

## The Retirement of Jack M. Kartush, M.D.



It is with sad emotion that we announce the retirement of Dr. Jack Kartush from Michigan Ear Institute. We have cherished the relationship and expertise of Dr. Kartush over the past 30 years, as he has served as a wonderful physician, surgeon, innovator, mentor, and most importantly, exquisite friend and colleague. While at MEI, Dr. Kartush helped countless number of patients with acoustic tumors, facial paralysis, ear infections, hearing loss, and dizziness.

Dr. Kartush is a brilliant person with a big heart and is driven to learn, develop, and share areas of his expertise. He has published over 120 articles, books, and chapters, and has developed several medical inventions to propel the practice of otology and neurotology. He also has served as a frequent national and international lecturer. We will miss him on a daily basis for the guidance he provides and we are glad that he will serve as Professor Emeritus at MEI as a lecturer and researcher.

## Clinical Trials

### New Oticon Medical Ponto Wide Implant (temporal bone implant) Study

The purpose of the study is to assess the temporal bone implant stability, implant loss, adverse skin reactions, and Quality of Life Benefit following implantation of the Ponto 4.5 mm Wide Diameter Implant. Secondary: To determine the feasibility of fitting the sound processor three weeks (as opposed to three months) after surgical implantation, and investigate skin reactions and possible failure data.

### Cochlear B1300 Implant System: Three-Week Loading Study

The purpose of this study is to assess the temporal bone implant stability, implant loss, and adverse skin reactions following implantation of the wider diameter implants from Cochlear Corporation. Secondary: To determine the feasibility of fitting the sound processor three weeks (as opposed to three months) after surgical implantations, and to investigate skin reactions and possible failure data.

### Cochlear Implantation for Single-Sided Deafness Feasibility Study

The primary objective of this study is to demonstrate the efficacy associated with the implantations of Nucleus Cochlear Implant System in individuals with single-sided deafness. This study will investigate the potential benefit to be derived by the implantation of individuals who have a moderate sloping to severe, or poorer, sensorineural hearing loss contralateral to an ear with no more than a moderate degree of hearing loss.

Please call 248.865.4444 if interested in enrolling in any trial or to discuss these options with an MEI physician.

## New Otology Textbook from Michigan Ear Institute Published!

Plural Publishing is pleased to announce the release of two new textbooks covering topics in Otology geared towards Otolaryngologists and Neurotology, edited by Seilesh Babu, MD. Many current and former MEI staff and alumni have contributed to this textbook. If you are interested in purchasing a copy of these textbooks, please visit [pluralpublishing.com](http://pluralpublishing.com) or contact Dr. Babu at [sbabu@michiganear.com](mailto:sbabu@michiganear.com) for discount pricing.

## The Baha® Implant Changed Madeline Betterly's Life



Madeline Betterly Receives "Cochlear™ Americas Anders Tjellström, M.D., Ph.D. Scholarship" for Baha® Recipients.

Dr. LaRouere implanted the Baha® in Madeline's right ear more than five years ago. Madeline was born with unilateral aural atresia and microtia of the right ear, and she was eligible to receive the implant.

She is continually grateful for Dr. LaRouere at MEI for alleviating the social and academic struggles she used to face day-to-day. Madeline says, "I have directly benefited from the advances made through biomedical research and for this I will be forever grateful. This experience has greatly affected my career goals and aspirations."

Madeline is currently in the Biomedical Engineering Program in the College of Engineering at Wayne State University.

## Maxum Hearing Implant



The new Maxum Hearing Implant is a FDA approved, semi-implantable device used to treat adults with moderate to severe sensorineural hearing loss -- discrimination scores greater than 60%. The surgeons at the Michigan Ear Institute recently completed the training course for the Maxum Implant and are looking forward to offering this option to appropriate patients.

## Dr. Babu: Invited Panelist in Miami.



Dr. Seilesh Babu was invited to present a talk on Superior

Canal Dehiscence and Encephaloceles at the North American Skull Base Society Meeting in Miami, Florida on February 17, 2013.

## MEI Annual Otology Conference

All interested physicians and audiologists are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

**Held on June 1-2, 2013 at the Grand Traverse Resort & Spa**

Guest Speaker: Richard A. Chole, M.D., Ph.D.,

Lindburg Professor and Chairman Department of Otolaryngology at Washington University in St. Louis

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