



Robert P. Zitsch III, MD

**Candidate for
Nominating Committee
Academic**

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 with the Academy?

I am fortunate to have been afforded opportunities to serve in leadership roles as the Chair of the Department of Otolaryngology, Chief of Surgery of our healthcare system, and Chair of Practice Plan Committees within our School of Medicine. These roles, as well as continuous, active connection with various professional organizations including the American Head and Neck Society (AHNS) and our own AAO-HNS have enabled me to clearly recognize the value that strong, committed leadership brings to a professional organization. No doubt, our Academy has historically enjoyed considerable success by satisfying the many and varied needs of our diverse membership through judicious selection of principled and visionary candidates for leadership. As a member of the Nominating Committee, I will embrace the Committee's charge to identify potential candidates who will bring value to our Academy.

Moreover, given our Academy's commitment to serve the expansive interests of all otolaryngologists, including resident trainees and those with a subspecialty focus, I would dutifully seek candidates for Academy leadership who are cognizant and respectful of our diverse interests and membership. I am keenly interested in further serving our Academy in a capacity that will maintain its enduring relevance and am appreciative of your consideration for this position.

Please provide a personal statement as to what is your vision for the leadership role for which you are applying, why you are pursuing the elected position, and why you should be chosen.

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I am honored to have been encouraged by respected colleagues in leadership roles within our Academy to seek a position with the Nominating Committee. Throughout my career, beginning with residency training, I have been actively engaged in our Academy through participation in educational offerings and service on various committees. Unquestionably for me, our Academy has been an invaluable professional organization that has enabled my professional career to flourish through the opportunities it offered for education, teaching, service and research dissemination. Moreover, I have been able to cultivate a network of colleagues located throughout the US and abroad, who share similar interests. It is from this practical perspective that I recognize the value our society will continue to create for Otolaryngologists. Hence, it is essential that we choose capable, innovative and dedicated leaders to generate the appropriate trajectory for our society that will ensure strength and engagement. I am fully supportive to the charge of the Nominating Committee to responsibly evaluate nominations submitted for review, and to participate in the process for determining who should be included on the AAO-HNS ballot. This process underpins our organizational capacity to offer the most talented and proficient individuals worthy of leading the AAO-HNS.

Our Academy is a diverse organization that is committed to serve the interests of all Otolaryngologists, including resident trainees and those otolaryngologists who practice with a subspecialty focus. Our leaders, including members of the Nominating Committee, must be cognizant and sensitive to the perspectives and needs of all members in order to maintain unity and strength of our Academy. Advocacy for issues that face both our patients and our providers should mirror the diverse interests of the members of our organization. Enlightened leaders who embrace these concepts will provide the best opportunity to ensure value is provided to all Academy members.

I am keenly interested in further serving in a capacity that will maintain the ongoing relevance of our Academy. As a member of the Nominating Committee, I would be guided by the obligation to meet the diverse needs of our membership through the identification of potential leaders who share the aforementioned values. I feel that the skills that I have acquired through leading and developing the various subspecialty services in our Department at the University of Missouri School of Medicine, as well as prior service as a residency program director, provide a practical understanding of the value of education and of advocacy. Being a former member of the AAO-HNS Program Advisory Committee, the Endocrine Committee and the SIPac committee, and a current member of SUO and AADO, not only enhances an understanding of the processes involved with developing and accomplishing objectives that align with the strategic priorities of our Academy, but also has fostered an extensive professional network.

I am appreciative of your consideration for this position, and look forward to serving your interests if given the opportunity to do so.

CURRICULUM VITAE

Name:

Robert Paul Zitsch, III, M.D., F.A.C.S.

Current Employment:

William E. Davis Distinguished Chair and Professor
University of Missouri School of Medicine
Department of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery
July 1, 1989 - present

Place of Birth:

Woodbury, New Jersey

Education (include institutions, dates, degrees):

The University of Alabama
B.S., August, 1974- May, 1978

The University of Alabama School of Medicine
M.D., June, 1978- May, 1982

Residency and Fellowship:

July, 1988 – June, 1989
University of Cincinnati Medical Center
Head and Neck Surgical Oncology Fellowship

Jan 1984 – Dec 1987
The University of Alabama at Birmingham
Otolaryngology Residency

Jun 1982- Dec 1983
Carraway Methodist Medical Center
Birmingham, Alabama
Surgical Internship

Specialty:

Head and Neck Surgical Oncology

Licensure and Certification:

State of Missouri #R6J73 1989
State of Ohio #56717 1988
Dist. of Columbia #15676 1986
State of Alabama #11067 1982
November, 1988 American Board of Otolaryngology

Previous Employment:

January-June, 1988 Private Practice, Cullman, AL

Memberships and Offices Held /Academy and other societies:

2016-2017	Member, Program Committee American Head and Neck Society
2002-2014	Member/Consultant, Program Advisory Committee, AAO-HNS
2002-2010	Member, Endocrine Surgery Committee, AAO-HNS

