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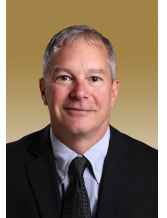
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## From the Desk of the Secretary-Treasurer

David S. Haynes, MD, MMHC



### A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Fred F. Telischi, MD, FACS



Wow, the year has gone by fast! After a wonderful post-COVID (am I allowed to say that?) in person Super Saturday, we're looking forward to the ANS Annual Spring Meeting in Boston, May 5-6. We received a record 136 abstracts for consideration, selecting 26 oral presentations and 55 posters. Our thanks to the Scientific Program Committee for their diligence in reviewing and scoring these exemplary submissions. The ANS program will feature award winning presentations, state-of-the-art panels, and two outstanding keynote presentations. The William House Memorial Lecture will focus on the application of biomedical engineering in neurotology by Dr. Suhrud Rajguru, an NIH R01 funded researcher and principle of a biomedical startup. The William Hitselberger Memorial Lecture, focused on chemotherapy for vestibular schwannomas and other tumors associated with NF2, will be presented by Dr. Scott Plotkin, a principal investigator in critical NF2 drug trials. I'm honored to present the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual *Noel L. Cohen, M.D. Award for Significant Contributions to Otology and Neurotology* to one of our most deserving members! We look forward to hosting the President's Reception on Friday evening, May 5<sup>th</sup>, a great venue for interacting with colleagues and to explore potential mentoring relationships.

We hope you've enjoyed all the educational and interactive opportunities afforded by the ANS. We held an informative webinar in January – “*Surgical Ergonomics for the Neurotologist*.” The next webinar, “*Cracking the Skull Base Codes*”, is scheduled on Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. DocMatter continues to be an active online group for discussion of challenging cases and current issues. Our Social Media committee, led by Dr. Robert Hong, has launched an ANS profile on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) to share relevant information and post new material. Our flagship journals, *Otology & Neurotology* and *Otology & Neurotology Open*, continue to increase readership, manuscript submissions, and, importantly, impact factor. Many individuals contribute to the success of these activities, but I must acknowledge Dr. Yuri Agrawal and the Education Committee for their strong oversight of these programs. The sound stewardship of ANS finances by the Council has allowed us to grow traditional programs and establish new educational opportunities. The Secretary-Treasurers deserve special recognition for their hard work and diligence, formerly Dr. Elizabeth Toh and currently Dr. David Haynes.

We endeavor to promote inclusivity with self-nomination for ANS standing committees. The [Committee application](#) is available on the website. If you are interested in serving on an ANS Committee, please complete the application. Appointments will be made in July. Attention to diversity informs our decisions at all levels. Dr. Stephanie Moody has our sincere appreciation for developing the DEI committee activities as she transitions that leadership to Dr. Michael Hoa. We are making extra efforts to attract worldwide attention for our educational activities and membership. Several international societies and conferences have expressed interest in collaborating in various ways and we are exploring those opportunities.

Please know that we are always receptive to considering new ideas related to our mission of supporting education, information exchange, early-stage research projects, career development, and all things related to the practice of neurotology. Some examples of proposed activities include: development of clinical practice guidelines, inclusion/education of advance practice providers who work alongside neurotologists, growing the video bank, and expanding support for directed research. Speaking of research, our thanks to Dr. Ronna Hertzano for leading the research committee in reviewing the sophisticated grant applications we receive from promising young investigators.

Let me close by thanking the membership for the honor of serving as President this year. It has been one of the highlights of my career. I can say with confidence that the Society remains robust in every metric through the good work of your terrific Council and the incomparable administrative team of Kristen Bordignon and Ashley Eikenberry! Our highest praise goes to our members who faithfully support their Society with their collegiality, attendance at events and active participation.

