



**Rodney J. Taylor, MD, MSPH**

**Candidate for  
Nominating Committee  
Academic (seat one)**

*What experiences have you had that will allow you to identify a diverse set of candidates for Academy leadership? What are the most important attributes you look for when nominating a member for leadership within the Academy?*

It is with a great pride and purpose that I seek election to the Nominating Committee for the Academy. As an academic otolaryngologist and chair of the Department of Otorhinolaryngology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, the call to service has always been a passion and priority. In addition to leading a department committed to excellence in education, patient care, and research, numerous experiences have shaped my ability to identify a diverse set of candidates for Academy leadership. Examples include my institutional leadership in curriculum development and instruction for unconscious bias in healthcare, service on the Academy Diversity and Inclusion Committee, and chair of University of Maryland Faculty Group Practice Nominating Committee. Recently, I was proud to receive the University of Maryland Dean's Faculty Award for Diversity and Inclusion for my work in advancing the values of inclusion and equity. When nominating a member for Academy leadership, demonstration of a record for valuing the perspective of a broad set of stakeholders and a commitment for including diverse talent when program building is important. It would be my honor to contribute to our Academy's future leadership, ensuring that it supports the values of fairness and equity, while protecting our stake in a competitive healthcare environment.

It is with a great sense of pride and purpose that I seek election to the Nominating Committee for the Academy. We are fortunate to have strong, visionary leadership that guides our Academy to be recognized for its comprehensive excellence. We practice in a dynamic and evolving healthcare environment that will continue to have many challenges going forward, and it is integral that we continue to select and support leadership that is prepared to navigate these currents. It is essential that we continue to engage our patients around important considerations such as access, recognizing the ever-growing barriers that present obstacles to serving our culturally and demographically diverse patient population. Moreover, it is critical to give attention to the rapidly evolving complexity of our patient population and to ensuring that we have a workforce that is ready to meet those needs. My vision is that we will select leaders that prioritize fostering an environment that lets every member and patient feel valued and included. Finally, we will have leaders that provide strong advocacy to safeguard our areas of practice expertise while being collaborative with our peers in allied fields.

As an academic otolaryngologist, the call to service has always been a passion and priority for me. At an institutional level, serving as the Chair of the University of Maryland is a daily honor where I am given the privilege of guiding our team in the pursuit of the tripartite mission within the context of equity, fairness, and support of every stakeholder. I am one of a few in our institution who has been tasked with setting a culture of inclusion and engaging all University of Maryland faculty and staff in the principles of Unconscious Bias in Healthcare. I also have the privilege of serving as co-lead of University of Maryland Medical System's Digital Health Steering Committee and the University of Maryland School of Medicine Information Technology Advisory Committee, ensuring our organization's readiness to meet the digital and technologic demands of the future.

My service to our Academy has also been an extremely rewarding part of my career. I have had wonderful experiences serving on the General Education, Head and Neck, and Diversity committees. My regular involvement in Resident Boot Camps and Simulation has provided engaging experiences with our future leaders. I have had many rich experiences in outreach through the Harry Barnes Society to under-represented students as we have made efforts through panel discussions, luncheons, and lectures to provide early exposure to our tremendous field for these bright and eager students.

Humanitarian service has not only enriched my experience as an otolaryngologist, but it has also allowed me to be an ambassador for our specialty all over the world. I have been fortunate enough to care for patients and provide education in Cambodia, Kenya, Uganda, Vietnam, Fiji and more. I co-founded the non-profit organization Maryland ENT Abroad (MENTA) to help fulfill my passion for international humanitarian service. This passion in part was driven by my work with Harvard's Partner's in Health, where I regularly have served and provided patient care and training in Cange and Mirebalais, Haiti.

I believe that my background and experiences in leadership and service uniquely qualify me to serve as an effective and thoughtful member of the Nominating Committee. It would be my honor to be an integral contributor to ensure that the future leadership of our Academy remains strong and supports values of fairness and equity, while protecting our stake in a competitive healthcare environment.

**CURRICULUM VITAE**

**Name:** Rodney J. Taylor, MD, MSPH, FACS

**Current Employment:** University of Maryland School of Medicine, Dept. of Otorhinolaryngology, Baltimore, MD 21201

**Place of Birth:** Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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

1991 B.A. Harvard University Cambridge, MA Biology, *Cum Laude*  
 1995 M.D. Harvard Medical School Boston, MA Doctor of Medicine  
 1999 MSPH University of Michigan School of Public Health Ann Arbor, MI  
 Master of Science in Clinical Research Design and Statistical Analysis

**Residency and Fellowship:**

1995-1996 Intern: General Surgery, University of Michigan and St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital  
 1996-2001 Resident Department of Otolaryngology, University of Michigan  
 1998-1999 Research Fellow: NIH Training Grant DC00024, University of Michigan Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery

**Specialty:** Board Certified Otolaryngologist, clinical and research focus in the area of Head and Neck Oncology, Skull Base and Rhinology

**Licensure and Certification:**

Maryland State Medical License 2001-present  
 American Board of Otolaryngology 2002

