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From the Desk of the Secretary-Treasurer

Elizabeth H. Toh, MD, MBA

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Craig A. Buchman, MD



Dear Colleagues,
COVID continues to test our resilience as physicians, surgeons, educators and researchers. Despite this, our society remains strong and committed to our mission of improving public health care through the provision of high-quality continuing medical education. As many of you know, we recently had two great, live on-line seminars that showed our strength.

The Diversity and Inclusion Committee headed by Dr. Stephanie Moody and her colleagues, Drs. Ana Kim, Carrie Nieman and Anil Lalwani brought us an incredibly important and timely program on the topic [“Achieving Equity in Surgical and Hearing Healthcare”](#). In this program, Dr. JD Britt, the featured speaker, as well as Drs. Lalwani and Nieman pointed out the critical importance of building trust in the community as an underpinning for success and that transparency in communications and improved access will be key factors as we attempt to address hearing health inequities.

Moreover, Dr. Michael Ruckenstein and Dr. James Naples organized a program to explore some of our DocMatter’s topics in a webinar titled, [ANS DocMatter Live!](#) This format was truly exciting and allowed for a compelling and interactive program. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and most agreed that this is something we should do a couple times each year in the future. Thanks to the many society members for these great programs. If you have not watched them, I strongly encourage you to do so.

As the fall meeting is now approaching, you all should know that our education committee, under the leadership of Dr. Howard Francis, has been hard at work, creating a great virtual program for the September 24th-25th. Beyond the four study groups, Dr. Yuri Agrawal and colleagues will explore what we know about COVID as it relates to neurotologic disease and its treatment. Hopefully, the anecdotal reports around infections and vaccines that we all are hearing will be better clarified. Dr. Sarah Mowry has convened a group to look at outcomes from acoustic tumor treatment as it relates to *quality of life*. This new spin on this topic promises to shape our thinking when it comes to treatment choice and management. Drs. Esther Vivas and Jeff Sharon have assembled a panel on “New Innovations in Imaging” that promises to broaden our understanding. Dr. Maura Cosetti will also chair an interactive “Hollywood Squares” Panel on controversies in cochlear implantation that should be entertaining as well instructional. For the Rizer lecture, Dr. Frank Lin has graciously accepted our invitation to bring us up to speed on his studies relating cognitive decline and hearing loss, specifically with reference to the interventions we frequently provide: hearing aids and cochlear implants. As we are all seeing more cochlear implant evaluations than ever before, this will assuredly provide useful information for us as well as our patients and our audiology colleagues.

Finally, I want to send a big thanks to all of you that have reached out to become more involved in our society. The interest is truly a testament to the vitality of our society. Clearly the future looks bright and I am hopeful that we can continue to get everyone involved in the coming years.

With warm regards,
Craig Buchman

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The American Otological Society and American Neurotology Society are proud to bring to you the inaugural compilation of Otology & Neurotology Open (ONO) this month. ONO is an online only, gold open access journal created to expand the breadth of published research within the interdisciplinary fields of otology, neurotology, cranial base surgery, and neuroengineering and to disseminate this information freely to the world. The rapidly growing field of otology and neurotology warrants a new vehicle to publish high-quality, peer-reviewed research that is globally and freely accessible.

Open access journals represent an important evolution in the world of scientific media. By broadly disseminating important scientific advances without a paywall, the worldwide community of otology and neurotology will benefit from new discoveries and will have the opportunity to participate in developing solutions for the future. The amount of medical knowledge development in our field is exploding and it is critical to provide a fully refereed and rigorously peer-reviewed vehicle to disseminate these developments as soon as possible to everyone who can benefit from these advances. While focusing on high-quality, high-impact research, ONO is not subject to any restrictions on the volume of otologic and neurotologic research published. The journal can publish all color illustrations, welcomes the submission of multi-media files, and offers authors the opportunity to publish raw data as supplemental material with the article.

As Editor-in-Chief and Deputy Editor-in-Chief we welcome you to explore this important new publication in our field. We have an innovative group of associate editors and a distinguished international editorial board, and tremendous support from our sponsoring societies, our publisher Wolters Kluwer, and our colleagues at Otology & Neurotology. As a group, we believe that this new journal is a vital advance in the field of otology and neurotology and for the patients whom we serve all over the world. Please join us in making ONO not just another new medical journal but the medical journal of the future. We strongly encourage you to support ONO as authors, reviewers and readers.

