 to present  
AAO-HNS/F Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Committee  
    Chairperson, appointed, 2021 to present  
    Chairperson-Elect, appointed, 2020 to 2021  
    Member, 2008 to 2016; 2018 to present  
    Model Committee Award, 2009, 2013  
AAO-HNS/F Annual Meeting Planning Committee, Member, 2019 to present  
    Lead, Educational Innovation Strategic Team, appointed, 2020 to present  
    Lead, Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Subgroup, appointed, 2019 -2020  
AAO-HNS/F General Otolaryngology Education Committee, Member, 2017 to present  
AAO-HNS/F Clinical Advisory Committee, Appointed, 2016 to present  
AAO-HNS/F Credentials and Membership Committee, Member, 2011 to 2016

#### **American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy**

AAOA Executive Board, Member, elected, 2017 to 2021  
AAOA Coordinator of Education, elected, 2017 to 2021  
AAOA Director of Educational Programs, elected, 2016 to 2017  
AAOA Director of Educational Assessment, elected, 2015 to 2016  
AAOA Educational Programs Committee  
    Chairperson, 2017 to 2021  
    Member, appointed, 2014 to 2021  
AAOA Finance Committee, Member, 2014 to 2021  
AAOA Educational Assessment Committee  
    Chairperson, 2015 to 2016  
    Member, 2013 to 2021  
    Fellow Exam, Oral Certification Portion Examiner, appointed, 2007 to 2009, 2013 to present  
AAOA Advanced Course Co-Director, appointed, 2014 to 2021  
AAOA Basic Course Co-Director, appointed, 2020 to 2021

#### **American Rhinologic Society**

ARS Allergy in Rhinology Committee, Member, 2020 to present  
ARS Education Innovation Committee, Member, appointment, 2021 to present

#### **American Osteopathic Colleges of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery**

AOCOOHNS Board, Member, appointed, 2020 to present  
AOCOO-HNS Advocacy Committee, Chair, appointed, 2020 to present

#### **Memberships**

American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, Member  
American Osteopathic Colleges of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Fellow  
American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy, Fellow  
American Rhinologic Society, Member  
American Osteopathic Association, Member

#### **Honors/Awards:**

Distinguished Service Award, AAO-HNS/F, 2019  
Golden Apple Award, AAOA, Award for excellence in teaching & leadership, 2016  
Honor Award, AAO-HNS/F, 2013  
Sigma Sigma Phi National Honorary Society, 1996 – 1999 Downers Grove, Illinois  
Marquis Who's Who in America, 2020  
Orlando Top Doctors, Orlando Magazine, 2006, 2007

**Community Service:** Heathrow Women's Club, Board Member, 2006-2008

**Regional/Local Hospital Participation:**

University of Central Florida College of Medicine, Orlando, FL  
Assistant Professor of Otolaryngology, volunteer faculty appointment, 2017 to present

**Summation of Published Works Within the Specialty:**

Book Editor: **Damask C**, Ryan W, Mims W, Wise S and Franzese C. Allergy in Otolaryngology Practice: A Comprehensive Guide. Springer Nature. In Press.

Section Editor: "Otolaryngic Allergy", Wise SK and **Damask C**. Curr Otorhinolaryngol Rep 8, 1–197 (2020). Springer.

Book Editor: Franzese CB, **Damask C**, Wise SK and Ryan MW. Handbook of Otolaryngic Allergy. Thieme Publisher. 2019.

**Damask CC**, Ryan MW, et al. Targeted Molecular Therapies in Allergy and Rhinology. Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg. 2020 Nov 3:194599820965233. doi: 10.1177/0194599820965233. Epub ahead of print.

**Damask C**, Franzese F. Mechanisms and practical use of biologic therapies for allergy and asthma indications. Otolaryngologic Clinics. In press.

**Damask C**, Yoo B et al. Impact of Omalizumab on Quality of Life in Patients with Chronic Rhinosinusitis with Nasal Polyps. Ann Allergy Asthma Immunol. 2020 Nov;125(5):S49. doi: 10.1016/j.anai.2020.08.166

Stachler RJ, Francis DO, Schwartz SR, **Damask C** et al. Clinical Practice Guideline: Hoarseness (Dysphonia) (Update). Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg. 2018 Mar; 158(1\_suppl):S1-S42.

Wise SK, Lin SY, Toskala E, .... **Damask C** et al International Consensus Statement on Allergy and Rhinology: Allergic Rhinitis. Int Forum Allergy Rhinol. 2018 Feb;8(2):108-352. doi: 10.1002/alr.22073.

**Damask C**. Immunotherapy: Treating with Fewer Allergens? Otolaryngol Clin North Am. 2017 Dec;50(6):1153-1165.

**Damask C**. The use of fractional exhaled nitric oxide is valuable in select asthmatic patients. Curr Opin Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg. 2016 Jun;24(3):256-60.

**Damask C**. Update on eosinophilic esophagitis. Curr Opin Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg. 2015 Jun;23(3):240-6.

Reischaer W, **Damask C**, Calhoun K, Veling M: Food Allergy: State of the Science--Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Committee. Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg. 2011; 145(5): 713-6.

**Courses/Lectures Presented:****AAO-HNS/F**

Annual Meeting, 2009 to present, 43 presentations

Including mini-seminars, panels, and instructions courses on various topics including allergic rhinitis, adding allergy to your practice, food allergies, asthma, eosinophilic esophagitis, CRSwNP and biologics

**AAOA**

Annual Meeting

Presenter, 2011 to present, 30+ presentations including instruction courses and panels on various topics including asthma, allergic rhinitis, asthma, biologics, food allergies, eosinophilic esophagitis, and FeNO

Coordinator, 2017 to 2021, responsible for the development and oversight of the Annual Meeting education program

Advanced Course

Co-Director of Course, 2015 to 2021, responsible for the development and oversight of the Advanced Course Faculty, 2013 to 2021, 25+ presentations including lectures and panels on various topics including allergic rhinitis, food allergy, asthma, biologics and allergic skin disorders

Basic Course

Co-Director of Basic Course, 2020 to 2021, responsible for the development and oversight of the Basic Course Faculty, 2016 to 2021, 20+ presentations including lectures and panels on various topics including allergic rhinitis, food allergy, asthma, and immunology

Interactive Allergy and Rhinology Course

Faculty, 2016 to 2019, 12+ presentations including lectures and panels on various topics