



From the Desk of the Secretary-Treasurer

David S. Haynes, MD, MMHC



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Elizabeth H. Toh, MD, MBA



This past year has been nothing short of exciting and productive for the American Neurotology Society. Our collective achievements and collaborative efforts continue to further our core mission as a leader in education, research, and innovation in the field of Otology & Neurotology. I am excited to reflect on some of these accomplishments and ongoing endeavors.

One of the highlights of the past year was our Fall Meeting in Nashville. With almost 450 surgeons and trainees in attendance and the support of 9 generous industry sponsors who joined us onsite, the meeting was a resounding success both academically and financially. This allows us to fund our expanding portfolio of educational and research grant opportunities for members and trainees. As a reminder, since future annual AAO-HNS/F Meeting footprints will be starting on a Saturday, the 2024 Fall Scientific Meeting will be our inaugural “Fabulous Friday” scheduled for September 27 at the [Fontainebleau Miami Beach](#).

As part of our ongoing efforts to support and promote innovative research in vestibular sciences, ANS is partnering with VeDA (Vestibular Disorders Association) to fund 2 new grants in 2025. The VeDA Travel Grant (\$1,500 fully funded by VeDA) aims to reward meritorious vestibular outcomes research presented each year at our ANS Spring Meetings. The ANS/VeDA Research Grant (up to \$25,000 each year), jointly funded by ANS and VeDA, is designed to support vestibular research that has the potential to improve outcomes for vestibular disorders from bench to bedside. We are grateful to Dr. Habib Rizk, current President of VeDA, for driving this effort. Stay tuned for more information on these new funding opportunities.

Our gold open-access journal, *Otology & Neurotology Open*, launched in 2021 is now PubMed listed! All published articles in ONO are now discoverable on PubMed Central. This milestone accomplishment is a testament to the high standards of editorial quality, scope and scholarly impact that ONO upholds. Many thanks to our Editor-in-Chief Dr. Michael Hoffer, our outstanding Editorial Board, diligent reviewers, expert publishing consultant Kathleen Gaffney and dedicated Wolters Kluwer partners for their unwavering commitment and tireless efforts on this journey from journal indexing to impact factor, hopefully by 2025. (see more on pages 7-8)

For many of you who care for infants and children with hearing loss, we want to bring your attention to a recent publication in [Pediatrics](#) late last year and the comment posted by Dr. Stephanie Moody Antonio representing the shared position of the ANS, AOS, ASPO and AAO and our concerns for clinical recommendations that fall short of accepted evidence-based practices. We would appreciate your support and advocacy in promoting these positions within your practice and professional networks so that every child with hearing loss is afforded a comprehensive medical evaluation and all available options for hearing habilitation.

Our 59th Annual Spring ANS Meeting in Chicago is just weeks away. We are honored to have Dr. Nina Kraus (Northwestern University) share her groundbreaking research on concussions and hearing loss, and Dr. Samuel Oyer (University of Virginia) share his expertise and insights on contemporary management of facial paralysis. Our panels will feature updates on contemporary topics including management of spontaneous CSF leaks, ChatGPT applications in Neurotology and utilization of advanced practice providers in Neurotology/Otology practices. You can also expect to hear about results of the 2023 Skull Base Surgery Coding survey from Dr. Shawn Stevens and planned next steps. Details of our program can be viewed on our [website](#).

In closing, I would like to take a moment to express my profound gratitude to all members of the ANS for the privilege and honor of to serve as your President over the past year. I have had the opportunity to work alongside an extraordinary group of talented and dedicated individuals on the Executive Council, ANS Committees, AOS leadership, and O&N Inc. Board, all of whom have inspired me, challenged me, and supported me in the work we do to advance ANS, our members and our field. Last but certainly not least, allow me to thank our amazing administrative team, Kristen Bordignon and Cheryl Bradley (and Ashley Eikenberry) on behalf of the entire membership for their exceptional dedication, hard work, and collaboration.

I look forward to seeing you in Chicago soon!

