

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

Jonas T. Johnson, MD Class of 1972



Dr. Jonas T. Johnson is Chairman of the Department of Otolaryngology at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, where he holds the Dr. Eugene N. Myers Chair in Otolaryngology. He is also Professor of Radiation Oncology and holds an appointment as Professor in Oral Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Johnson received the MD degree from the State University of New York-Upstate Medical Center in 1972. After completing two years of residency in general surgery at the Medical College of Virginia, he returned to SUNY-Upstate Medical Center to complete residency in Otolaryngology. He subsequently served in the United States Air Force as a member of the teaching staff at the Lackland USAF Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, where he was awarded a Letter of Commendation.

Dr. Johnson joined the fulltime faculty at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine in 1979. Dr. Johnson has established himself as a specialist in head and neck oncology. He has published more than 372 manuscripts on this topic in the peer-reviewed literature. Dr. Johnson has co-edited 19 textbooks and is the author of over 155 textbook chapters.

Dr. Johnson established the fellowship program in Advanced Oncologic Head and Neck Surgery in the Department of Otolaryngology at the University of Pittsburgh. He has also served as Program Director for Residency Training in Otolaryngology (1995-present). Many of these trainees have assumed leadership roles in the specialty.

Dr. Johnson has served as the Coordinator for Education for the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (1995-2001), President of the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (2002-2003), President of the American Head and Neck Society (2003-2004), and editor of the *American Journal of Otolaryngology* (1996-2002). He is currently editor of the *Laryngoscope* (2003-present).

Dr. Johnson resides in suburban Pittsburgh with his wife, Janis. The now extended family includes 3 sons, 3 daughters-in-law, and 3 grandsons.