ONO welcomes global submissions. Members of the American Otological Society and the American Neurotology Society are offered discounted article processing charges (APCs). Additionally, the journal is participating in the Research4Life whereby APCs are fully or partially waived for authors in developing countries.

ONO publishes articles continuously on the [ONO website](http://www.onojournal.com) (www.onojournal.com), striving to publish within a month of acceptance by the Editors. Articles will then be compiled into quarterly issues. In the upcoming inaugural issue, we urge you to explore our new publishing platform and to discover a brand-new experience in research literature in the field of otology and neurotology.

Thank you for your support of Otology & Neurotology Open.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Hoffer, MD, Editor-in-Chief

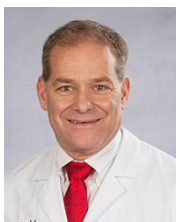
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We want to acknowledge the ONO Editorial Board members, who have worked extremely hard to get the journal off the ground in record time!

MEET THE ONO EDITORIAL BOARD (page 3) →

GREAT NEWS! The Impact Factor of our flagship Journal, *Otology & Neurotology*, under the leadership of EIC, Dr. Larry Lustig, rose to a very impressive score of **2.3**, a 35% increase over 2019. WELL DONE TEAM!



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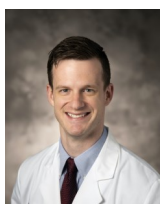
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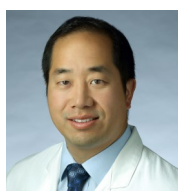
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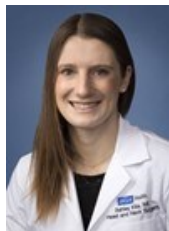
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ANS RESEARCH GRANT NEWS!

The ANS offers up to three \$25,000 grants a year, to encourage and support academic research in sciences related to the investigation of Otolaryngology and Neurotology and prepare clinician-scientist to early career research awards. Grants are available to physician investigators in the United States and Canada only. *We particularly encourage those individuals without a history of K08, R03, R21, or R01 funding to apply.* The ANS Research Committee endorsed by the ANS Executive Council selected two grant recipients for funding cycle 2021-2022.



Ashley Kita, MD was selected as a 2021 research grant recipient for her grant titled, "*Prolonged Elution of Cytokines for Inner Ear Rehabilitation*." The goal of her proposed study is to develop a prolonged method of topical delivery to the inner ear while simultaneously developing an assay for screening potential therapeutics. Dr. Ashley Kita is an Assistant Professor-in-Residence in the Department of Head and Neck Surgery at UCLA. Dr. Kita earned her BS in Bioengineering from the University of California Berkeley and completed her MD and residency training at UCLA. She is also completing UCLA's faculty Biodesign fellowship this year. Ashley practices Comprehensive Otolaryngology and conducts translational research in point of care diagnostics, topical drug delivery, and contactless patient monitoring. She is passionate about developing translational innovations that bridge the gap between the bench and the bedside.



Bing Teh, MBBS, PhD was selected as a 2021 research grant recipient for her grant titled, "*The Impact of Vestibular Dose on Post Gamma Knife Balance Function*". The goal of Dr Teh's proposed study is to assess hearing, gait and balance function with patients with Vestibular Schwannoma undergoing Gamma Knife Surgery and to determine if vestibular radiation dose is independently predictive of post-operative outcome. Dr. Bing Teh is currently a first-year otology/neurotology fellow at New York-Presbyterian Hospital, Columbia and Cornell Universities, New York. She completed her medical school at University of Melbourne, Australia. She earned her PHD at University of Western Australia with the support of Garnett Passe Rodney Williams Memorial Foundation before completing her Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery residency in Melbourne, Australia.

NEW! This year, Drs. Susan Emmett, Aaron Remenschneider and Ronna Hertzano partnered to perform a study that investigates the ANS/AOS Protected Time and Compensation. In the coming days, you will be emailed a survey to help us learn about opportunities and barriers in promoting research activities in our specialty! The survey takes less than 5 min to fill out. Thank you in advance, we appreciate your input.

