

## **Press Release**

### **Office Based Surgery Data presented at national ENT meeting**

Dr Roger Cole, a physician with Carolina Ear, Nose & Throat Head and Neck Surgery Center, presented results from a 3-year study on the use of in-office transnasal esophagoscopy. The meeting of the Triological Society, an academic ear, nose and throat society, was the forum for the presentation. Incorporated into Carolina ENT/HNSC in 2002, transnasal esophagoscopy offers a comfortable alternative to hospital-based diagnostic esophageal procedures that usually require general anesthesia. The study involved a review of 371 patients who received the diagnostic esophageal procedure. Safety and tolerance data as well as diagnostic accuracy were presented. The economic cost savings compared with traditional hospital based esophageal procedures were also reported. Dr. Cole currently serves as the Medical Director for the Speech and Swallowing Division of the ENT practice.