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Dr. Alan Cheng received his M.D. degree from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and graduated with distinction in research in otobiology. Dr. Cheng pursued his residency training in Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at University of Washington. During residency, he undertook a two-year NIH-sponsored research fellowship investigating mechanisms of hair cell degeneration under the mentorship of Edwin Rubel. After residency he sought fellowship training in pediatric otolaryngology in Children's Hospital Boston, Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Cheng joined the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at Stanford University as a physician-scientist in September 2007. His clinical practice focuses on otologic diseases including congenital hearing loss, cochlear implantation, and chronic ear diseases in the pediatric population. In parallel, his research program focuses on inner ear cell regeneration and aminoglycoside ototoxicity.

In 2016, he established and has since served as the director of the clinician-scientist training program to train the future generation of surgeon-scientists to study communication disorders. Finally, under his leadership as the Chief of the Division of Pediatric Otolaryngology since 2018, his group now consists of nine faculty members who provide care for complex diseases of the pediatric ear, nose, and throat regionally and nationally.