

WHAT IS THE AMERICAN BOARD OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY?

The American Board of Otolaryngology (ABOto), founded in 1924, is the second oldest of the twenty-four recognized medical certifying organizations in the United States.



Founding members of the ABOto included representatives from various specialty societies. The ABOto currently has thirteen sponsoring specialty organizations.



The purpose of the ABOto is to assure the public that the doctors it certifies meet the highest standards of training and knowledge, and to progressively raise the quality of patient care in otolaryngology-head and neck surgery.



The ABOto is a non-profit corporation, and the directors and examiners, with the exception of the Executive Vice President and the Examination Chairman, receive no compensation.

WHAT DOES AN OTOLARYNGOLOGIST DO?

A board certified otolaryngologist has been trained in medical and surgical skills to treat these areas of the head and neck:

SKIN & FACE

Including cancer, cosmetic surgery (face lift skin resurfacing, eyelid surgery), and rehabilitation of facial paralysis.

NOSE

Including allergy, sinus infection, breathing, tumors, cosmetic surgery and reconstruction, and disorders of taste and smell.

EARS

Including balance disorders, infections, tumors, repair of external ear deformities, and hearing testing and treatment by surgery or with hearing aids.

MOUTH

Including fractures of the jaw and other facial bones, diseases of the mouth and repair of birth defects.

THROAT & VOICE BOX

Including swallowing and breathing problems, infections, tumors, birth defects, speech and voice diagnostics and therapy.

NECK

Including tumors of the thyroid and parathyroid glands, saliva-producing glands, and other neck tumors.

HOW DID MY DOCTOR OBTAIN BOARD CERTIFICATION?

To become board certified, your doctor met the education and practice requirements listed below, and passed two examinations.

EDUCATION:

- ◇ Your doctor holds an MD degree from an approved medical school.
- ◇ Your doctor completed 5 years of residency training after medical school in a program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education or its equivalent.

PRACTICE:

- ◇ Your doctor demonstrated high moral, ethical and professional qualifications and holds a valid license to practice medicine.

EXAMINATIONS:

- ◇ Your doctor passed a written exam which tested knowledge and skill in identifying and treating hearing and balance problems, birth defects, infections, glandular disorders, tumors, allergies, accidental injuries, and cosmetic and reconstructive procedures of the face, head and neck.
- ◇ Your doctor also passed an extensive oral exam which focused on diagnosis, treatment, emergencies and complications of the ear and hearing, the head and neck, facial plastic and reconstructive operations, endoscopy, nasal and sinus disease, and allergy.

**WHAT IS THE VALUE OF
BOARD CERTIFICATION?**

*As a patient, you can
be assured that your
Board Certified
Otolaryngologist
has been trained and tested
in
the medical knowledge
and surgical skills needed
to
diagnose and
treat diseases of the
head and neck in
patients of all ages.*

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Doctor Zamansky received his undergraduate and Medical Degree from the University of Minnesota. He interned at Montefiore Medical Center and performed a general surgery residency at Bellevue Medical Center. His specialty training in Otolaryngology took place at Mt. Sinai Hospital under the direction of world renown authorities including Doctor Max Som and Doctor Hugh Biller.

Doctor Zamansky also received experience under battlefield conditions in Vietnam while serving with the U.S. Army. He was awarded three Bronze Star Medals along with the Army Commendation Medal, and Combat Medics Badge.

He began practice in 1973, is Board Certified and a Fellow of the American Academy of Otolaryngology and the American Academy of Facial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery. He is also a member of the American Association of Cosmetic Surgeons and the American Medical Association.

Doctor Christopher Charon earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame and attended the Georgetown University School of Medicine on a Navy Health Professions Scholarship. He completed his surgical internship at the Naval Medical Center San Diego and then served as a General Medical Officer providing medical support for the Marines at Camp Pendleton, California for 2 years.

Doctor Charon took his specialty training in Otolaryngology at the Naval Medical Center San Diego. He began his practice in 2001 at the United States Naval Hospital Okinawa in Japan where he served as Department Head of Otolaryngology. He was Board Certified by the American Academy of Otolaryngology in 2002 and left the Navy as a Lieutenant Commander after 10 years of service to join our practice in September of 2003.

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by the
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of
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