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Randal S. Weber, M.D., F.A.C.S., is a renowned surgeon and expert in the treatment of patients with head and neck cancer. He is the immediate past chairman of the Department of Head and Neck Surgery, a position he held for over 14 years. He has a joint appointment as Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, and is Adjunct Professor, Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. He is the recipient of the John Brooks Williams and Elizabeth Williams Distinguished University Chair in Cancer Medicine. A leader in healthcare initiatives to improve cancer care, Dr. Weber has been instrumental in the efforts to improve the quality of care and the outcomes achieved through the establishment of performance-driven processes and the adherence to evidence-based treatment guidelines for patients with head and neck cancer. His leadership efforts in promoting quality cancer care that is value driven have been instrumental in creating a national agenda to improve head and neck cancer care. In addition to maintaining a busy clinical schedule, he remains closely involved in the professional development and education of head and neck surgical oncology fellows. He remains active in clinical research investigating new treatment approaches for patients with head and neck cancers and is a pioneer in the use of organ-sparing oncologic strategies. Highly sought after for his expertise and professional insights, Dr. Weber has been the guest lecturer and visiting professor on more than 200 occasions both in the United States and around the world, in addition to leading numerous courses and seminars. Dr. Weber was honored as the Hayes Martin Lecturer and recipient of the Distinguished Service Award at the April 2011 meeting of the American Head and Neck Society. He has served as President of the Society of University Otolaryngologists–Head and Neck Surgeons, the American Radium Society, and the American Head and Neck Society. He is the past President of the American Board of Otolaryngology and past Chair of the Head and Neck Surgery Committee of the Radiation Therapy Oncology Group. Dr. Weber is a prolific author with over 400 publications that include scientific articles, book chapters, and textbooks. He is the immediate past Editor in Chief of *Head & Neck: Journal for the Sciences and Specialties of the Head and Neck*, a position he held for 13 years. He also serves on the editorial board of several scientific journals. Effective September 1, 2016, Dr. Weber assumed the role of Chief Patient Experience Officer for MD Anderson Cancer Center and will continue an active head and neck surgical practice.