David Cognetti, M.D.

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# Department of Otolaryngology

## HEAD AND NECK SURGERY





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## **DEPARTMENT CHAIR MESSAGE**

We are specialists in the diagnosis and treatment of ear, nose and throat and head and neck disorders. Our physicians are trained in subspecialty areas that include otology, voice and swallowing, reconstructive and cosmetic surgery, allergy and head and neck surgery, including for thyroid and parathyroid disorders. We serve patients with conditions including:

- Allergies
- Sinusitis
- Balance disorders such as Meniere's disease
- Thyroid problems including thyroid cancer
- Cancers that affect the upper digestive tract, head, neck, face and skull base
- Hearing loss

Our team has played a key role in advancing many of the techniques and tools used today in the treatment of disorders that affect the ears, nose and throat and participates in leading-edge, multidisciplinary care. We work closely with the physicians and researchers of the Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson, a National Cancer Institute-designated clinical cancer center for excellence in cancer care and research.

Charitable gifts enable us to provide the best possible care for our patients. Every gift matters, and I hope you will consider supporting our programs.

# WILLIAM M. KEANE, MD

Herbert Kean Professor and Chairman Department of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery



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## WHY GIVE TO JEFFERSON?

Donations of any size support our mission of excellence in clinical care, research and education so that we can continue to provide unparalleled services to patients like David.

The Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery Research and Education Fund assists Jefferson researchers and clinicians in their work to better understand and treat difficult diseases. Gifts to the fund strengthen our goals to:

- Bring research discoveries from the laboratory to the bedside.
- Advance therapies and surgical procedures that save lives and transform the practice of medicine.
- Establish endowed professorships to recruit and retain top clinicians, educators and researchers.
- Expertly train those who will become the dedicated, caring healthcare leaders of tomorrow.

"We have always been cutting edge in terms of the kinds of surgery we do and the care we provide. We don't simply treat a disease; we treat the patient as a whole. The Jefferson hallmark is our commitment to patient care."

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