**Previous Employment:**

2001-2008 Assistant Professor, Department of Otolaryngology-HNS, University of Maryland School of Medicine  
 2005-present Director of General Otolaryngology, Department of Otolaryngology- HNS, University of Maryland School of Medicine  
 2008-2019 Associate Professor, Department of Otolaryngology-HNS, University of Maryland School of Medicine  
 2008-2012 Section Chief of Rhinology, Division of Otolaryngology at Veterans Administration Medical Center at Baltimore  
 2009-2014 Associate Program Director, Department of Otolaryngology-HNS, University of Maryland School of Medicine  
 2011- present Associate Chair of Research, Department of Otolaryngology-HNS, University of Maryland School of Medicine  
 2012- present Chief, Division of Otolaryngology, Department of Surgery at Veterans Administration Medical Center at Baltimore  
 2019-present Professor and Chairman, Department of Otolaryngology-HNS, University of Maryland School of Medicine

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

1995-present American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery  
 1995-present American Medical Association  
 1997-2001 Michigan Otolaryngology Society  
 1999-present American Academy of Facial Plastic Reconstructive Surgery  
 2000-present Radiation Treatment Oncology Group (RTOG)  
 2001-present Maryland Otolaryngology Society  
 2003-2004 Maryland Otolaryngology Society, Treasurer  
 2003-present American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy, Associate Member  
 2004-2005 Maryland Otolaryngology Society, President  
 2005-2008 Harvard Medical School Alumni Council, Secretary  
 2006-present International Academy of Oral Oncology  
 2006-present American College of Surgeons  
 2017-present Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society

**Honors/Awards:**

1987-1991 Harvard Class of '44 Memorial Scholarship  
 1987-1991 Harvard College Dean's List  
 1989-1991 Harvard College Scholarship  
 1991 Elected First Class Marshal (Senior Class President), Harvard Class of '91  
 1991 Francis H. Burr Scholarship: given to the Harvard College senior who best possesses character, leadership, and athletic ability

1991	Harvard College Class of 1991 Commencement Day Speaker
1995	Harvard Medical School Class of 1995 Commencement Day Speaker
2000	The University of Michigan Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery John L. Kemink Award "For Best Clinical Research Paper"
2001	The University of Michigan Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery John L. Kemink Award "For Best Clinical Research Paper"
2001-2003	Welcome Fellowship: a competitive incentive program to help eligible Maryland universities recruit and retain a diverse and accomplished faculty. Given to promising new full-time faculty who, by their appointment, will contribute to the diversity of the institution.
2007	The Weitzman Family Endowment Fund was created in Honor of Dr. Rodney Taylor in appreciation for his clinical care; the endowment began with a corpus of \$400,000.
2007	The Orokawa Foundation philanthropic gift of \$300,000 in Honor of Dr. Rodney Taylor in appreciation for his clinical care that is designated for Head and Neck Cancer Basic Science and Healthcare Disparity Research.
2008-2012	Orokawa Foundation philanthropic gift of \$200,000 in consecutive years in Honor of Dr. Rodney Taylor in appreciation for his clinical care that is designated for Head and Neck Cancer Basic Science
2008	Honored by <i>Black Enterprise</i> : America's Leading Doctor's 2008
2010	Honored by <i>Baltimore Magazine</i> as one of Baltimore Magazine's "Top Doc" for Surgical Oncology.
2011	Honored as a 2011 <i>Washington, DC-Baltimore-Northern Virginia Super Doctor</i>
2011	<i>U.S. News and World Report</i> "Top Doctors" List 2011
2012	Honored as a 2012 <i>Washington, DC-Baltimore-Northern Virginia Super Doctor</i>
2012	University of Maryland, Department of Otolaryngology 'Brian Emery Teacher of the Year Award'
2012	Honored by <i>Baltimore Magazine</i> as one of Baltimore Magazine's "Top Doc" for Surgical Oncology.
2013	American Academy of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery Foundation Honor Award
2017	Inducted into Beta Chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha: for the recognition and encouragement of a high standard of character and conduct among medical students and graduates, and the recognition of high attainment in the medical sciences, practice and related fields
2017	University of Maryland, Department of Otolaryngology 'Brian Emery Teacher of the Year Award'
2019	SNMA Faculty of the Year Honoree: recognized as "an inspirational mentor to our members as well as countless medical students, an exemplary physician and patient advocate, and a fervent community activist... great respect for your work ethic, dedication to excellence, and vast efforts to reach out to under-served communities, local and worldwide."
2021	American Academy of Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery Diversity Committee "Committee of Excellence Award"
2021	Richard T. Flood '27 Award: premier award for reunion gift performance and for volunteerism that ensures Harvard University has the mission-critical resources it needs to create new opportunities, sustain core priorities, and address pressing needs
2014-2021	Honored by <i>Baltimore Magazine</i> as one of Baltimore Magazine's "Top Doc" for Otolaryngology and Surgical Oncology.

**Community Service:**

2004-2013	Chestnut Hill Academy, Philadelphia, PA, Board of Trustees
2014-present	UMB CURE Scholar Mentoring Program, Advisory Board member
2019-present	Baltimore School for the Arts, Board of Trustees

**Regional/Local Hospital Participation:**

2003-2015	Chairperson, Veteran's Administration Maryland Health Care System (VAMHCS) Invasive Procedure Committee
2008-2012	Veterans Administration Medical Center at Baltimore, Division of Otolaryngology, Section Chief of Rhinology
2012-present	Veterans Administration Medical Center at Baltimore, Otolaryngology, Chief of Service

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

- Fried MP, Kleefield J, **Taylor R**. New armless image-guided system for endoscopic sinus surgery. *Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery*. 1998; 119:528-532.
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- Taylor RJ**, Chiu AG, Palmer JN, Schofield K, O'Malley BW Jr, Wolf J. Informed consent in sinus surgery: link between demographics and patient desires. *Laryngoscope*. 2005; 115:826-831.
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