With warmest regards,
Liz

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**ANS & AOS COSM SCHEDULE
AT-A-GLANCE**

ALL EVENTS AT THE HYATT REGENCY CHICAGO

FRIDAY, MAY 17

AOS Business meeting - 1:00 PM (*open to all registered attendees*)
New member introduction

AOS Scientific Session - 1:25 - 5:15 PM

Grand Ballroom AB - Ballroom Level-East Tower

(ANS & AOS Poster award winners announced at 3:30 PM in Grand Ballroom AB)

2nd Combined COSM Poster Group

ANS, AOS, ABEA, ALA, TRIO, ASPO (*Riverside Exhibit Hall*)

Poster Viewing: 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Meet the Authors Reception: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

WIN RECEPTION "SPECIAL EDITION" (Women in Neurotology)

Breaking the Sound Barrier: Women in Otolaryngology Leadership

6:00-7:30 PM

Location: Grand Hall MN

ANS PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION - 7:00-8:30 PM

Location: Plaza Ballroom

Members/invited guests/all ANS presenters welcome

Complimentary with paid registration-business casual

SATURDAY, MAY 18

AOS Business meeting - 7:00 AM (*open to all registered attendees*)
(Journal and other Business Reports)

AOS Scientific Session - 7:30 AM - Noon

Grand Ballroom AB - Ballroom Level-East Tower

ANS Business meeting - 1:00 PM (*open to all registered attendees*)

New member introduction

ANS Scientific Session - 1:30 - 5:10 PM

Grand Ballroom AB - Ballroom Level-East Tower

2nd Combined COSM Poster Group

ANS, AOS, ABEA, ALA, TRIO, ASPO (*Riverside Exhibit Hall*)

Poster Viewing: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

AOS PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION/BANQUET

WELCOME/COCKTAILS - 6:30-7:00 PM

Crystal Ballroom foyer

DINNER/PRESENTATIONS/DANCING - 7:00 - 11:00 PM

Crystal Ballroom - West Tower

(Members/invited guests only-Advanced ticket purchase required)

AOS MEMBERS- PURCHASE YOUR TICKET BY MAY 3!

SUNDAY, MAY 19

ANS Business meeting - 7:00 AM (*open to all registered attendees*)
(Journal and other Committee Reports)

ANS Scientific Session - 7:30 AM - Noon

Grand Ballroom AB - Ballroom Level-East Tower

ANS SPRING MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**SATURDAY 1:00 - 5:00 PM, MAY 18***(IN ORDER OF PRESENTATION)***5th ANNUAL NOEL L. COHEN AWARD FOR SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO OTOTOLOGY AND NEUROTOLOGY***Who will be this year's recipient?!***WILLIAM F. HOUSE MEMORIAL LECTURE***"Concussion: Little-known Biological Consequences for the Hearing Brain"**Nina Kraus, PhD - Northwestern University***NEUROTOLOGY FELLOW AWARD***"Investigating the Minimal Clinically Important Difference for AzBio and CNC Speech Recognition Scores"**Ankita Patro, MD, MS**Neurotology Fellow at Vanderbilt***HERBERT SILVERSTEIN AWARD FOR RESEARCH EXCELLENCE IN OTOTOLOGY/NEUROTOLOGY***"Expression of TGF β ²-1 and CTGF in the Implanted Cochlea and its Implication on New Tissue Formation"**Adam Y. Xiao, MD, PhD**Resident at UCLA***ANS RESEARCH GRANT PRESENTATION***"Sustained Drug Release of Dexamethasone and Neurotrophic Agents from Zwitterionic Thin Film Coatings for Decreased Inflammation and Improved Spiral Ganglion Neuron Survival following Cochlear Implantation"**Nir Ben-Shlomo, MD - University of Iowa**ANS Research Grant Recipient 2023***SKULLBASE CODING SURVEY UPDATE***Shawn M. Stevens, MD***ANS TRAINEE AWARD***"Impact of Modifiable Surgical Factors on Ossiculoplasty Outcomes after Controlling for Ear Environment Risk: A Multi-Institutional Study"**Ryan T. Judd, MD**Resident at The Ohio State University***NEUROTOLOGY FELLOW AWARD***"Lumbar Puncture Opening Pressure and Polysomnogram Findings in Patients with Lateral Spontaneous Cerebrospinal Fluid Leaks"**Evan Cumpston, MD**Neurotology Fellow at Indiana University***PANEL***"Contemporary Management of Spontaneous CSF Leaks, before and after Surgical Repair"**Rick F. Nelson, MD, PhD (Moderator)***SUNDAY 7:00 AM - NOON, MAY 19***(IN ORDER OF PRESENTATION)***ANS RESEARCH GRANT PRESENTATION***"Extracellular Matrix Remodeling and Tumor Inflammation Markers in Aggressive Vestibular Schwannomas"**Yin Ren, MD, PhD - The Ohio State University**2023 ANS Research Grant Recipient***WILLIAM E. HITSELBERGER MEMORIAL LECTURE***"Contemporary Management of Acute and Chronic Facial Paralysis: A Focus on Timing and Outcomes"**Samuel L. Oyer, MD - University of Virginia***NICHOLAS TOROK VESTIBULAR AWARD***"Nationwide Resource Utilization of Dizziness/Vertigo Presentations to the ED"**D. O'Neil Danis, III, MD**Resident at Tufts Medical Center***PANEL***"Ready, Set, GPT! Supercharge Neurotology Now with AI-Empowered Tools"**Si Chen, MD (Moderator)***MICHAEL E. GLASSCOCK SCIENTIFIC MERIT AWARD***"Cochlear Implantation with Sporadic Inner Ear Schwannomas: An International Multi-Institutional Study of 90 Patients"**John P. Marinelli, MD**Resident at San Antonio Military Medical Center***PANEL***"Utilization of Advanced Practice Providers (APPs) in the Setting of a Neurotology/Otology Practice: Academic vs. Privademic vs. Private Practice Considerations"**Michael Hoa, MD (Moderator)*

