

## Dr. David Pothier

Dr. Pothier attended medical school at the University of Cape Town, South Africa. During medical school he was the captain of the South African Climbing Team, a sport he gave up to pursue a career as a surgeon. After a short time working in South Africa he moved to England where he underwent general surgical training. After attaining Membership of the Royal College of Surgeons, he trained in Otolaryngology. He attained a Master's Degree in Healthcare Informatics at the University of Bath while completing his specialty training. He attained Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons in Otolaryngology and was awarded the Thomas Wickham Jones Fellowship to attend Dr. John Rutka's World-renowned fellowship in Neurotology. Following this, he was awarded the Ellison-Cliffe Fellowship from the Royal Society of Medicine. He joined the Department in 2010 as a Neurotology Affiliate and currently works as an Otologist/Neurotologist at Toronto General Hospital and is an Assistant Professor in Otolaryngology at the University of Toronto.

He has a strong interest in clinical research, having published over 100 peer-reviewed articles. He has given over 200 international academic presentations on a wide variety of subjects concerning the subject of Otolaryngology. His main areas of research interest are in the areas of bilateral vestibular loss, Ménière's Disease, catastrophization and the objective measurement of vestibular dysfunction.

He has set up a number of courses for clinicians including 'Software for Research' and 'Endoscopic Dewaxing or the Audiologist'. He has been a faculty member of a number of temporal bone dissection courses. He has been practicing endoscopic ear surgery for ten years. In 2008, along with Dr. Muaaz Tarabichi and other surgical endoscopists, Dr. Pothier co-founded the International Working Group on Endoscopic Ear Surgery. This collective continues to flourish. Dr. Pothier has presented three Instructional Sessions at the American Academy of Otolaryngology and set up the first North American Endoscopic Ear Surgery Course to promote the technique. He remains an endoscopic ear surgery enthusiast and continues to work with the Working Group to take the technique of endoscopic ear surgery into the future, with ongoing research and clinical innovation.

He currently lives in Toronto with his wife Louise, another South African, and young son James; he has a Bacon number of 4.