Finally, please spread the word about the ANS research awards, encouraging fellows and young faculty to apply! **Applications are due March 1, 2022.** The full instructions can be found [here](#).

Sincerely,
Ronna Hertzano, MD, PhD
ANS Research Committee - Chair

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**TO OUR NEW GRADUATES AND OTHER COLLEAGUES YOU MAY KNOW WHO ARE NOT YET ANS MEMBERS,
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[CLICK HERE FOR APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS](#)

ANS URiM SCHOLARSHIP

The ANS DI Committee URiM scholarship is designed to engage students in research and clinical activities related to the ear, hearing and balance to promote an interest in a career in otology/neurotology and provides \$1000 to support travel and housing expenses for rotations away from their home institution. Two scholarships are available annually.

If you would like to refer a student or serve as a mentor, please contact Dr. Stephanie Moody or Dr. Alan Micco. Instructions for the application are available on our website at: <https://www.americanneurotology.com/diversity-inclusion>.

The Diversity and Inclusion Committee is proud to announce the first recipient of the ANS Diversity and Inclusion Committee Under-Represented in Medicine Travel Grant is Patricia Timothee, MS. Dr. Michael Hoa will serve as her mentor during her rotation at Georgetown. Congratulations Patricia!



Patricia is a 4th year medical student at Eastern Virginia Medical School and will be completing an Otolaryngology rotation at Georgetown, under the mentorship of Dr. Michael Hoa. She has extensive research experience as a specialist, coordinator and project manager with several institutions including the NIH and Medstar Health Research Institute. She has demonstrated her leadership skills as a board member of the Student National Medical Association and regional Chair of Gold Humanism Honor Society. Patricia is a first generation Haitian-American and hopes to combine her interest in health literacy, clinical care and surgery into a career in Otolaryngology.

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JPEG FORMAT
HIGH RESOLUTION
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10 new photos will be selected!

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"Fabulous Friday" - September 24, 2021

"Super Saturday" - September 25, 2021

ALL TIMES are EASTERN

STUDY GROUP SESSIONS - FRIDAY

ANS WELCOME & THIRD WINDOW STUDY GROUP

2:00 - 3:10 PM

FACIAL NERVE STUDY GROUP

3:15 - 4:20 PM

STEREOTACTIC RADIOSURGERY STUDY GROUP

4:35 - 5:40 PM

WILLIAM HOUSE COCHLEAR IMPLANT STUDY GROUP

CLOSING REMARKS

5:55 - 8:00 PM

SCIENTIFIC SESSION - SATURDAY

10:00 AM – WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

Craig A. Buchman, MD - ANS President

10:05 AM – 10:30 AM – FRANKLIN M. RIZER

MEMORIAL LECTURE

"Hearing Loss and Dementia – From Epidemiologic Insights to The ACHIEVE Trial"

Frank R. Lin, MD, PhD

10:35 AM – 11:35 AM – PANEL

"OTOLOGIC/NEUROTOLOGIC IMPACTS OF COVID-19 INFECTION AND VACCINATION"

Yuri Agrawal, MD, MPH - Moderator

11:40 AM – 12:40 PM – PANEL

"HOLLYWOOD SQUARES": CONTROVERSIES IN COCHLEAR IMPLANTATION"

Maura K. Cosetti, MD, Moderator

1:10 PM – 1:30 PM – ANS RESEARCH GRANT PRESENTATIONS

Ronna Hertzano, MD, PhD - Moderator

Courtney C. J. Voelker, MD, PhD

Tatiana Correa, MD, MPH

1:35 PM – 2:35 PM - PANEL

"BEYOND TREATMENT: QUALITY OF LIFE IN VESTIBULAR SCHWANNOMA"

Sarah E. Mowry, MD - Moderator

2:50 PM – 3:50 PM - PANEL

"THE LATEST INNOVATIONS IN NEUROTOLOGY IMAGING"

Jeffrey D. Sharon, MD & Esther X. Vivas, MD

Co-Moderators

3:55 – 4:00 PM – CLOSING REMARKS/ADJOURN

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