



**Jeffery J. Kuhn, MD, CAPT, MC, USN (Ret.)**

**Candidate for  
At-Large Director  
Private Practice**

***What unique attributes do you bring to the Board of Directors?***

***What do you think is the most important item in the Academy's Strategic Plan and how do you plan to maximize this for all types of practicing otolaryngologists?***

The essential tasks of the Board of Directors are to assess the overall direction and Strategic Plan of the Academy, support its mission and vision, and establish new initiatives on behalf of the membership. The Directors should have leadership experience and have demonstrated integrity, ingenuity, and commitment in those endeavors. I have served in many leadership positions in the past 30 years as an otolaryngologist/neurotologist and in various practice types including military academic and non-academic, university academic, and now in private practice for the past seven years. I have served on six Academy/Foundation Committees and completed a three-year term as a member of the AAO-HNS/F Nominating Committee. I am a member of the recently established Private Practice Study Group. I received the Distinguished Service Award in 2015.

The 2021 Academy Strategic Plan added three areas of focus including Wellness and Resiliency. Physician burnout has become an important issue throughout the medical specialties and is now receiving increased attention within our Academy. As much as we attempt to maintain a work-life balance in our professional career, there is great potential for physical, emotional, and mental exhaustion. Excessive bureaucratic tasks, long work hours, lack of respect from administrators/employers, insufficient compensation, increased computerization of practice, and lack of control/autonomy are several factors that contribute to the erosion of physician well-being. A recent large-scale survey of otolaryngologists (Medscape, 2021) showed that 33% reported burnout/burnout with depression and that 71% considered it serious enough to have at least a moderate impact on their lives. Seventeen percent (17%) of these otolaryngologists have had suicidal thoughts. I would expand the current "Wellness Team" initiative in the form of a Task Force that would interface with other Foundation Committees and Academy Sections to identify factors unique to the otolaryngologist and to propose evidence-based solutions.

The Director At-Large (private practice) is charged with the responsibility of representing the interests of the general membership of the Academy on issues under consideration by the Boards of Directors while promoting the mission, vision, and strategic plan of the Academy. Guiding our Academy through the myriad of obstacles that influence the practice of medicine for our membership requires thoughtful consideration by those who have the experience of navigating and negotiating in various environments in health care. Our future leaders need to be multidimensional, compassionate, spirited, and tough-minded.

I have always cherished the opportunity to forward the interests of my colleagues, co-workers, and our patients while serving in a position of leadership. I have served in various leadership positions at the state and national levels and in the military and civilian sectors including, Chairman, Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Director, Division of Otology/Neurotology and Skull Base Surgery, Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, University of Cincinnati Academic Health Center, President of the Virginia Society of Otolaryngology, President of the Society of Military Otolaryngologists, and Chairman, Implantable Hearing Devices Committee, AAO-HNS/F. I have also served as a member on six Academy Foundation Committees over the past 20 years. I received the Academy's Honor Award in 2001 and the Distinguished Service Award in 2015. I completed a three-year term as a member of the Nominating Committee, AAO-HNS/F in 2020.

As a Director-At-Large, I will support the Academy's mission and vision in the important areas of education, resources, health policy advocacy, physician wellness, inclusion and diversity, and mentorship and leadership development. I will assist in developing new initiatives to protect and elevate the interests our specialty and work diligently to ensure the voice of our membership. If selected, I will serve with integrity, respect, and commitment.

## CURRICULUM VITAE

**Name:**

Jeffery J. Kuhn, MD, FACS  
 CAPT, MC, USN (Ret.)  
 Otology/Neurotology and Skull Base Surgery

**Current Employment:**

2015-present  
 Bayview Physicians Group  
 713 Volvo Parkway, Suite 101  
 Chesapeake, VA 23320

**Place of Birth:**

Verdun, France (USAF Base)

**Education (include institutions, dates, degrees):**

University of Virginia	BA	1981	Biology
University of Virginia	MD	1985	Medicine
Geisinger Medical Center	Internship	1986	Surgery

**Residency and Fellowship:**

National Naval Medical Center	Residency	1992	Otolaryngology-HNS
Ear Research Foundation	Fellowship	1995	Otology/Neurotology