With warm regards,  
Fred

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**SHERATON BOSTON & HYNES CONVENTION CENTER**

**FRIDAY, MAY 5**

**ANS BUSINESS MEETING - 1:00 PM**

*New member introduction/Treasurer's Report*

**ANS SCIENTIFIC SESSION - 1:30-5:10 PM**

*Ballroom C-Level 3-Hynes CC*

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

**2nd COMBINED POSTER GROUP**

ANS, AOS, ALA, ABEA, ASPO (Exhibit Hall D @ Hynes CC)

*Poster Viewing: 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM*

*Meet the Authors Reception: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM*

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

*Location: Commonwealth (Sheraton Boston)*

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

*Location: Independence Ballroom (Sheraton Boston)*

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

**SATURDAY, MAY 6**

**ANS BUSINESS MEETING - 7:00 AM**

*(O&N/Committee Chair Reports)*

**ANS SCIENTIFIC SESSION - 7:30 AM - Noon**

*Ballroom C-Level 3-Hynes CC*

**AOS BUSINESS MEETING - 1:00 PM (open to all registered attendees)**

*New member introduction*

**AOS SCIENTIFIC SESSION - 1:25-5:05 PM**

*Ballroom C-Level 3-Hynes CC*

**2nd COMBINED POSTER GROUP**

ANS, AOS, ALA, ABEA, ASPO (Exhibit Hall D @ Hynes CC)

*Poster Viewing: 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM*

**ANS YOUNG MEMBERS SOCIAL EVENT AND PROGRAM (details on page )**

*Date: Saturday, May 6, 2023*

*Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM*

*Location: Harvard Club, 374 Commonwealth Ave, Boston*

**AOS PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION/BANQUET**

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

*Constitution Ballroom foyer (Sheraton Boston)*

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

*Constitution Ballroom AB*

*(Members/invited guests only-Advanced ticket purchase required on AOS website)*

**SUNDAY, MAY 7**

**AOS BUSINESS MEETING - 7:00 AM (open to all registered attendees)**

*(O&N/Misc Reports)*

**AOS SCIENTIFIC SESSION - 7:30 AM - Noon**

*Ballroom C-Level 3-Hynes CC*

## **ANS SPRING MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

### **FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 5**

(IN ORDER OF PRESENTATION)

#### **WILLIAM F. HOUSE MEMORIAL LECTURE**

“Found in Translation: At the Intersection of Biomedical Engineering, Audiology and Neurotology”

*Suhrud M. Rajguru, PhD*

#### **NEUROTOLOGY FELLOW AWARD**

“Application of Spectral Domain Optical Coherence Tomography to Visualize Cochlear Microanatomy”

*Pawina Jiramongkolchai, MD*

*Neurotology Fellow at UC-San Diego*

#### **ANS RESEARCH GRANT PRESENTATION**

“Molecular Mechanisms of Hypofractionation and Radiation Resistance in Vestibular Schwannoma.”

*Aida Nourbakhsh, MD, PhD*

*ANS 2022 Research Grant Recipient*

*University of Miami Miller School of Medicine*

#### **PANEL**

Treating Meniere’s Disease as a Migraine-Variant: New Paradigm or Temporary Fad?

*J. Walter Kutz, MD (Moderator)*

### **SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 6**

(IN ORDER OF PRESENTATION)

#### **ANS TRAINEE AWARD (CLINICAL)**

“Machine Learning Approach for Screening Cochlear Implant Candidates: Comparing with the 60/60 Guideline”

*Ankita Patro, MD, MS*

#### **ANS TRAINEE AWARD (BASIC SCIENCE)**

“Identifying Tumor Microenvironment Biomarkers in Adherent and Cystic Vestibular Schwannomas”

*Lisa Zhang, MD*

#### **WILLIAM E. HITSSELBERGER MEMORIAL LECTURE**

“Chemotherapy for Vestibular Schwannoma: Finding the Right Niche”

*Scott R. Plotkin, MD, PhD*

#### **NICHOLAS TOROK VESTIBULAR AWARD**

“Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction for the Treatment of Vestibular Migraine: A Prospective Trial”

*Eric J. Formeister, MD, MS*

#### **PANEL**

“Treatment of the Facial Nerve: from Inside Out”

*Daniel Zeitler, MD - Co-Moderator*

*Emily Stucken, MD - Co-Moderator*

## **ANS SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE**

The ANS Social Media Committee is excited to announce the launch of the official American Neurotology Society social media accounts on the following platforms:



Facebook ([www.facebook.com/neurotology](https://www.facebook.com/neurotology))

Twitter (@ANSneurotology;

[www.twitter.com/ANSneurotology](https://www.twitter.com/ANSneurotology))

Instagram (@ansneurotology)

These accounts will allow for the promotion of ANS-sponsored events, grants, and initiatives, providing the ANS another avenue to pursue its mission of improving public health care related to disorders of the ear, hearing and balance. These accounts will also support the ongoing social media efforts on Facebook and Twitter of our journals, *Otology & Neurotology* (@OandNonline) and *Otology & Neurotology Open* (@ONOjournal).

