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#### [Present Title & Affiliation](#)

##### **Primary Appointment**

Professor of Surgery, Department of Head and Neck Surgery, Division of Surgery, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX

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#### [Bio Statement](#)

**Gary L. Clayman, D.M.D., M.D., F.A.C.S.**, is the Alando J. Ballantyne Distinguished Chair of Head and Neck Surgery and Professor of Surgery in the Department of Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. He also serves as the Director of the head and neck cancer program as well as Deputy Head of the Division of Surgery for academics at the University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center. After earning his dental and medical degrees, he completed a surgery internship at the University of Minnesota and subsequent residency in otolaryngology/ head and neck surgery at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. Dr. Clayman was promoted to Professor of Surgery in 2000 and awarded his Distinguished Chair of Surgery in 2003.

Dr. Clayman lectures nationally and internationally on the surgical management of thyroid malignancies. He actively is involved in both basic, translational, and clinical research in thyroid cancer. He has authored more than 200 peer-reviewed publications and serves on the editorial board of several international journals, including *Clinical Cancer Research*, *Laryngoscope*, *Head and Neck*, and *Frontiers in Bioscience*. Dr. Clayman has consistently been named one of America's Top Doctors by Castle Connolly as well as Best Doctors in America for over seven consecutive years.

#### [Research Interests](#)

Identifying the molecular characteristics of aggressive or recurrent thyroid cancer

Developing novel targeted approaches for the management of thyroid cancer

Molecular characterization of thyroid cancer