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### **National Society of ENT Doctors Welcomes New Chief Operating Officer**

**Alexandria, VA** — The American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery (AAO-HNS) announced today that it has named Brenda Hargett as new Chief Operating Officer (COO) for the association. In her new position, Hargett will provide operational oversight and management for the association, including program development and best practice design in process analysis, as well as provide motivation, oversight, guidance, and leadership to staff.

"We are very excited to welcome Brenda as an integral member of our executive leadership team," said AAO-HNS Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer David R. Nielsen, MD. "Brenda comes to the AAO-HNS with vast understanding and skill in organizational management and strategic planning. She will be a great asset to both our staff and our membership as a whole."

Hargett comes to the AAO-HNS with a wealth of experience from the American Petroleum Institute (API) in Washington, DC, where she was the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in charge of Financial Operations and Special Programs for 17 years. Prior to API, she was with KMPG Peat Marwick for 10 years.

"I am thrilled to be joining the team of professional and dedicated staff at the AAO-HNS and am honored to be its COO. This is such a critical time for our nation with respect to healthcare issues, and I look forward to building on my past experiences in association management to further the mission of AAO-HNS and help enhance its value to our members."

Hargett received the Washington Business Journal's 2007 Award for Financial Excellence in the large association category. In 2006, she was the overall winner of the Best Practices and Exemplary Achievements in Not-For-Profit Financial Management Award presented by West, Lane & Schlager and Tate & Tryon. Hargett was also the 2005 regional winner of the IMA Financial Executive of the Year award. She holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration & Accounting from the College of William and Mary and is also a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and Certified Association Executive (CAE).

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#### **About the AAO-HNS**

The American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery ([www.entnet.org](http://www.entnet.org)), one of the oldest medical associations in the nation, represents nearly 12,000 physicians and allied health professionals who specialize in the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the ears, nose, throat, and related structures of the head and neck. The Academy serves its members by facilitating the advancement of the science and art of medicine related to otolaryngology and by representing the specialty in governmental and socioeconomic issues. The organization's vision: "Empowering otolaryngologist-head and neck surgeons to deliver the best patient care."

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