Dr. Robert Hong and Dr. Nathan Tu will be the Social Media Program Chairs for the ANS Spring Meeting at COSM (Boston, MA), and Dr. Dennis Bojrab II and Dr. Peter Volsky will be the Social Media Program Chairs for Super Saturday at the ANS Fall Meeting (Nashville, TN), providing digital media coverage at these upcoming meetings via our new social media channels.

Please encourage your colleagues to follow the new ANS social media accounts! If you have interest in being involved in the efforts of the ANS on social media, please reach out to Dr. Robert Hong at [rhong@michiganear.com](mailto:rhong@michiganear.com).

Respectfully submitted by the members of the ANS Social Media Committee,

Robert Hong, MD, PhD (Chair)

Nathan Tu, MD

Dennis Bojrab II, MD

Peter Volsky, MD

Hossein Mahboubi, MD

Pamela Roehm, MD, PhD

**Won't you FOLLOW US today!!**

**ANS/COSM EVENT INFORMATION****"WOMEN IN NEUROTOLOGY" RECEPTION**

DATE: Friday, May 5, 2023

TIME: 6:00 - 7:00 P.M. E.T.

ROOM: Commonwealth

LOCATION: Boston Sheraton

"Women In Neurotology" (WiN) group together with American Neurology Society Mentorship Committee will be discussing ideas for launching a formalized mentoring program for all career levels and practice settings.

Please join us as we share experiences and strategize on how we can work together to support each of our goals.

**Everyone, including all genders and stages of practice, are invited and encouraged to attend.**

Please contact Dr. [Mary Ying](#) with questions.

**ANS PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION**

DATE: Friday, May 5

TIME: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

LOCATION: INDEPENDENCE BALLROOM in the Sheraton Boston

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

Complimentary for members and presenters with ANS registration!

**POSTER HOURS & MEET THE AUTHORS' RECEPTION**

*Posters will be displayed in the COSM Exhibit Hall D at the Hynes Convention Center*

2nd Combined Group

**ANS, AOS, ASPO, ABEA, ALA**

**Friday, May 5**

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Combined Poster Reception: 5:30 PM– 7:00 PM

**Saturday, May 6**

Poster Viewing: 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

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

**CALL FOR PAPERS!**

**SEPT 1 - OCT 15, 2023**

**AMERICAN NEUROTOLOGY SOCIETY**

**59<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SPRING MEETING**

**CHICAGO, IL**

**MAY 17 - MAY 19, 2024**

## **ANS YOUNG MEMBERS SPRING SOCIAL EVENT!**

To all trainee and young neurotologists, please join us for the Young ANS social event at COSM in Boston. We will be joined by our honored ANS William E. Hitzelberger lecturer, *Dr. Scott Plotkin*, and a panel of NF-2 experts for a discussion on building an NF-2 team. There will be a networking/social event to follow.

**When: Saturday, May 6th**

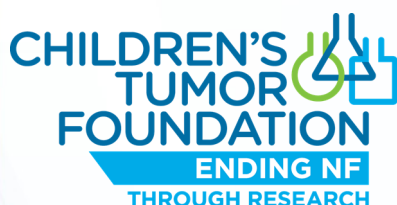
**Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

**Where: Harvard Club Boston, 374 Commonwealth Ave, Boston, MA 02215**

For any questions, Please email [James Naples](#) or [Candace Hobson](#) Co-Chairs, ANS Young members group.

Please [RSVP HERE](#) if you would like to attend

We would like to express our gratitude to the [Children's Tumor Foundation](#) for sponsoring the ANS Young Members Spring event in Boston. Please show your support and check out their many programs listed below.