2000-2002	Member, Endocrine Surgery Subcommittee, AAO-HNS
2000-2007	Member, Head and Neck Organ Site Committee American College of Surgeons Oncology Group
1999-2019	Member, Committee on Applicants American College of Surgeons
1992- 2000	Member, Self-Instructional Package (SIPac) Subcommittee Continuing Education Committee, AAO-HNS
1998-2004	Editorial Board, SIPac Subcommittee, AAO-HNS

Current memberships include:

- American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery
- American College of Surgeons
- American Head and Neck Society
- American Thyroid Association
- Boone County Medical Society
- Midwest Head and Neck Cancer Consortium
- Missouri State Medical Association
- Society of University Otolaryngologists-Head and Neck Surgeons
- Association of Academic Departments of Otolaryngology

Honors/Awards:

- Selection to “Top Doctors” 2013-2023
- Selection to Castle Connolly “Best Doctors in America” 2005-2023
- America’s Most Honored Professionals, 2016-2018
- Boone County Medical Society Physician of the Year 2014
- American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Distinguished Service Award, 2007, 2011
- Selection to “Guide to America’s Top Physicians” 2003, 2005, 2009
- Who’s Who in Medicine and Healthcare, 1999-2001
- American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery Honor Award, 1998
- Co-1st Place Ear, Nose and Throat J Resident Essay Contest 1986

Community Service:

N/A

Regional/Local Hospital Participation:

2020-2022	Member, Faculty Compensation Workgroup University of Missouri Healthcare
2020-present	Member, Global Procedural Oversight Committee University of Missouri Healthcare
2020-2022	Member, University Physicians Ad-Hoc Committee on Compensation University of Missouri Healthcare
2019-2021	Member, UP Executive Committee University of Missouri Healthcare, University Physicians
2015-2023	Chairman, MUHC OR Process Improvement Committee University of Missouri Healthcare
2018-2019	Chairman, School of Medicine, Dean’s Advisory Council University of Missouri School of Medicine
2011-2022	Member, Credentials Committee, University of Missouri HealthCare

2013 –2023	Chair, Robotic Peer Review Committee University of Missouri HealthCare
2013-2023	Chairman and Medical Director Operating Room Operations Committee, Surgical Services, MU Healthcare
2013-present	Chair, OR Policy Advisory Committee, Surgical Services
2008-2020	Chair, Professional Liability and Compliance Committee University of Missouri HealthCare, University Physicians

Summation of Published Works Within the Specialty:

1. Wieser ME, Dooley LM, Galloway TL, Zitsch RP 3rd, Tassone PT. Safety of the “incidental” neck dissection or exploration during free tissue transfer after head and neck irradiation. *AM J Otolaryngology*. 2022 Mar-Apr;43(2):103347.
2. Tassone P, Caruso C, White M, Tavares Dos Santos H, Galloway T, Dooley L, Zitsch RP 3rd, Lester Layfield J, Baker O. The role of matrixmetalloproteinase-2 expression by fibroblasts in perineural invasion by oral cavity squamous cell carcinoma. *Oral Oncology*. 2022 June 29; 132:106002.
3. Tassone P, Galloway T, Dooley L, Zitsch RP 3rd. Orocutaneous Fistula After Oral Cavity Resection and Reconstruction: Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis. *Annals of Otolaryngology, Rhinology & Laryngology*. 2022 Aug; 131(8):880-891.
4. Harim Tavares dos Santos, Kihoon Nam, Frank M. Maslow, Travis Small, Tabitha L.I. Galloway, Laura M. Dooley, Patrick T. Tassone, Robert P. Zitsch III, Gary A. Weisman, Olga J. Baker. Tuft Cells Are Present in Submandibular Glands Across Species. *Journal of Histochemistry & Cytochemistry*. 2022 Aug 21;221554221120301.
5. Margaret E. Wieser, Emily S. Sagalow, Alyssa Givens, Joseph M. Curry, MD, Laura M. Dooley, MD, Tabitha L. Galloway, MD, Robert P. Zitsch, MD, and Patrick Tassone, MD. Occult Metastases During Salvage Oral Cavity and Oropharyngeal Free Flaps: Oncologic Outcomes. *Journal of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery*. 2022 Oct.10.11770/01945998221090920.
6. Namin AW, Oudin EM, Tassone PT, Galloway TLI, Dooley LM, Zitsch RP 3rd. Treatment of Cutaneous Melanoma of the Head and Neck with Wide Local Excision Versus Mohs. *Laryngoscope*. 2021 Nov;131(11):2490-2496
7. Bollig CA, Newberry CI, Galloway TL, Zitsch RP 3rd, Hanly EK, Zhu VL, Pagedar N, Nallani R, Bur AM, Spanos WC, Jorgensen JB. Prognostic Impact of Metastatic Site and Pattern in Patients with Metastatic Head and Neck Cancer. *Laryngoscope*. 2021 June; E1838 – E1846
8. Namin AW, Zitsch RP 3rd, Layfield, LJ. Variability in Pathologic Interpretation of Mandibular Invasion. *Laryngoscope*. 2020 Jul; 130(7): 1721-1724.