

American Neurotology Society Mission Statement

Purpose

The American Neurotology Society (ANS) is committed to improving public health care related to disorders of the ear, hearing and balance primarily through the provision of high-quality continuing medical education (CME) to our members. The overall goals of the ANS educational programs are to organize CME activities addressing the knowledge gaps and enhancing the clinical competence of the participants. The ANS is dedicated to improving public health care through the development, dialogue and dissemination of advances in evidence-based diagnosis and management of neurotologic and related skull base disorders.

Furthermore, the ANS is committed to fulfilling its purpose by encouraging and funding research that promotes the health and wellness of our patients, members, and their communities. Novel information, such as that presented at the annual conferences, as well as solicited and unsolicited manuscripts, are considered for publication in the ANS supported, peer reviewed and evidence-based content of the *Otology & Neurotology* (original and open access) Journals. The focus on the scientific advances in the field of neurotology is translated into approaches to quality care that are consistent with ACGME/ABMS general competency areas and the Institute of Medicine recommendations.

The ANS fully supports a culture of both unbiased, civil dialogue among its members and diversity in all aspects of the field, including education, research and clinical practice. Equally important to our mission is equity of access to the highest quality neurotological healthcare for all patients requiring our services. Our society considers the needs of trainees at all levels interested in learning neurotology in order to develop the next generation of practitioners from among the best and brightest among their peers with the broadest representation of all backgrounds and personal characteristics.

Target Audience

The primary target audience includes members of both the American Neurotology Society and our sister Society, 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, audiologists, nurses, occupational and speech therapists and other healthcare professionals who are involved in the care of patients with otologic and neurotologic conditions.

Types of Activities Provided

In order to accomplish the goals of the ANS CME program, the Education committee will offer a range of activities with specific educational outcomes in mind. Current offerings include:

- Scientific symposia, delivered twice per year at national venues, showcasing the latest research in the field and featuring national and international experts on related clinical topics.
- Study groups & mini-seminars offered at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery.
- Facilitation of manuscript submission on presented materials for publication in a peer reviewed journal (*Otology & Neurotology* and *Otology/Neurotology Open*)
- The *Otology & Neurotology Journal*, and the *Otology/Neurotology Open Access* publications, provide additional vehicles for further collaboration and dissemination of new information, science and standards of care.

Content

The content of the ANS CME program centers on clinical issues related to Neurotology and disorders of the skull base. The ANS also strives to respond to our members' educational needs that are not being met by other organizations, and therefore also offers activities in the areas of risk management, patient safety, physician-patient communications, coding, HIPAA compliance, and other regulatory issues as they relate to Neurotology. 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 CME program of the ANS strives to enhance the participants' knowledge and clinical competence in subject areas relevant to the field of Neurotology. The other expected outcome from this CME program is continued development of new evidence-based science, dissemination of ongoing research in the clinical area of Neurotology.