ANS SOCIAL MEDIA

The ANS Social Media Committee has been working really hard to get the ANS Social Media platforms off the ground this year. We would greatly appreciate your support and engagement. If you are active on Social media, won't you follow us today!?

Dr. Hossein Mahboubi and Dr. Ted Imbery are the Social Media Program Chairs for the ANS Spring Meeting at COSM (Chicago, IL), led by Social Media Committee Chair, Dr. Robert Hong. (click on logo to view ANS platform).



ANS/COSM EVENT INFORMATION

WOMEN IN NEUROTOLOGY “SPECIAL EDITION”



Breaking the Sound Barrier: Women in Otolaryngology Leadership

Join us in celebrating a significant milestone as we honor the leadership of two women serving as Presidents of ANS and AOS. Connect with a diverse group of women who have held leadership positions in various otolaryngology organizations, both past and present.



WiN Reception “Special Edition”

Friday, May 17, 2024,

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Grand Hall MN at Ballroom Level

Hyatt Regency - Chicago, IL



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MANY THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS!

ANS PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

DATE: Friday, May 17

TIME: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

LOCATION: PLAZA BALLROOM - LOBBY LEVEL - EAST TOWER, HYATT REGENCY

Enjoy an array of libations & appetizers while interacting with colleagues and friends!

Complimentary for members and presenters with ANS registration!

POSTER VIEWING & MEET THE AUTHORS' RECEPTION

Posters will be displayed in the
Riverside Exhibit Hall at the Hyatt
Regency.

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Combined Poster Reception

5:30 PM– 7:00 PM

Saturday, May 18

Poster Viewing:

9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Posters may be viewed onsite and
online via the [COSM website](#).

CELEBRATING 50:50

WITH DR. HERB SILVERSTEIN & DR. ELIZABETH TOH



This month, we were invited to Sarasota to celebrate Dr. Silverstein’s legacy of 50 years in practice in Sarasota, training 50 outstanding fellows in Otolaryngology/Neurotology and his lifetime commitment to advancing the science and practice of Otolaryngology and Neurotology. We would like to congratulate him on this monumental milestone and to thank him again for generously supporting ANS.

Join us in Chicago to honor Dr. Silverstein as we present our inaugural Herbert Silverstein Award for Research Excellence in Otolaryngology/Neurotology to Dr. Adam Xiao (UCLA) for his research on *Expression of TGFβ-1 and CTGF in the Implanted Cochlea and its Implication on New Tissue Formation* on Saturday at 2:40 PM.

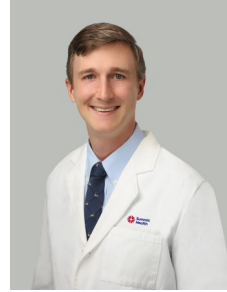
ANS IS THRILLED TO WELCOME 22 NEW MEMBERS!



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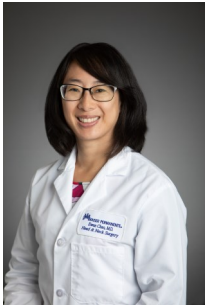
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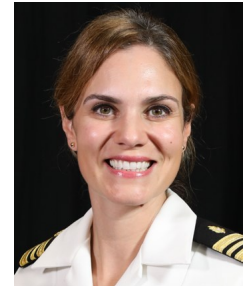
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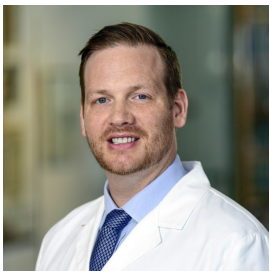
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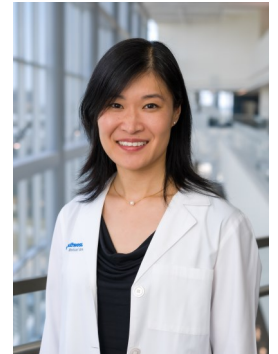
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Kevin Y. Zhan, MD
Chicago, IL

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Please take a few minutes to get to know our newest ANS members while in Chicago. They will be introduced on Saturday, May 18th at the first ANS Business meeting at 1:00 PM in Grand Ballroom AB of the Hyatt Regency Chicago, located on the Ballroom level of the East Tower.



GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT ANS OR ANS MEMBERSHIP?

ANS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

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APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP ARE DUE
NOVEMBER 15, 2024
FOR CONSIDERATION/INDUCTION IN 2025

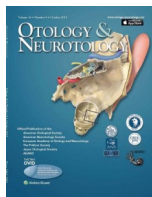
WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE MORE INVOLVED WITH ANS?

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS WILL BE FILLED IN AUGUST
COMPLETE THE ONLINE APPLICATION BY JULY 1

**Do you want to be considered as a presenter
for the next ANS Spring meeting!?**

**CALL FOR PAPERS!
SEPT 1 - OCT 15, 2024**

**AMERICAN NEUROLOGY SOCIETY
60th ANNUAL SPRING MEETING
NEW ORLEANS, LA
MAY 16 - MAY 18, 2025**



Greetings from the Editorial desk of *Otology & Neurotology*. In large part to the work performed by you as reviewers, our journal remains extremely strong. With trends that have been consistent across the medical publishing industry and new measures of how the impact factor is calculated, our score dipped a bit last year but remains above 2, a key benchmark. We remain in the top 10 of Otolaryngology journals in Google Scholar and are #14 in the world on Scimago.

The Cochrane Scholars program, launched in 2018 to increase the number of systematic reviews and meta-analyses in the journal, continues to be resounding successful. We are excited to announce our 2024 Cochrane Scholars Dr. Janet Choi and Dr. Mallory Raymond. They will join our prior 12 scholars, who have not only contributed to content in the journal, but are also part of an important group of reviewers for these complex systematic review manuscripts. Please congratulate them if you see them.

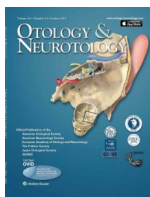
I would also encourage you to visit to the [O&N website](#) if you have not done so recently, to see many of the exciting features there that are hosted by our publisher Wolters Kluwer, including a grouping of all COVID-19 related reports, a compendium of our ever growing video submissions and a grouping of special publications. Along those lines for this coming year be on the lookout for exciting compendiums of conference proceedings from the ACIA 2023 meeting, the ADANO 2023 meeting and the Hearing Health Collaborative.

We in the Editorial office are incredibly grateful for your outstanding and innovative submissions and your timely and in-depth reviews that have made our society's journal one of the top in our field. I would like to offer a big shout out to our top 3 reviewers from 2023: Loren Bartels, Tom Balkany and Brian McKinnon. Please thank them if you see them! Once again, if you have any innovative ideas you would like to see in the journal, please feel free to reach out directly to me. We are always looking for ways to make our journal more responsive to the broader Otology and Neurotology community.

A very special thanks to Marianna Hagan, the journal Editorial Coordinator and Stella Bebos, our Wolters Kluwer publishing representative. Lastly and most importantly, I want to acknowledge the dedication and hard work of the assistant and associate editors of the journal who continue to keep the 'trains on time' and ensure that we continue to publish the best work in our field: Ben Crane, Christoph Arolder, Matt Bush, Dan Coelho, Justin Golub, Ronna Hertzano, Rob Hong, Bandon Isaacson, Ana Kim, Ken Kitamura, Elliot Kozin, Tomoko Makishima, Emmanuel Mylanus, Shi Nae Park, Christine Runge, and Hao Wu.

Sincerely,
Larry

Lawrence R. Lustig, MD, Editor-in Chief
Otology & Neurotology



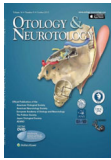
O*tology & Neurotology Open (ONO)*, now in its fourth year of publication, continues its steady growth from startup journal to a more established publication. The journal has been accepted for inclusion in PubMed Central and all articles will soon be discoverable in PubMed; new articles will be indexed as they post online and over the next few months all previously published articles will be listed. The journal is now in the process of obtaining indexing in SCOPUS and Web of Science/ESCI. We hope to secure inclusion in these indexes this year. If accepted by Web of Science/ESCI before the end of 2024, ONO will receive its first impact factor in 2025.

