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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

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Dear Colleagues,

It is nice to reach out to you all for the first time in a long time where we are not wearing masks and staying sequestered from each other. Here in St. Louis, we are thankfully beginning to have some in-person meetings again and the winter is starting to break. I hope you all are seeing similar trends in your region and your families, partners, associates and trainees are safe and well.

The ANS has been very active over the last few months as we approach our Spring Meeting in Dallas, TX. The Scientific Program for the Annual Spring Meeting has come together nicely and it looks like we have a wonderful slate of scientific and invited presentations that will keep us all engaged. As I peruse the program, I can't help but feel proud that our field is vibrant and evolving. We are seeing outcomes for the diseases that we treat that are better than ever. We obviously owe this to scientific discovery, clinical trials, technical/drug developments, and importantly, innovative clinicians willing to learn. It is really heartening to witness the continued evolution of our field.

Another observation I know that many of us have witnessed is that our society's membership and its programs and committees are becoming more diverse. In the most recent survey from the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Committee, many of you responded that you are increasingly satisfied with the demographic representation and involvement in our society. In my early days as an ANS member, I can remember that most of our membership's pedigree came from relatively few backgrounds and training programs. Today, presenters, committee members, and elected leaders are from a broader range of programs and practice settings and we are trending in a direction that better represents the patients that we all serve. Clearly, we still have a long way to go but this I see as much needed progress. At our recent Midwinter Council Meeting, we discussed this in some detail and we agreed that our DEI Committee needed to begin work on a more formal strategy going forward that clearly represents the values of our society and its members.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you who have stepped up to participate in the various planning Committees this year. Your participation is critical to the health and well-being of our society! I would also like to encourage those of you who have not been able to participate to get involved. The ANS needs you!

All the best,

Craig

Craig A. Buchman, MD, FACS

WE HEARD YOU! Super Saturday Gets a Makeover!

Dear Colleagues,

We have heard from many of you over the last years that “*Super Saturday*” is among the best educational offerings from the ANS. The inclusion of the various Study Groups preceding the ANS Fall Meeting provides a wonderful compilation of interesting/challenging case presentations as well as a peek in to some of the research and other issues that are emerging, in a thematic format rather than through free papers. In our surveys following these meetings, there is broad acceptance of this format although a few issues still need to be ironed out for this meeting.

First, most of you would like to earn CME credit/MOC points from the Study Groups in addition to the main ANS Scientific Program. While we have yet to do this in-person, we were able to provide this in the virtual format with good results. The only exception is the second half of the William House Study Group; currently that has some industry involvement. Secondly, some of you have mentioned issues around duplication of topics in the study groups and the main program. Finally, we all want broad involvement of our membership in these programs while continuing to highlight those with unique expertise.

To this end, during our Midwinter Council Meeting, the Study Group leadership met with the ANS leadership in an effort to come together on these issues. Going forward, we agreed on an approach where the Study Groups will have a more formal relationship with the ANS, as a part of our Education Committee. This will allow inclusion of CME credits and the coordination of the programs to be more synergistic with the ANS main program. Moreover, the ANS will provide a mechanism whereby Study Group leadership and transition planning will occur under the oversight of our Council while ensuring our goals of Equity and Inclusivity. Finally, to broaden the offerings, we have decided to expand the scope of the Study Groups to be more comprehensive. Thus, the Study groups will be as follows starting in the Fall of this year:

1. Third Window Study Group will become the **Vestibular Disorders Study Group**. This Group will focus on vestibular themes including: 3rd Windows, Meniere’s Disease, Vestibular Testing, Vestibular Neuritis, and other related Disorders.
2. **Facial Nerve Study Group** will remain unchanged.
3. Stereotactic Radiosurgery Study Group will become the **Vestibular Schwannoma Study Group**.
4. William House Cochlear Implant Study group will become the **William House Study Group** in an effort to cover more auditory device-related issues beyond cochlear implants.

We are in the process of updating our by-laws to codify these changes.

