Over the past two years, the Section of Otolaryngology has continued to experience growth and evolution. Additions to our faculty include Dr. Daniel Morrison who joined us from his prior position at the University Of New Mexico School Of Medicine where he served as Division Chief of Otolaryngology and Program Director of their residency. Dr Morrison brings a wealth of experience in the sub-specialty area of otology and will join Dr Glen Johnson, our long-time leader of otology, to enhance our several initiatives in this important sub-specialty area. Multidisciplinary efforts in skull base surgery, surgery for acoustic neuromas, and cochlear implantation are among the areas of special interest for this group. Another faculty recruitment will be realized this summer with the addition of Dr. Mark Smith. Dr Smith will join us from the University of Iowa as our first fully credentialed pediatric otolaryngologist. He will add depth to our ongoing close collaboration with CHaD – the Children’s Hospital at Dartmouth – in the management of children with ENT problems including congenital airway anomalies, tumors, and otologic diseases. Finally, we have added Eric Kerr, PA as a second associate provider within the Section.

While all these recruitments have been positive and causes for celebration, the Section experienced a dramatic and profound loss this year with the untimely death of Dr. Dudley Wieder. Dudley died suddenly last winter while skiing into one of the Dartmouth Grants in the North Country for a holiday weekend. Dudley was much beloved by all and his death has had an immeasurable impact on the Section, the Medical Center, and the community. A more comprehensive account of his many contributions appears within an obituary at the end of this report.

Education
After many years of providing training for residents from the University of Vermont Residency Program at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, efforts are currently underway to establish a formal training program in Otolaryngology here at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. The process of establishing a training program is complex and requires the development
of a full curriculum along with detailed plans for the conduct of the program. Approval from a number of “governing bodies” is required and our efforts are currently early in this extended process. We are hopeful that regular recruitment into this program will begin before the next annual report goes to press. As this effort is underway, we will continue our training activities with the UVM residents and with the houseofficers from different disciplines within the Dartmouth-Hitchcock training programs. The Section also continues its active support of two-week electives and “sub Is” for medical students from Dartmouth Medical School and other regional and national schools.

**Audiology**

Audiology, with its staff of six full-time audiologists and two audiometric assistants continues to enjoy its close collaborative relationship with the parent Section of Otolaryngology. The clinical practice of Audiology covers diagnostic evaluations of all ages, including infants, children, adults, the elderly, and individuals with special needs. Advanced testing, such as electrophysiologic evaluations including electroneystagmography, auditory brainstem evoked response testing, and otoacoustic emissions are among the commonly provided services.

In the Pediatric Audiology program, a multidisciplinary program is now developed, providing evaluation and support for pediatric patients with hearing loss, including infants and preschoolers who have received cochlear implants. Audiology, Otolaryngology, Developmental Psychology, Social Work, Speech-Language Pathology and the Family Resource Center are among the participants in this active program.