



D. Gregory Farwell, M.D., FACS

Philosophy of Care

I take great pride in offering our patients the highest quality of care that is based on the latest research and cutting edge technologies. Whether it is our minimally invasive approaches to thyroid and parathyroid surgeries, the use of the robot in cancer treatment, or our comprehensive reconstructive techniques, I strive to do everything possible to treat my patients in a manner that gives them their absolute best chance of cure while optimizing their functional and cosmetic results.

Clinical Interests

Dr. Farwell's clinical practice has centered on the comprehensive management of head and neck malignancies including thyroid and parathyroid surgery. He has special interests in laser and robotic microsurgery of upper aerodigestive tract tumors and reconstructive surgery after traumatic and oncologic defects. His comprehensive approach to patient care allows the entire gamut of reconstructive surgery to be utilized to optimize his patients' functional and cosmetic results. He has worked extensively on improving patient functional outcomes with microvascular organ replacement strategies and rehabilitation with coordinated speech and swallowing therapies available here at UC Davis.

His research endeavors include multiple collaborations with the UC Davis Department of Biomedical Engineering working on noninvasive and minimally invasive technologies to diagnose neoplasms, novel and improved PET tracers, unique approaches to therapeutic drug delivery to neoplasms, and high-resolution imaging technologies. He also works closely with colleagues in the Department of Radiation Oncology to evaluate novel treatment strategies to minimize radiation side effects and maximize patient functional outcomes.

Research/Academic Interests

Our first line of research is an RO1 NIH Grant evaluating noninvasive fluorescence assay of tissue during robotic surgery to improve cure and maximize function in patients with cancers of the tongue and tonsil. This has tremendous potential to improve our ability to completely remove tumor while allowing us to leave as much normal tissue behind to improve our patients' quality of life.

We are training and evaluating the ability of dogs to sniff and detect tumor. This has amazing implications for screening programs to detect tumors earlier.

We are also working on multidisciplinary research looking at thyroid cancer to better understand patients at high risk for aggressive disease so that we can customize our treatment to each patient.

Title Professor and Chair Department of Otolaryngology

Director of Head and Neck Oncology and Microvascular Surgery

Specialty Otolaryngology (ENT/Ears, Nose, Throat), [Cancer](#), Thyroid, Parathyroid, Reconstructive Surgery, Surgery - Robotic, Surgery - Head and Neck, Otolaryngology



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Residency	University of Washington, Seattle WA 2000
Fellowships	Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Seattle WA 1996
Board Certifications	American Board of Otolaryngology, 2001
Professional Memberships	American Academy of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery American Board of Otolaryngology American College of Surgeons American Head and Neck Society American Medical Association American Thyroid Association Sacramento Society Ear, Nose and Throat Society of University of Otolaryngologists-Head & Neck Surgeons
Honors and Awards	Faculty teaching award, 2015 Drury University Distinguished Alumni Award Career Achievement American Academy of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery Distinguished Service Award Deans Team Award for Excellence for Laryngeal Transplant, University of California, Davis, 2010 Deans Team Award for Excellence for Voice & Swallow Center, University of California, Davis, 2010



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Top Ten Star Journal Reviewer for the Journal of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, 2009
Listed in Guide to Americas Top Physicians 2008 Edition by Consumers Research Council of America, 2008

Editorial Board for Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, 2007

American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery Foundation, Honor Award Recipient, 2007

Select Recent Publications

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