Additionally, to ensure diversity and inclusivity of members and topics in our ANS Programs, we will be asking for those of you with ideas for panels to submit your proposed idea for the program as indicated below. The Education Committee will review panel submissions in the context of the other topics and make choices with a global view of the program.

REQUEST FOR PANELS: The ANS is inviting proposals for up to three panels for the 57th Annual Fall meeting on “*Super Saturday*”, September 10, 2022 in Philadelphia, PA. Please email your proposal to ANS President-elect, Dr. Fred Telischi (FTelischi@med.miami.edu), ANS Education Director, Dr. Yuri Agrawal (yagrawa1@jhmi.edu) and cc the ANS Administrative office at administrator@americanneurotologysociety.com by Friday, May 6, 2022.

In your proposal, please include the following: *You may send a word document or write in the body of an email.*

- **Panel title**
- **Moderator and Panelists (Name, Affiliation, Location)** *Limited to six individuals, members preferred.*
(please review [ANS Mission statement and diversity resolution](#))
- **Brief synopsis of panel (1 paragraph)** including topic that will be covered, why this topic is of interest to ANS members, and contribution of each panelist.

As an organization, we believe these changes will have a positive impact on Super Saturday and make even better this important Educational offering.

We look forward to your feedback after the next Fall meeting.

All the best,

Craig Buchman, MD

Fred Telischi, MD

Elizabeth Toh, MD, MBA

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
ANS “Super Saturday”
September 10, 2022
Philadelphia, PA

ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS IN JULY

Here is the footprint for the 57th Annual Fall meeting on “Super Saturday”.
Watch for the Study Group CALL for PAPERS beginning May 23rd, 2022.

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM - Vestibular Disorders Study Group

Dr. John Carey & Dr. Gerry Gianoli, Coordinators

8:10AM - 9:10 AM - Facial Nerve Study Group

Dr. John Leonetti & Dr. Yuri Agrawal, Coordinators

9:20 AM - 10:20 AM - Vestibular Schwannoma Study Group

Dr. Ashley Wackym, Dr. Peter Santa Maria & Dr. Matt Carlson, Coordinators

10:30 AM - NOON - William House Study Group

Dr. Craig Buchman & Dr. Maura Cosetti, Coordinators

12:45 - 1:00 - **ANS Business meeting**

NOON - 1:00 PM - **Lunch**

1:00 PM - 5:15 PM - **ANS Scientific Program**

We would like to express our immense gratitude to the founding leaders of these Study Groups for their integral contribution and commitment to the educational content of Super Saturday.

“ONO”- WHERE ARE WE NOW!?

A year ago, ANS and AOS embarked on an ambitious journey into the world of open access publishing with the launch of Otology and Neurotology Open (ONO) which focuses on publication of high-quality relevant scientific material that would be accessible to everyone free of charge.

Under the visionary leadership of Editor-in-Chief, *Dr. Michael Hoffer*, Deputy Editor-in-Chief, *Dr. Elizabeth Toh* and their editorial team, ONO has published 3 compilations in the past 6 months.

ONO has also successfully secured industry sponsorship to support a Scholarship Publishing Fund which serves to offset article processing charges for those authors who meet select criteria (<https://journals.lww.com/onojournal/Pages/onosponsors.aspx>).

We encourage you to take advantage of ONO’s educational content at <https://journals.lww.com/onojournal/pages/default.aspx>.

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO
OUR TOP TEN O&N
REVIEWERS OF 2021!**

Last Name	First Name	Reviewer Role	Completed
Blakley	Brian	Board Member	20
Bartels	Loren	Board Member	19
Berliner	Karen	Board Member	18
Balkany	Thomas	Board Member	17
Kaylie	David	Board Member	17
Crowson	Matthew	Reviewer	16
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Carlson	Matthew	Board Member	15
McKinnon	Brian	Board Member	15
Hunter	Jacob	Board Member	15

WE NEED REVIEWERS!