The journal continues to look for high quality articles in the range of our specialty but in distinction to other newer journals, ONO maintains a very high-quality standard for publication. The open access Article Processing Charges (APCs) are the lowest in our specialty with discounts for members of the two sponsoring societies -- ANS and AOS. ONO's industry leading scholarship fund (generously sponsored by Grace Medical and Med El Corporation) covers the APC cost for any articles authored by trainees, active military, from HBCUs, or articles from institutions or countries that cannot afford the APC.

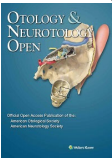
Our biggest need from ANS and AOS membership is article contributions and acceptance of reviewer assignments. As we make this final push towards our impact factor, we welcome some high-quality review articles with the added benefit that there is no word or page limit. The publication wishes to thank the associate editors and editorial board for all of their hard work, Simon I. Angeli, Carey D. Balaban, Sarah N. Bowe, Joni K. Doherty, Samuel P. Gubbels, David S. Haynes, Michael Hoa, Meredith A. Holcomb, Ken Kazahaya, Ashley M. Nassiri, and Suhrud Rajguru, PhD.

Sincerely,
Michael & Liz

Michael E. Hoffer, MD - Editor-in-Chief
Elizabeth H. Toh, MD, MBA - Deputy Editor-in-Chief
Otology & Neurotology Open



O&N HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2023
TOP CITED ARTICLES, POPULAR READS
& REVIEWER RECOGNITION!



Top Cited Article	Primary Author (1st)	Publication Date	Total Citations
Vestibular Complaints Impact on the Long-Term Quality of Life of Vestibular Schwannoma Patients	Fuentealba-Bassaletti, Constanza	Feb-23	5
Social Media Depictions of Cochlear Implants: An Instagram and TikTok Analysis	Rossi, Nicholas A.	Jan-23	5
Silencing Pulsatile Tinnitus: A Novel Technique of Periosteal Flap Obliteration for Sigmoid Sinus Diverticulum Variants	Chua, Celeste Ann	Mar-23	5
Audiometric Outcomes After the Middle Cranial Fossa Repair of Superior Semicircular Canal Dehiscence	Yang, Hong-Ho	Jul-23	4
Ossicular Chain Reconstruction With Titanium Prostheses: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis	Kortebein, Sarah	Feb-23	4
Microneedles Facilitate Small-Volume Intracochlear Delivery Without Physiologic Injury in Guinea Pigs	Leong, Stephen	Jun-23	4
Treatment Options in Mal de Débarquement Syndrome: A Scoping Review	Kinkhabwala, Corin	Apr-23	4
Effect of a Global Pandemic on Adult and Pediatric Cochlear Implantation across the United States	Marinelli, John P.	Feb-23	4

O&N most viewed articles >200	Primary Author (1st)	Pub date	No of Reads
Effects of Age at Implantation on Outcomes of Cochlear Implantation in Children with Short Durations of Single-Sided Deafness	Gordon, Karen A.	Mar-23	370
Efficacy of Intratympanic OTO-104 for the Treatment of Ménière's Disease: The Outcome of Three Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Studies	Phillips, John	Jul-23	315
Ménière's Syndrome Associated With Fibrous Dysplasia of the Temporal Bone	Weiss, Nora M.	Jul-23	289
Efficacy and Safety of Intranasal Betahistine in the Treatment of Surgery-Induced Acute Vestibular Syndrome: A Double-Blind, Randomized, Placebo-Controlled Phase 2 Study	Van de Heyning, Paul	Jun-23	278
Cochlear Implantation Outcomes in Adults With Single-Sided Deafness: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis	Daher, Ghazal S.	Apr-23	260
Subtemporalis Muscle Middle Cranial Fossa Bone-Island Craniotomy Technique for Placement of an Active Transcutaneous Bone-Conduction Implant	Shapiro, Scott B.	Jan-23	254
Systematic Review and Meta-analysis for Surgery Versus Stereotactic Radiosurgery for Jugular Paragangliomas	Campbell, James C.	Mar-23	240

Last Name	First Name	O&N Reviews in 2023
Bartels	Loren	30
McKinnon	Brian	22
Balkany	Thomas	21
Hunter	Jacob	19
Allen	Kyle	17
Carlson	Matthew	17
Goebel	Joel	17
Probst	Rudolf	16
Samy	Ravi	16
Angeli	Simon	15
Luxford	William	15

Last Name	First Name	ONO Reviews in 2023
Bartels	Loren	6
Erbele	Isaac	5
Hwa	Tiffany	3
Kaylie	David	3

WE NEED REVIEWERS!

If you are interested in becoming an O&N and/or ONO reviewer, please contact our ANS/AOS Administrator, [Kristen Bordignon](#) She will connect you with the right person.

ANS STUDY GROUP CALL FOR PAPERS!

