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**Candidate for
Nominating Committee
Private Practice**

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?

As a resident and then junior member of the Academy, I recall feeling overwhelmed and alone at the bigger meetings. Watching the sea of charcoal and navy suits flow by in the exhibition hall, I am sure my experience is not unique. We are all searching for where we belong in the Academy. Most of us don't have a large social network, and making everyone feel welcome in the Academy is a herculean task. One of the few ways we can do so is by selecting leadership our members can identify with.

When nominating a member to leadership, our mandate is twofold: to identify the best candidates and identify who will best represent our membership. There is such incredible diversity within our Academy and multitudes of potential leaders. When assessing a candidate, they first need to be able to complete the assignment from both a skill and availability standpoint. When comparing equivalent candidates, however, it is our duty to select the voice that will bring a unique perspective to leadership. Again, we are all trying to find where we belong. By broadcasting our unique, diverse voices, we make ourselves more approachable and welcoming as an Academy.

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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If selected to be a part of the nominating committee, I intend to advocate for non-traditional candidates who will be able to represent the interests and concerns of our Academy's membership. When seeking out voices to represent and lead, it is essential to seek individuals of diverse personal backgrounds, as well as varied training experiences, practice types, and practice locations. There is an incredible range of practice types in our specialty, and adequately representing all the possible varieties is nearly impossible. Certain individuals and practices likely have more flexibility to participate in the academy, but there are many in our profession who are just as capable and interested in leading, if given the opportunity. This second group, however, may not be able to dedicate as much time or be as visible at the various academy functions. Finding these potential leaders will take more effort and inquiry on mine and the committee's part. Identifying these individuals is important as they possess a unique perspective on the practice of otolaryngology that would otherwise be lost. By involving these yet unrecognized leaders, we as a nominating committee will hopefully be able to accurately represent the views, goals, and priorities of all our members.

CURRICULUM VITAE

Name: Daniel O'Brien

Current Employment: Catholic Health Initiatives/Creighton University

Place of Birth: Roseville California

Education (include institutions, dates, degrees):

2020 – Present University of Alberta, Edmonton AB Canada
Doctorate in Public Health

2010 – 2014 University of California at Davis, Sacramento CA USA
Doctorate of Medical Sciences

2013 – 2014 University of California at Davis, Sacramento CA USA
Masters of Advanced Studies in Clinical Research

2006 – 2010 Creighton University, Omaha NE USA
Bachelors of Science, Magna Cum Laude

Residency and Fellowship:

2020 – 2022 Alberta Sinus Centre
Div. Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery, University of Alberta
Neuro-Rhinology and Skull Base Surgery Fellow

2015 – 2020 Dept. Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery, West Virginia University
Surgical Resident

Specialty:

Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery
Rhinology and Endoscopic Skull Base Surgery

Licensure and Certification:

Board Certifications

2021 American Board of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery
Diplomat/ Board Certified

2020 Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Canada
Fellow and Subspecialist in Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery

Medical Licenses

2022 – Present Unrestricted, Nebraska (Nebraska DHHS)

2022 Unrestricted, Northwest Territories (NWT Dept of Health & Social Services)

2020 – Present Unrestricted, Alberta (College of Physicians and Surgeons Alberta)

2017 – 2023 Unrestricted, West Virginia (West Virginia Board of Medicine)

Previous Employment:

2023 – Present Associate Professor of Otolaryngology and Neurosurgery
Creighton University/CHI Health, Omaha Nebraska

2022 Clinical Research Fellow/Locum Tenens Physician
University of Alberta Hospitals, Edmonton, Alberta

2022 Locum Tenens Physician
Northwest Territories Health Authority, Yellowknife, Northwest Territories

Memberships and Offices Held /Academy and other societies:

Professional Society Memberships

2022 – Present North American Skull Base Society (NASBS)
2020 – Present Canadian Society of Otolaryngologist (CSO)
2020 – Present European Rhinologic Society (ERS)
2020 – Present Alberta Medical Association (AMA)
2018 – Present American Rhinologic Society (ARS)
2015 – Present American Academy of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery (AAO-HNS)
2011 – Present American College of Surgeons (ACS)
2010 – Present American Medical Association (AMA)

Local and National Service

2023 – Present NASBS Membership Committee, Committee Member
2023 – Present AAO – HNS Board of Governors Legislative Affairs committee, Non-voting member
2022 – Present ARS Quality Improvement Committee, Committee Member
2020 – Present AAO-HNS Outcomes and Evidence Based Medicine Committee, Guest, Non-voting member
2020 – Present Reviewer, Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery
2019 – Present Reviewer, Annals of Otolaryngology, Rhinology and Laryngology
2020 – 2021 AAO-HNS Rhinology and Allergy Education Committee, Voting Member
2019 – 2020 Resident Reviewer, Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery
2017 – 2018 AAO – HNS Board of Governors Legislative Affairs committee, Resident Member

Honors/Awards:

2021 Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarship, University of Alberta Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research
2021 Resident Leadership Grant, American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery
2020 Graduate Studentship, Alberta Strategy for Patient Oriented Research
2020 COVID-19 Pop-up grant, West Virginia Clinical and Translational Science Institute
2020 1st Place, Resident Research Day, Dept. Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery, West Virginia University
2019 K. Christopher McMains Resident Scholarship, American Association of Otolaryngologic Allergy
2019 Section on Residents and Fellows Leadership Grant, American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery
2019 First Place, Quality Improvement Poster Competition, West Virginia University
2019 Eisenberg Health Policy Leadership Grant, American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery
2019 Small Grant, Resident Fatigue Study, West Virginia Clinical and Translational Science Institute
2018 Resident Leadership Grant, American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery
2016 Resident Travel Grant, American Association of Otolaryngologic Allergy
2013 NIH T32 Pre-Doctoral Scholar, National Institutes of Health, USA

Regional/Local Hospital Participation:

2023 – Present Clinical Review Committee, Bergan Ambulatory Surgical Center
2023 Guest Faculty, University of Nebraska, Resident Basic Sinus and Allergy Course
2022 Guest Faculty and Lecturer, West Virginia University, Resident Basic Sinus Course
2021 – 2022 Alberta Health Services, Connect Care Wave 4, Super User, Royal Alexandra Hospital

Summation of Published Works Within the Specialty:

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3. McCoul ED, Megwalu UC, Joe S, Gray R, **O'Brien DC**, Ference EH, Lee VS, Patel PS, Figueroa-Morales MA, Shin JJ, Brenner MJ. Systemic Steroids for Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery Disorders: An Evidence-Based Primer for Clinicians. *Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg*. 2023 Apr;168(4):643-657.
4. Lee VS, Patel P, **O'Brien D**, Scangas GA, Campbell RG, Chandra R, Davis GE, Han JK, Le CH, Lee J, Luong AU. Indications for absorbable steroid-eluting sinus implants: Viewpoint via the Delphi method. *International Forum of Allergy & Rhinology* 2022 Oct (Vol. 12, No. 10, pp. 1225-1231).
5. Shaikh N, **O'Brien D**, Ramadan H. Surgery of the Hypertrophied Turbinates in Children. *XVII IAPO Manual of Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology*. 2022
6. **O'Brien DC**, Bhutani M, Vliagoftis H, Leung W, Cote D, Mayers I, Yehya J, Wright ED. Multidisciplinary Inflammatory Airway Team Experience. *The Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology: In Practice*. 2022 Apr 1;10(4):1123.
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8. Makary CA, Purnell PR, **O'Brien D**, Chaiban R, Demirdağ YY, Ramadan H. Antibody deficiencies are more common in adult versus pediatric recurrent acute rhinosinusitis. *Am J Otolaryngol*. 2021 Sep-Oct;42(5):103004. PMID: 33812207.
9. **O'Brien DC**, Contrera K, Zalzal HG, Brenner M. COVID Vaccines and Otolaryngology: What Your Patients Should Know. *AAO-HNS Bulletin*. 2021 Sept;40(7):29-30.
10. Shaikh N, **O'Brien D**, Makary C, Turner M. Intraoperative Indocyanine Green Angiography for Assessing Flap Perfusion in Skull Base Reconstruction: A Systematic Review. *J Neurol Surg B Skull Base*. 2021 Jul 19;83(Suppl 2):e492-e500
11. **O'Brien DC**, Zalzal H, Adkins D, Gates C, Gonzaga J, Sanders L, Carr MM, Kellermeyer B. Standardization and Reduction of Narcotics After Pediatric Tonsillectomy. *Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery*. 2021 May;164(5):932-937.
12. Ference E, **O'Brien DC**, Patel PS, Scangas GA, Lee VS. Out of Committee: Outcomes Research and Evidence-Based Medicine | Absorbable Steroid-Eluting Sinus Implants: What We Do and Don't Know. *AAO-HNS Bulletin*. 2021 Mar;40(2):30-31.
13. **O'Brien DC**, Lee EG, Soo JC, Friend S, Callahan S, Carr MM. Surgical Team Exposure to Cautery Smoke and Its Mitigation during Tonsillectomy. *Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg*. 2020 Sep;163(3):508-516
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19. **O'Brien DC**, Desai Y, Swanson RT, Parekh U, Schubart J, Carr MM. Sleep study indices and early post-tonsillectomy outcomes. *American journal of otolaryngology*. 2018 Sep 1;39(5):623-7.
20. **O'Brien DC**, Squires LD, Robinson AD, Ramadan H, Diaz R. A Multicenter, Cross-Sectional Assessment of Otolaryngology Knowledge Among Primary Care Trainees. *Annals of Otolaryngology, Rhinology & Laryngology*. 2018 Sep;127(9):631-6.
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22. Zalzal HG, **O'Brien DC**, Zalzal GH. Pediatric Anatomy: Nose and Sinus. *Operative Techniques in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery*. 2018 Jun 1;29(2):44-50.
23. **O'Brien DC**, Utainrat W, Setabutr D. Surgical management of inferior turbinate hypertrophy. *Operative Techniques in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery*. 2018 Jun 1;29(2):83-8.
24. **O'Brien DC**, Andre TB, Robinson AD, Squires LD, Tollefson TT. Dog bites of the head and neck: an evaluation of a common pediatric trauma and associated treatment. *American journal of otolaryngology*. 2015 Feb 28;36(1):32-8.
25. Truong AQ, **O'Brien DC**, Strong EB, Dublin A. Lateral pterygoid plate fractures associated with mandible fractures. *JAMA facial plastic surgery*. 2014 Dec 1;16:437-9.