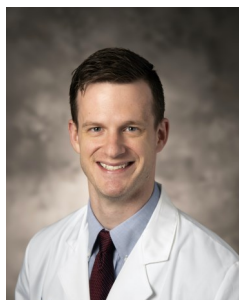
If you are interested in becoming an O&N and/or ONO reviewer, please contact our ANS/AOS Administrator,

[Kristen Bordignon](#)

She will connect you with the right person.

ANS WELCOMES 15 NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS!

(in alphabetical order)



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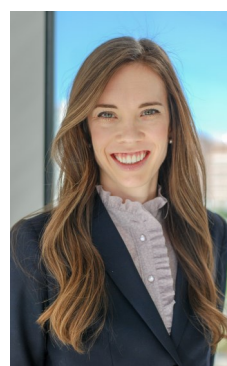
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ANS & AOS COSM SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

**HYATT REGENCY
DALLAS, TX**

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

AOS Business meeting - 1:00 PM

New member introduction

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

Landmark A Ballroom

(ANS & AOS Poster award winners announced at 5:05 PM)

2nd Combined Poster Group

ANS, AOS, TRIO, ABEA, ASPO (Marsalis Hall)

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

Meet the Authors: 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM

WiN RECEPTION (Women in Neurotology) - 6:00-7:00 PM

Location: Reunion B Ballroom

All Members & Trainees welcome

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

Location: Reunion A Ballroom

(Members/invited guests only-complimentary with paid registration-business casual)

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

AOS Business meeting - 7:00 AM

Committee Reports

AOS Scientific Session - 7:30 AM - Noon

Landmark A Ballroom

ANS Business meeting - 1:00 PM

New member introduction

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

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AOS PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION/BANQUET

COCKTAILS - 6:30 - 7:00 PM

Reunion Foyer

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

Reunion Ballroom ABC

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

SUNDAY, MAY 1

ANS Business meeting - 7:00 AM

Committee Reports

ANS Scientific Session - 7:30 AM - Noon

Landmark A Ballroom

ANS SPRING MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

WILLIAM E. HITSELBERGER MEMORIAL LECTURE

"Trends in Computational Audiology as Guidelines for Emerging Medical Practices"

Dennis Barbour, MD, PhD

WILLIAM F. HOUSE MEMORIAL LECTURE

"Vestibular Implantation - Neurotology's Next Big Contribution to Sensory Restoration"

Charles C. Della Santina, PhD, MD

NEUROTOLOGY FELLOW AWARD

Dr. Mallory Raymond, Fellow at the MUSC

"Do Cognitive Impairment Screening Scores Correlate with Cochlear Implant Speech Outcomes?"

NEUROTOLOGY FELLOW AWARD

Dr. Nathan Lindquist, Fellow at Vanderbilt University

"Cochlear Implantation for Single Sided Deafness: Speech Outcomes, Quality of Life, and Effects on Tinnitus"

ANS TRAINEE AWARD (Translational Science)

Dr. Amit Walia, Resident at Washington University in St. Louis

"Promontory Electrocochleography Recordings to Predict Speech-Perception Performance in Cochlear Implant Recipients"

ANS TRAINEE AWARD (Clinical)

Dr. Hunter Elms, Resident at Duke University

"Examination of Saccade Patterns in Compensated and Uncompensated Unilateral Vestibular Hypofunction"

NICHOLAS TOROK VESTIBULAR AWARD

Dr. Miriam Smetak, Resident at Vanderbilt University

"Vestibular Migraine Confounds Management of Superior Canal Dehiscence Syndrome"

THREE PANELS

"New Frontiers in Hearing Research"

Charles Limb, MD, Moderator

Carmen Brewer, PhD

Rene H. Gifford, PhD

Sumit Dhar, PhD

"Tomorrow's Cochlear Implant Program"

Oliver F. Adunka, MD, Moderator

Douglas D. Backous, MD

Patti Trautwein, MA, AuD

John L. Dornhoffer, MD

Matthew A. Shew, MD

"Where Are You Mom? What To Do About the Child with Unilateral Hearing Loss!"

Bradley W. Kesser, MD, Moderator

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