



Boards of Directors (Private Practice)

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In my three-year capacity as member of the Board of Directors of the Academy, and as Executive Member of the BOG for ten years, especially as chair in 2001, I noted three major problems facing otolaryngology:

- MANAGED CARE
- MALPRACTICE REFORM
- SCOPE OF PRACTICE

The most significant issue confronting otolaryngology today is managed care. Restrictions are placed on our ability to practice Otolaryngology, both medically and surgically. Our medical recommendations are deemed medically

unnecessary. Reimbursement for our services is so dismal that we can barely meet expenses. Paperwork hassles and threats of fraud, abuse, audits, and compliance are overbearing. Take-backs of discounted payments and no prompt-pay are unfair.

The brightest students are no longer entering medicine and thus otolaryngology. Many of our finest members are retiring prematurely to pursue new vocations.

If elected to the Board, I will alleviate this crisis for academic and private practitioners.