**Specialty:**

Otology/Neurotology and Skull Base Surgery

**Licensure and Certification:**

Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, American Board of Otolaryngology, 1993  
 Neurotology, American Board of Otolaryngology, 2012  
 Medical License: Virginia 5/3/2007-present

**Previous Employment:**

2012 to 2015 **Associate Professor**, Clinical Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery University of Cincinnati College of Medicine  
 Director, Division of Otology-Neurotology University of Cincinnati College of Medicine  
 Faculty, Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center  
 Faculty, Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Cincinnati VA Medical Center, March 2013-March 2015

2007 to 2012 **Associate Professor**, Clinical Otolaryngology- Head and Neck Surgery, Eastern Virginia Medical School

2003 to 2004 **Associate Director**, Surgical Services (Service Line Leader), Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth

1999 to 2003 **Chairman**, Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth

1995 to 2012 **Staff Neurotologist**, Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth  
 Member, Military Medical Staff, Portsmouth General Hospital Jan 1996-1998  
 Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery Department of Surgery, F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine, Uniformed Service University of the Health Sciences, March 1996- June 2006  
 Assistant Professor of Clinical Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Eastern Virginia Medical School, Jan 1996-Mar 2007  
 Staff Member(credentialed), Children's Hospital of the Kings Daughters, Norfolk Virginia, Nov. 2007-Oct 2008  
 Staff Member(credentialed), Sentara Norfolk General Hospital, Norfolk, Virginia,

Nov. 2007-Oct 2008

Staff Member(credentialed), Sentara Leigh Memorial Hospital, Norfolk, Virginia, Nov. 2007-Oct 2008

1994 to 1995 **Fellow Otolaryngology/Neurotology**, Florida Ear Research Foundation Aug 1994-July 1995

Member, Medical Staff, Sarasota Memorial Hospital Aug 1994-July

Medical Staff Membership, Doctors Hospital of Sarasota, Aug 1994-July 1995

Appointment to Lecturer B, Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck

Surgery, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Aug 1994-July 1995

1992 to 1994 **Attending Physician**, Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery

Naval Hospital Okinawa, Okinawa, JA, December 1992-July 1994

Department Head, Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery

1992 **Attending Physician**, Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck

Surgery, National Naval Medical Center Bethesda, Maryland, August-November 1992

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

Member, Private Practice Study Group, AAO-HNS/F, 2021-present

Member, Migraine in Otolaryngology Study Group, AAO-HNS/F, 2020-present

Member, Nominating Committee, American Academy of Otolaryngology-HNS/F, 2017-2020

Member, Socio-Economics Committee, American Neurotology Society, July 2018-present

Member, Membership and Credentials Committee, American Neurotology Society, 2013-2017

Consultant, Implantable Hearing Devices Committee, American Academy of Otolaryngology-HNS, 2012-2016

Consultant, Equilibrium Committee, American Academy of Otolaryngology-HNS, 2014-2016

Member, American Cochlear Implant Alliance, State representative, Ohio, 2014-2015

Chair, Implantable Hearing Devices Committee, American Academy of Otolaryngology-HNS, 2008-2012

Member Hearing and Equilibrium Steering Committee, American Academy of Otolaryngology-HNS, 2008-2012

Member, Implantable Hearing Devices Committee, American Academy of Otolaryngology-HNS, 2004-2008

Member, Equilibrium Committee, American Academy of Otolaryngology-HNS, 2008-2014

Member, Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Committee, AAO-HNS, 2008-2010

Member, Monograph Faculty, American Academy of Otolaryngology-HNS, 2001-2006

Consultant, Media and Public Relations Committee, American Academy of Otolaryngology-HNS, 2003-2005

Member, Media and Public Relations Committee, American Academy of Otolaryngology-HNS, 1997-2003

Member, Medical Aspects of Noise Subcommittee, American Academy of Otolaryngology-HNS, 2001-2003

President, Virginia Society of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, 2012

President Elect, Virginia Society of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, 2011-2012

First Vice President, Virginia Society of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, 2010-2011

President, Military Society of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, 2010-2011

Secretary-Treasurer, Virginia Society of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, 2009-2010

William House Cochlear Implant Study Group

Millenium Society, American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery

