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Clinical Interests My clinical focus concerns the treatment of disorders of hearing and balance within the inner ear and skull base, including the management of acoustic neuroma and other tumors of the cerebellopontine angle and lateral skull base; the medical and surgical management of Ménière's Disease; the treatment of sensorineural hearing loss, including cochlear implantation; and the surgical management of superior semicircular canal dehiscence and other anomalies of the otic capsule. My clinical practice also encompasses the treatment of diseases of the middle ear, including surgery for chronic otitis media, cholesteatoma, otosclerosis, acquired and congenital hearing loss, and surgical repair of the tympanic membrane and ossicular chain. My scientific research has evolved and now focuses on the development of techniques by which the hair cell depleted cochlea can be repopulated by pragmatic and functional hair cell like transplants. I have many clinical research interests spanning a broad range of topics concerning hearing and balance function, including therapeutic trials of pharmacologic tinnitus suppression and management, evaluation of innovative methods of cost-effective ossiculoplasty, and institution wide evaluation of safety and risk factors in general otolaryngological procedures. I also have an interest in the assessment, management, and reduction of educational gaps in otolaryngological training and of the longitudinal correlation of evaluative methods in medical and surgical residency applicants.

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Residency	Otolaryngology UC Davis Medical Center, Sacramento CA 2000-2004
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Professional Memberships	Acoustical Society of America American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery American Association for the Advancement of Science American Cleft Palate – Craniofacial Association American Institute of Physics American Medical Association Association for Research in Otolaryngology California Medical Association Filipino Americans In Medicine
Honors and Awards	Inductee Best Doctors in America Best Doctors, Inc., 2011 Inductee Best Doctors Database Sacramento Business Journal, September, 2011 Inductee Best Doctors Database Sacramento Magazine, December, 2011 Resident Travel Award Association for Research in Otolaryngology Midwinter Meeting, Orlando, FL, 2003 Resident Travel Award American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, 2003 Overall Research Symposium Award Bay Area Residents’ Research Symposium (BARRS) Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, Oakland, CA, 2003 Resident Research Award – Graduation Research Forum Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery University of California, Davis Medical Center, Sacramento, CA, 2003 Research Award, Department of Otolaryngology, UC Davis Medical Center, 2003 First Place, Bay Area Residents’ Research Symposium in Otolaryngology, 2003

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Graduation Award for Excellence in Otolaryngology, UC Davis, 1999

Select Recent Publications

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