We are pleased to announce there will be four study groups on “Fab Friday” at the Fontainebleau Miami Beach on September 27, 2024. Please note the submission dates are May 1 - June 15, 2024 for all four study groups.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to those rotating off as study group coordinators for their invaluable contributions to the success of the ANS Fall meeting. Your years of dedication and hard work have been integral in creating a positive and exciting learning environment for all attendees. Thank you for your exceptional leadership and commitment.

John P. Carey, MD - VESTIBULAR STUDY GROUP

John P. Leonetti, MD - FACIAL NERVE STUDY GROUP

Peter Santa Maria, MD, PhD - SKULL BASE TUMOR STUDY GROUP

Craig A. Buchman, MD - WILLIAM HOUSE STUDY GROUP

VESTIBULAR STUDY GROUP

This is the forum for discussion of the latest topics and challenging cases of vertigo and balance disorders that present to the neurotologist. We would like to focus the Study Group each year on certain common scenarios, which may encompass multiple disorders. We believe that this will allow an in-depth discussion while not binding it to just one disease.

For 2024, we would like to discuss “**BPPV and associated problems.**” However, we are happy to entertain any vestibular topic. We invite 5-minute presentations of challenging cases as well as clinical/translational studies. The study group format will be abstract presentations followed by panel discussion. **Please submit all abstracts to Dr. Gerard Gianoli at ggianoli@gmail.com and Dr. Brian Perry at perryb1@uthscsa.edu by June 15, 2024.**

Please include a title, submitting the author’s full name, designation, and email. Please limit abstract to 125 words or less; abstract must be in Microsoft WORD format please, no pdfs.

Gerard Gianoli MD & Brian Perry, MD, Coordinators

15th ANNUAL FACIAL NERVE STUDY GROUP

Abstracts will be accepted for 5-minute Facial Nerve study group case presentations followed by discussion between May 1 and June 15, 2024. The abbreviated abstracts should include a title AND clinical presentation only. The format is an “unknown” or “complicated” case presentation.

Please submit all abstracts to Dr. Mia Miller, Mia.miller@cshs.org and Dr. Dan Sun, daniel.sun@uc.edu by June 15th. Don’t forget to include a title, submitting author’s full name, designation, and email. Please limit abstract to 125 words or less; abstract must be in Microsoft WORD format please, no pdf’s.

Mia Miller, MD & Daniel Sun, MD, Coordinators

SKULL BASE TUMOR STUDY GROUP

The scope of this study group encompasses the full breadth of lateral skull base tumors, including vestibular schwannomas, meningiomas, paragangliomas, and other more rare neoplasms involving the temporal bone and lateral skull base. We are seeking submissions for the 2024 program, including clinical studies, case presentations, and other succinct scientific reports. An emphasis on submissions related to new concepts and innovations in treatment are encouraged. However, members are also welcome to submit difficult cases with management dilemmas for group discussion. Abstracts will be accepted between **May 1-June 15, 2024**. Please do not forget to include an abstract title, author full names with titles, author affiliations, and presenting author’s email. Please limit abstract submissions to 250 words or less; abstracts must be submitted in Microsoft WORD format.

Abstract submissions and all inquiries should be directed to: carlson.matthew@mayo.edu and cjvoelker95@gmail.com

Matthew Carlson, MD & Courtney Voelker, MD Coordinators

WILLIAM HOUSE STUDY GROUP

Please plan to attend the 40th gathering of the WHSG as a part of the “Super Saturday” events during the ANS 59th Annual Fall meeting in Miami Beach, FL on September 27th. The WHSG discussion will include all implantable auditory devices, including cochlear and bone anchored implants. Difficult/interesting/unusual cases that illustrate novel concepts or management dilemmas related to implantable devices are encouraged. Please limit abstract to 125 words or less; abstract must be in Microsoft WORD format please, no pdf’s. Please include a title, submitting author’s full name, designation, and email and submit to maura.cosetti@mountsinai.org and mbonilla@nyee.edu between May 1 and June 15th.

