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Saumil N. Merchant was born in Bombay, India and received his M.D. from the University of Bombay Medical School in 1982. He received his otolaryngology training in India and in Boston at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary and Harvard Medical School, He also did a fellowship with Professor Harold F. Schuknecht in Boston.

Since 1992, he has been on the full time teaching staff as an otologist at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary in Boston. He is an Associate Professor at the Harvard Medical School and he also holds an academic appointment at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is also the Director of the Otopathology Laboratory and the Co-Director of the Wallace Middle Ear Mechanics Laboratory at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, and Co-Director of the NIDCD National Temporal Bone Registry of the USA.

He spends about 50 percent of his time in clinical practice as an otologist, and the other 50 percent in research. His research is funded mainly by the NIH. His main research interests are in middle-ear mechanics and in temporal bone pathology. He has over 100 publications in these areas.

He has received numerous awards for his work including the Politzer Prize for Otology, the William Montgomery Award for excellence in Teaching, the Silverstein Young Investigator Award and many research awards from the National Institutes of Health. He has given guest lectures in many countries including named orations such as the Fernandez-Lindsay lecture at the University of Chicago, the Scott Keil lecture at the University of New Jersey Medical School, the Toynebee Lecture in the UK, the McGill Lecture in Canada and the Hiranandani oration in India.

He is a member of the American Otological Society, the American Neurotology Society, the Triological Society and the International Otopathology Society (a.k.a. Schuknecht Society). He has served on many study sections at the NIH. He is also on the Editorial Board of many journals including Otology and Neurotology, Audiology- Neurotology, and the Journal of Laryngology and Otology.