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## **Gavin Setzen, MD, Named Chair of AAO-HNS/F Board of Governors**

**San Diego, CA** – Gavin Setzen, MD, has been named Chair of the Board of Governors of the American Academy of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery. He took over the office at the 2009 AAO-HNSF Annual Meeting & OTO EXPO in San Diego, CA, from October 4 – 7, 2009, which attracted more than 8,000 attendees.

The American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, one of the oldest medical associations in the nation, represents more than 11,000 physicians and allied health professionals who specialize in the treatment of the ears, nose, throat, and related structures of the head and neck. The Board of Governors was established in 1982 as a grassroots member network within the Academy, and is made up of local, state, regional, and national otolaryngology - head and neck surgery societies from around the United States and Canada.

Dr. Setzen obtained his medical degree in Johannesburg, South Africa. After spending over two years in general surgery at North Shore University Hospital, Cornell University Medical College, he completed a five-year residency in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at Albany Medical Center in New York.

Dr. Setzen practices the comprehensive care of adult and pediatric disorders of the head and neck with special interest in allergy diagnosis and immunotherapy, rhinology, sinus and nasal surgery, and endocrine surgery at Albany ENT & Allergy Services in Albany, NY. Dr. Setzen is a Diplomate of the American Board of Otolaryngology and Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and the American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy. He is active in resident teaching, clinical research, and various local, state and national organizations, including the American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy, American College of Surgeons, Medical Society of the State of New York, and the New York State Society of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. He is also Secretary of the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Computed Tomography Laboratories.

### Information for the Media:

The AAO-HNSF Annual Meeting & OTO EXPO Newsroom is located in the San Diego Convention Center, Mezzanine Level, Room 14A. Hours of operation: Saturday, October 3, 12 pm to 5 pm; Sunday-Tuesday, October 4 – 6, 7:30 am to 5 pm; and Wednesday, October 7, 7:30 am to 2 pm (all hours Pacific time). The newsroom serves as a work space for credentialed members of the news media. The newsroom is managed and staffed by the AAO-HNS Communications Unit. Please see the AAO-HNS website for media credentialing requirements for the event. Onsite Newsroom contact: 1-619-525-6202.

### About the AAO-HNS

The American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery (<http://www.entnet.org>), one of the oldest medical associations in the nation, represents more than 12,000 physicians and allied health professionals who specialize in the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the ears, nose, throat, and related structures of the head and neck. The Academy serves its members by facilitating the advancement of the science and art of medicine related to otolaryngology and by representing the specialty in governmental and socioeconomic issues. The organization's vision: "Empowering otolaryngologist-head and neck surgeons to deliver the best patient care."

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