Maura Cosetti, MD & Marc Bennett, MD, Coordinators

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ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR “FAB FRIDAY” AT THE [FONTAINEBLEAU MIAMI BEACH](https://www.fontainebleau.com/miami-beach) WILL OPEN JULY 8, 2024

American Neurotology Society

Diversity and Inclusion Newsletter

ANS strives for a diverse and inclusive culture to drive creativity, exploration and innovation and to better connect us to each other and to our patients

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From the Chair

It has been my honor to serve as Chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee and I am pleased to pass on the reigns to Michael Hoa. I am proud of the work we have done as your Executive Council and DI Committee to achieve significant milestones, such as integration of the values of diversity, equity, inclusion into the leadership and culture of the organization, implementation of mechanisms for tracking the demographics of our society and a means for members to volunteer for speaking roles and committee work, publication of a report* on membership demographics, engagement and satisfaction, and presentation of educational opportunities on bias, diversity in training programs, and health equity as it relates to neurotology. We considered pipeline development and provided travel grants to medical students who subsequently successfully matched in Otolaryngology, and we produced a community-based initiative to educate and inspire high schoolers, Community Outreach Opportunities for Learning in Otology and Otolaryngology (COOL-OTO). ANS received recognition and praise from the Academy and colleagues in other subspecialties for our progressive approach to pipeline development. We also secured funding to support a generation of young researchers interested in diversity and health equity.

I want to express my sincere thanks to all the members of ANS for their patience and kindness throughout my tenure as Diversity and Inclusion Chair. I am equally grateful for the encouragement and support I received as I am for the challenging questions and debates I shared with many of you. I am grateful to Moises Arriaga, Barry Hirsch, Nikolas Blevins, Craig Buchman, and Fred Telischi for their exceptional leadership and unwavering commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion within the organization and especially to Elizabeth Toh, Alan Micco, Brad Kesser and all of the DI committee members for sharing insight and wisdom that promoted our goals as well as my own personal growth.

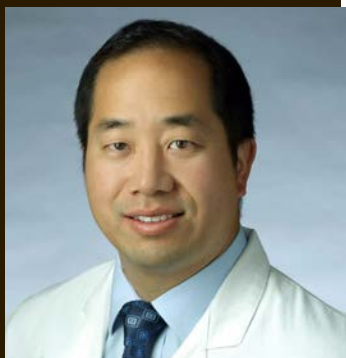
I look forward to continued efforts of the ANS to increase opportunities for the best and brightest minds in pursuit of a career in neurotology and to enhance engagement and inclusion of our members at all levels in our organization. Michael Hoa will approach issues related to diversity, equity, inclusion and access in a new and fresh way. He has been an active member of the ANS, serving on the DI Committee as well as Scientific Program Committee, Neurotology Bootcamp, and the Young Neurotology Committee; and he led the development of the DEIA research grant and COOL-OTO. He is a brilliant leader, collaborator, mentor, researcher, educator and advocate and he will bring a fresh perspective and energy to our efforts.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to serve as Diversity and Inclusion Chair for ANS.

Stephanie Moody Antonio, MD

*[American Neurotology Society: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Report 2023. Otol Neurotol. 2023 Jul 1;44\(6\):529-533.](#)

Introducing Michael Hoa, MD, Incoming Chair, Diversity and Inclusion Committee



Dear ANS membership, I am honored to chair the ANS DI Committee. For those who don't know me, I'm a surgeon-scientist with a joint appointment at the NIDCD and Georgetown University School of Medicine and I am grateful for the privilege of improving hearing and balance health in my patients. During my tenure as committee chair, my aims are: (1) to continue to facilitate opportunities for diverse voices within our membership at all levels all the while adhering to the highest educational and research standards, (2) to better synchronize our efforts with other subspecialty organizations, while finding ways to differentiate and bring value back to our subspecialty, (3) to improve our efforts to develop pipelines to potential members from diverse populations reflective of the patient populations we care for, and (4) to stimulate interest in health-related disparities in our subspecialty. I believe that inclusion of all the diverse voices of our membership is necessary to move our subspecialty forward and I hope to foster mentoring between the generations of our membership. Over the last several years, I have worked closely with Dr. Moody and members of the DI Committee to develop targeted grant initiatives and expand the reach of our subspecialty through early pipeline development. We are continuing these efforts with a high school outreach event at Booker T. Washington Senior High School just blocks from the University of Miami during our upcoming annual meeting on Monday, September 30th. We hope to see many of you at this event. Michael Hoa, MD

