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Bio

BIO

Dr. Finegersh is a fellowship-trained head and neck surgical oncologist with board certification in otolaryngology and an Assistant Professor with the Stanford School of Medicine Department of Otolaryngology.

He specializes in treatment of benign and malignant tumors of the head and neck and has received additional training in microvascular reconstruction and transoral robotic surgery. He takes tremendous pride in providing compassionate care for patients and managing challenging diagnoses.

Dr. Finegersh completed his MD and PhD degrees at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine's combined Medical Scientist Training Program. He went on to complete residency in otolaryngology at the University of California San Diego (UCSD) and his fellowship at Stanford University, where he stayed on as faculty.

He has extensive research experience in head and neck cancer epigenetics and completed post-doctoral research at the University of Pittsburgh and UCSD. He has received grants from the NIH and American Academy of Otolaryngology and has an active research lab studying molecular mechanisms of cancer. Dr. Finegersh has additional clinical interests in studying the role of minimally invasive surgery to improve outcomes for head and neck cancer patients.

CLINICAL FOCUS

- Otolaryngology/Facial Plastic Surgery

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Assistant Professor - University Medical Line, Otolaryngology (Head and Neck Surgery)
- Member, Stanford Cancer Institute

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Board Certification: Otolaryngology, American Board of Otolaryngology (2022)
- Fellowship: Stanford University Head and Neck Microvascular Reconstructive Surgery Fellowship CA
- Residency: University of California San Diego Medical Center (2021) CA
- Internship: University of California San Diego Medical Center (2017)
- Medical Education: University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine (2016) PA

LINKS

- Google Scholar: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=farlktIAAAAJ>

Teaching

STANFORD ADVISEES

Med Scholar Project Advisor

Leonora Akporyoe

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

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