**CTF mission:** Drive research, expand knowledge, and advance care for the NF community.

**Our vision:** End NF

The **Children's Tumor Foundation** (CTF) is the world's leading nonprofit dedicated to improving the lives of children and adults with neurofibromatosis (NF) and schwannomatosis (SWN). Collectively, this group of disorders is often referred to as NF.

One type of SWN, specifically caused by the *NF2* gene (called *NF2*-related SWN), leads to bilateral vestibular schwannomas and other types of cranial and spinal nerve tumors. Complications include hearing and visual impairments, neurologic dysfunction, and chronic pain.

### **The CTF has many programs to support your patients, clinic, and research!**

#### **NF Research Grant Opportunities**

The CTF Discovery Fund is a funding mechanism to support researchers and clinicians engaged in novel and fundamental NF investigations.

#### **NF Conference**

The annual NF Conference is the premier event for NF and SWN clinicians and researchers, attracting over 700 participants from throughout the world. In 2023, the NF Conference will be held in Scottsdale, AZ from June 24-27th.

#### **NF Clinic Network**

The NF Clinic Network (NFCN) in the US and Canada was established to standardize and raise the level of clinical care and integrate research into clinical care practices.

#### **NF Registry**

A patient-entered secure worldwide database of people living with NF and SWN with a goal of expanding knowledge of these disorders and speeding the development of new treatments by recruiting for clinical trials.

#### **NF Patient Resources and Activities**

Resources and events are available to the entire NF community.

For more information about the Children's Tumor Foundation and its programs, please go to [ctf.org/](http://ctf.org/)

## ANS MENTORSHIP INITIATIVE

"Are you interested in **mentoring and/or advocating** for the next generation of neurotologic and otologic surgeons? Are you **looking for mentors and advocates** for the next big steps in your career? Do you see yourself in both positions?

The American Neurotology Society Mentorship Initiative aims to encourage the building of bridges between and across our membership to leverage both the experience and enthusiasm that exists within our specialty. Ultimately, we believe these activities will enhance our specialty through the development of leadership skills and encouraging the exchange of knowledge across our membership.

**Color-coded ribbons will be available at COSM in Boston at the ANS registration table** to alert others at the meeting that you have an interest in SERVING as a **MENTOR (BLUE)** or are SEEKING MENTORSHIP as a **MENTEE (GREEN)**. Please feel free to wear **one or both ribbons** and use the sight of these ribbons to initiate conversations with interested members."

Further program development is underway, please contact Dr. Michael Hoa at [Michael.Hoa@gunet.georgetown.edu](mailto:Michael.Hoa@gunet.georgetown.edu) or Dr. Yuri Agrawal at [yagrawa1@jhmi.edu](mailto:yagrawa1@jhmi.edu) for further information.

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## ANS BYLAWS

Every year, the ANS Council reviews and proposes updates/amendments as needed to the ANS Bylaws to reflect the current state, our core mission and our updated policies and processes. The Council is proposing 2 amendments to the By-Laws this year. A 2/3 vote in favor by eligible voting members is required to approve these amendments:

1. Expanding the purpose of our ANS mission statement.
2. Allow for a more efficient voting process among members.

Thank you very much for your time, attention, and consideration on behalf of the society.

**ACTION: Eligible ANS Fellows (members, not Trainees) and Senior Fellows may vote on this proposal [here](#). We will follow up with an email as well.**

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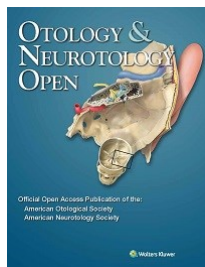
## ANS MEMBER APPRECIATION

On occasion the American Neurotology Society is asked to appoint a representative to review drafts of clinical practice guidelines (CPG). Typically these requests come from AAO-HNS/F.

However in November, on behalf of the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine (SAEM) and their journal *Academic Emergency Medicine (AEM)*, we were invited to peer-review the draft clinical practice guideline on ***Acute Dizziness in the Emergency Department***.

