THE AOS/ANS JOINT COUNCIL

CME MISSION

Organizational Structure: The AOS/ANS Joint Council is the organizational entity that oversees the Continuing Medical Education activities of two sister societies, the American Neurotology Society and the American Otological Society. The AOS/ANS Joint Council reflects the complementary and collaborative missions of these two societies in their commitment to improving the science, knowledge and care of patients with otologic, neurotologic and skull base disorders.

The AOS/ANS Joint Council provides strategic direction and oversight for the Otology & Neurotology Journal and fosters collaboration and cross-pollination of research, advances and approaches to care that reflect the ACGME/ABMS competencies.

The formalization of the long standing collaboration between the ANS and AOS reflects our commitment to the challenges identified in recent Institute of Medicine recommendations focused on a commitment to collaborative and team based care.

Purpose: The AOS/ANS Joint Council is dedicated to improving public health care through the development, dialogue and dissemination of advances in evidence-based diagnosis and management of otologic, neurotologic and related skull base disorders. The focus on the scientific advances in these combined fields is translated into approaches to quality care that are consistent with ACGME/ABMS general competency areas and the Institute of Medicine recommendations.

Target Audience: The primary target audience that are served through the AOS/ANS Joint Council include members of both the American Neurotology Society and the American Otological Society as well as healthcare professionals in the fields of otology, otolaryngology neurotology and skull base research and healthcare. The members served include physicians, otologists, neurotologists, residents, fellows, researchers, nurses, occupational and speech

therapists and other healthcare professionals who are involved in the care of patients with otologic and neurotologic conditions.

Activities: The educational activities under the auspices of the AOS/ANS Joint Council will continue to utilize the existing and well-respected live conference/annual meeting formats that are currently provided through the ANS and AOS. Since many of the members of these societies are members of both groups, the AOS/ANS Joint Council plans to explore new ideas the development of educational activities that can maximize the benefits of this collaboration and leverage the science, evidence and standards of care in both otology and neurotology to the benefit of the patients with these conditions. The Otology & Neurotology Journal provides an additional vehicle for further collaboration and dissemination of new information, science and standards of care.

Content: The content areas of otology and neurotology will continue to serve as the primary educational focus for the CME program under the auspices of the ANS/AOS Joint Council. The educational efforts will also highlight the ACGME/ABMS general competencies within the context of this field and relate the significance of communication, professionalism, patient safety and systems-based practice within these workplace environments.

Expected Results: The reorganization of the CME program, under the ANS/AOS Joint Council, provides an excellent foundation for measurement of new knowledge, competence and self-assessment that reflect the core values of the AOS/ANS Joint Council and its subsidiary sister societies, the American Otological Society and the American Neurotology Society.

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