COOL-OTO

Community Outreach and Opportunities for Learning in Otolaryngology

The ANS Diversity and Inclusion (DI) Committee spearheaded a pilot high school outreach initiative entitled Community Outreach Opportunities for Learning in Otolaryngology and Otolaryngology (COOL-OTO) in Nashville, Tennessee during the AAO-HNSF Annual Meeting on October 2, 2023. The event was led by Stephanie Moody, Michael Hoa, Karen Doyle, Anne Maxwell, Heather Weinreich, and Adam Kaufmann. The approximately 3-hour event was conceived as a way for members to give back to the communities that host our annual meetings. We also hoped to demonstrate the diversity of our specialty, both in who we are and what we do and inspire students to consider medicine as a career. Partnering with the AAO-HNSF DI Committee, we gathered three teams of volunteers and engaged with approximately 200 local high school students in health science academic tracts at 3 Nashville schools with highly diverse student populations. During the initiative, high school juniors were introduced to the field of otolaryngology with some emphasis on otologic topics including hearing loss, tinnitus and treatment of hearing loss. Volunteers also discussed the importance of limiting loud noise exposure and the dangers of vaping. The event was dominated by interactive experience stations where students learned aspects of the otolaryngology physical exam, practiced microscopic skills and cochlear implant insertion, examined middle ear anatomy using telescopes, and tried bone conduction hearing devices. The high school teachers were impressed with the teaching skills of the volunteers and how completely engaged the students were with the interactive lessons. As is the case with many events like this, none of this would have been possible without our volunteers and the generous support of equipment from vendors (Grace Medical, Cochlear Corporation, MED-EL, and Prosidio).



(From left to right) Liz Toh, Ken Kazahaya, Leena Asfour, and Mana Espahbodi engaging with students. Pete Creighton explains bone conduction and cochlear implants at their level; Anne Maxwell discusses anatomy, Mallory Raymond and Angela Peng introduce middle ear surgery; (Below) Oneida Arosarena assisting a student using an Ototrainer under endoscopic visualization. Overton volunteers (Karl Whitley, Oneida Arosarena, Gauri Mankekar, Michael Hoffer, Liz Toh, Leena Asfour, Mark Knackstedt, Michael Hoa, Anne Maxwell, Mana Espahbodi, Ken Kazahaya; (Sally Spear from Overton on far left in front); not pictured – Arnaud Bewley, Erynne Faucett, Bridget MacDonald)



(Below Left) Cane Ridge volunteers Syed Ahsan, Heather Weinreich, Adam Kaufman, Selena Briggs [back row]; Laura Brainard, Erika Walsh [first row]. (Below right) McGavock volunteers Pete Creighton, Joe Vella, Angela Peng, Mallory Raymond, Suhas Bharadwaj, Lakeisha Henry, Karen Doyle Enright [back row]; Stephanie Moody Antonio, Mikayla Heustis [front row]



**Volunteers needed for COOL-OTO 2024 Miami!
Monday September 30, during AAOHNSF 2024
Contact Michael Hoa for more information**

**ANS DI
Committee
URiM Travel
Scholarship**



CONGRATULATIONS to our ANS URIM travel scholarship recipients on the start of a successful career in otolaryngology! Welcome to Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery!

Ruth Mizu, graduates from Baylor College of Medicine and was matched with Otolaryngology at Georgetown. She was mentored by Alan Micco, Michael Hoa, and Alex Sweeney.

I am thankful to have received the American Neurotology Society Under-represented in Medicine Travel Scholarship. This prestigious award not only provided financial support for my away rotations, but also introduced me to a supportive and inspiring community of surgeons. With the assistance of this scholarship, I had the opportunity to observe and learn from accomplished neurotologists across different institutions. Additionally, I had the privilege of interacting with patients with a diverse range of neurologic conditions, both in the clinic and in the operating room. I extend my sincere gratitude to the American Neurotology Society and all its members for this incredible opportunity, which has connected me with mentors dedicated to my personal growth and professional success. I am eager to continue expanding my skills and knowledge of this esteemed subspecialty while in residency. Sincerely, Ruth Mizu



Jorge Gutierrez is graduating from Case Western Reserve University and was matched with Northwestern. He was mentored by Sarah Mowry, David Haynes and Liz Perkins.

I am writing to express my immense gratitude for your generous contribution that helped support my clinical learning experience. The process of applying to residency and rotating at institutions away from home is an expensive one. This generous contribution from the American Neurotology Society helped defray the expenses of travel and housing associated with my rotation for which I am incredibly grateful. Your support positively impacted my learning experience in a multitude of ways. It allowed me to gain further exposure to the field of Otolaryngology and observe world class clinical training. The ability to rotate away from my home institution provided me with a much greater appreciation for nuances between different residency programs and allowed me to make better informed decisions when applying to programs. The commitment to teaching during my rotation enabled me to expand my clinical knowledge and improve my technical skills in the operating room. Perhaps of the greatest importance, this experience allowed me to connect with mentors whom I may otherwise not have had the opportunity to meet. The ability to receive candid feedback for my continued clinical growth and advice on my application was incredibly important and something that I received on a regular basis during my rotation. This fantastic experience would not have been possible without the support of the American Neurotology Society. I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity and cannot thank you enough for the support of my academic endeavors. Best Wishes, Jorge

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