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Andrew Blitzer, M.D., D.D.S., F.A.C.S. is an internationally known Otolaryngologist with expertise in voice and swallowing disorders, nasal and sinus surgery, and head and neck and reconstructive surgery. Dr. Blitzer is also a pioneer and leading authority in the use of Botox (botulinum toxin) for conditions with excessive muscle function, muscle pain, tremor and muscle spasm including spasmodic dysphonia and facial lines and wrinkles.

Dr. Blitzer is a graduate of the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine and the School of Dental and Oral Surgery of Columbia University. He completed his residency training at the Mt. Sinai Medical Center in New York City. He is currently Professor of Clinical Otolaryngology, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University. In 1977 Dr. Blitzer was appointed to the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center as Assistant Professor of Otolaryngology. He was later appointed as Director of the Division of Head and Neck Surgery, Director of the Multidiscipline Head and Neck Tumor Board, and the Director of Residency Education. He has a joint appointment in the School of Dental and Oral Surgery. For several years Dr. Blitzer was also the Acting Chairman of the Department of Otolaryngology of the College of Physicians and Surgeons and Acting Director of the Otolaryngology Service of the Presbyterian Hospital.

Dr. Blitzer is currently a Senior Attending Otolaryngologist and Director of the New York Center for Voice and Swallowing Disorders at the Mount Sinai St. Luke's Roosevelt in New York. Dr. Blitzer is internationally recognized as a clinician, scientist, teacher, and author. He has published over 300 scientific articles and text chapters concerning head and neck surgery, voice and swallowing disorders, nasal and paranasal sinus disorders, and the use of Botox for hyperfunctional conditions of the head and neck. He helped establish the field of neurolaryngology and has one of the seven fellowship programs in the country.

He is the author of 14 text books including the definitive texts Surgery of the Paranasal Sinuses, Neurologic Disorders of the Larynx, Office-Based Surgery in Otolaryngology, and Management of Facial Lines and Wrinkles. In addition to his innovative work with spasmodic dysphonia, Dr. Blitzer has helped develop new surgical techniques for the rehabilitation the paralyzed vocal cord. Dr. Blitzer has been an extramural consultant to the National Institutes of Health and is a member of the special sensory and language study section. Dr. Blitzer has also conducted

several product and drug trials for the Food and Drug Administration, including the clinical trials for Botox for facial lines and wrinkles, temporomandibular disease, and migraine headaches.

He is also the recipient of numerous awards and fellowships in recognition of his expertise and major contributions to the field of Otolaryngology, including the prestigious James A. Newcomb Award and the de Roaldes Award of the American Laryngological Association and the Chevalier Jackson Award of the Am. Bronchoesophagological Assoc. for his outstanding contributions to the field of laryngology. Dr. Blitzer is an editor or a member of the editorial board of 9 peer review journals. Dr. Blitzer was, for 6 years, the Coordinator for Instruction Courses and Member of the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. He is also the President of the American Bronchoesophagological Association and President Elect of the American Laryngological Association. Dr. Blitzer lives in Manhattan and enjoys marathon running, skiing, photography, cooking, fly fishing, and making rustic furniture in his free time. For the past decade, Dr. Blitzer has been listed in the Best Doctors in America (American Health).