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Professional Bio: Ted R. McRackan, M.D., is the director of the Skull Base Center and medical director of the Cochlear Implant Program in the Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery. Dr. McRackan was born in Virginia and moved to Charleston to attend the College of Charleston. He received his medical degree from the Medical University of South Carolina and completed his residency at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. Afterward, he moved to Los Angeles for a fellowship in otology/neurotology and skull base surgery at the House Ear Clinic. Dr. McRackan's clinical practice is focused on comprehensive management of ear, hearing, balance, and skull base disorders in adults and children. Specific areas of interest include but are not limited to: cochlear implantation; chronic ear surgery (cholesteatoma, chronic otitis media); acoustic neuroma and other skull base lesions; otosclerosis; facial nerve disorders and tumors; endoscopic ear surgery; implantable hearing aids; and vertigo. Dr. McRackan has published a comprehensive neurotology textbook and has written over 80 peer reviewed articles and book chapters. His research interests focus on the development and application of novel measures to evaluate outcomes in individuals with hearing loss and cochlear implants in order to improve patient results.

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focus on medical and surgical management of vestibular disorders. Since 2019, Dr Rizk has been the chair of the clinical and translational research ethics consultation committee at MUSC.

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John Deworken has 20 years of experience working in and around the SC State House. He served as a legislative director for the SC Senate and held senior positions at the SC Chamber of Commerce, the Greenville Chamber and on a statewide political campaign. The Greenville Magazine twice named John as “The Top 50 Most Influential People in Greenville.” John holds three degrees from Clemson University.

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