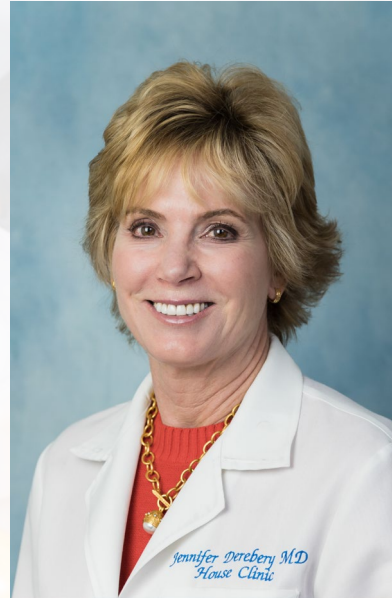


# CURES WITHIN REACH RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT: HEAR THIS: A PIONEER OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY

In 2020, Cures Within Reach funded **Dr. Jennifer Derebery** at the **House Institute Foundation** to support a double-blinded, placebo-controlled clinical trial testing montelukast, a common allergy medication, as a treatment and/or preventative measure for the development and progression of Meniere's disease. Dr. Derebery hopes to slow or halt hearing loss and minimize vertigo and dizzy episodes.

Dr. Derebery was named the **first woman president of the American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery (AAO-HNS)** and was previously president of both the **American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy** and the **Los Angeles Otolaryngology Society**. She has been recognized and awarded for her outstanding roles as both a researcher and as a clinician: a Presidential Citation award from AAO-HNS in 2011, a 2021 Living Legend Inductee to the AAO-HNS Foundation Hall of Distinction, listed in the Guide to Best Doctors in America, America's Top Doctors, Marquis Who's Who, to name a few. Dr. Derebery published *Hearing Loss: The Otolaryngologist's Guide to Amplification*, where she shares her invaluable knowledge about hearing aids and hearing loss, and she co-developed the AAO-HNS clinical practice guidelines for Meniere's disease.

Her professional goal: to find an intervention for symptoms of allergic and immune mediated-ear diseases before they begin or progress.



**Dr. Jennifer Derebery**



## PROFILE

- **Dr. Jennifer Derebery**, a renowned otologist, is known for her work in the diagnosis and treatment of allergy-related hearing loss and associated disorders, with a specific interest in Meniere's disease.

## CWR FUNDING

- This \$176,000 clinical trial, co-funded by Cures Within Reach (57%) and House Institute Foundation (43%), is investigating a generic allergy drug to improve symptoms in and prevent progression of Meniere's disease.
- Dr. Derebery and her trial represent Cures Within Reach's focus on unsolved diseases, in this case within Ear Nose Throat.