Association of Academic Departments of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery

Fellow, American Neurotology Society

Fellow, Society of Military Otolaryngologists

American Medical Association

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

Distinguished Service Award, American Academy of Otolaryngology-HNS, 2015

Honor Award Recipient, American Academy of Otolaryngology-HNS, 2001

**Community Service:**

Provide surgical/clinical rotations in otology/neurotology for otolaryngology residents from Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, 2016-present

**Regional/Local Hospital Participation:**

Member, Operating Room Committee, Chesapeake, Regional Medical Center 2016-present  
 Member, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, Eastern Virginia Medical School, 2006-2011  
 Member, Appointments and Promotions Committee, Eastern Virginia Medical School, 2008-2010  
 Head, Division of Otolaryngology/Neurotology and Audiology, Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, 2007-2012  
 Service Line Leader, Operative Specialty Services, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, 2003-2004  
 Chairman, Continuous Survey Readiness Team, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, 2003-2005  
 Chairman, Care of Patients Joint Commission Functional Team, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, 1998 -2002  
 Head, Division of Audiology, Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, 1995-1998  
 Chairman, Operative and Other Procedures Committee, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, 1996-1998  
 Head, Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Naval Hospital Okinawa, Japan, 1993-1994  
 Chairman, Laser Safety Committee, Naval Hospital Okinawa, Japan, 1992-1993  
 Department Head, Military Medicine, Sewells Point Naval Medical Center, Naval Medical Clinics Command, Norfolk, VA, 1987-1988  
 Director Continuing Medical Education, Sewells Point Naval Medical Center, Naval Medical Clinics Command, Norfolk, VA, 1986-1988

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

1. Ocular Evoked Myogenic Potential Normative Data in Children. **Kuhn JJ**, Lavender VH, Hunter LL, McGuire SE, Meinzen-Derr J, Keith RW, Greinwald JH. *J Am Acad Audiol*. 2018 May;29(5):443-450.
2. Noise Exposure and Hearing Loss. **Kuhn JJ**, Lassen LF. *Bayview Physicians Group Health and Wellness News* (May 2015)
3. The Correlation between Obesity, Obstructive Sleep Apnea, and Superior Semicircular Canal Dehiscence: A New Explanation for an Increasingly Common Problem. Schutt, CA, Neubauer P, Samy RN, Pensak ML, **Kuhn JJ**, Herschovitch M, Kveton JF. *Otol Neurotol*. 2014;36(3):551-4.
4. Implantable Hearing Devices. **Kuhn JJ**, Clinical Otolaryngology, 4th Edition (eds.) ML Pensak and DI Choo. Thieme Publishing, New York. September 2014: (...)
5. Tympanoplasty: Underlay and Overlay Techniques. In: Encyclopedia of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Springer Publishing Company, (ed.) S. Kountakis. Springer Publishing Company, New York 2013
6. Middle Ear Implantable Hearing Devices: Present and Future. In: Ruckenstein MJ. Cochlear Implants and Other Implantable Hearing Devices. San Diego, CA. Plural Publishing, Inc.; 2011:389-409.
7. Middle Ear Implants. Shohet JA, **Kuhn JJ**, Meyers AD. Medscape Reference Clinical Procedures (October 2011)
8. Titanium Ventilation Tube Anchored to the Middle Ear Wall in the Chinchilla: A Novel Method of Permanent Middle Ear Ventilation. Manuscript in preparation
9. Congenital Incus Fixation to the Fallopian Canal. Selinsky CR, Kuhn JJ. *Archives of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery*. 2014;140(8):762-4
10. Pneumococcal Vaccination: Updated CDC Recommendations for Cochlear Implant Patients. **Kuhn JJ**, Bulletin American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. 30(2):16-17 (February 2011)
11. Congenital Incudostapedial Anomalies in Adult Stapes Surgery: A Case Series Review. **Kuhn JJ**, Lassen LF, Am J Otolaryngol. 2011 Nov-Dec; 32(6):477-84. PMID: 21146256
12. Association Between Semicircular Canal Dehiscence and Chiari I Malformation. **Kuhn JJ**, Clenney T. Archives of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. 2010 Oct;136 (10):1009-14. PMID: 20956749