We would like to thank Dr. Jeff Sharon and Dr. Habib Rizk for their time and effort in reviewing the guidelines. Their expertise helped reduce unnecessary testing and referrals for dizzy patients from the Emergency Department and assisted our Emergency Medicine colleagues.

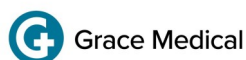




Otolology & Neurotology Open (ONO) has continued to grow and to represent an important vehicle for disseminating science and clinical wisdom throughout the country and the globe. Despite only being in production for just over one year the journal is anticipating achieving several important milestones in the next few months including listing on PubMed Central (PMC) and the Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI). These two milestones will allow all past and future articles in our journal to be available on PubMed and to begin the process of getting an impact factor. We have accomplished all of this while maintaining rigorous standards with respect to manuscript acceptance.

As we look forward to our first impact factor, it is even more important that we try to accrue very high impact articles and that we turn around decisions on manuscript submissions as quickly as possible. We rely on your continued support for these high value scientific contributions and for your time in accepting and performing manuscript reviews to ensure that we can successfully navigate these major milestones for ONO and put ONO on the forefront of open access publishing.

We thank our scholarship sponsors, **Grace Medical** and **Med-El**, for continuing to support our first in industry scholarship program to fund articles from trainees, military personnel, HBCUs, and those for whom article processing charges for open access publication remain a barrier. Please thank them and ask other companies to participate in this valuable initiative.



We thank our hard-working associate editors, our publication team, the AOS and the ANS, and all of you for helping to make this addition to our portfolio a success.

Michael E. Hoffer, MD  
Editor-in-chief

Elizabeth H. Toh, MD, MBA  
Deputy Editor-in-chief

**A HUGE THANK YOU  
TO OUR TOP 10+ O&N  
REVIEWERS OF 2022!**

Last Name	First Name	Completed
Balkany	Thomas	21
Bartels	Loren	17
Blevins	Nikolas	15
Chari	Divya	15
Hunter	Jacob	15
Carlson	Matthew	14
Cass	Nathan	13
Elidan	Josef	13
Walsh	Erika	13
Bush	Matthew	12
Gidley	Paul	12
Kaylie	David	12
Luxford	William	12



**WE ARE IN NEED OF  
MANY  
MORE REVIEWERS!**

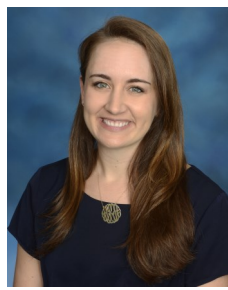
If you are interested in becoming an O&N and/or ONO reviewer, please contact our ANS/AOS Administrator, [Kristen Bordignon](#)

She will connect you with the right person.

## ANS IS THRILLED TO WELCOME 27 NEW MEMBERS!



Mehdi Abouzari, MD, PhD  
Orange, CA



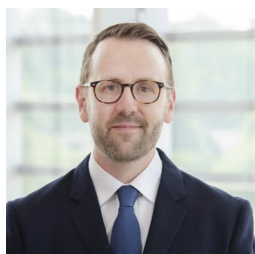
Kristen Angster, MD  
Troy, MI



Charles L. Anzalone, MD  
Crowley, LA



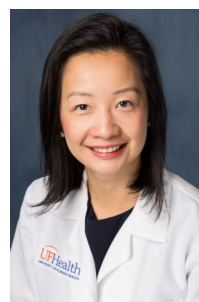
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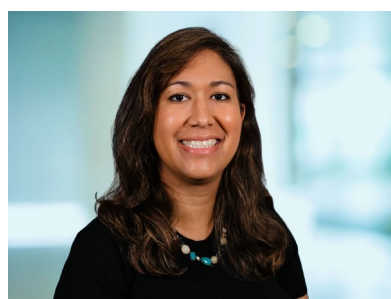
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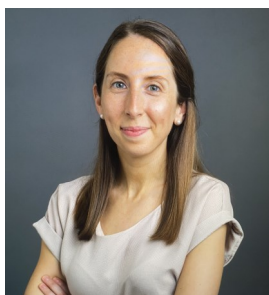
Jacob Kahane, MD  
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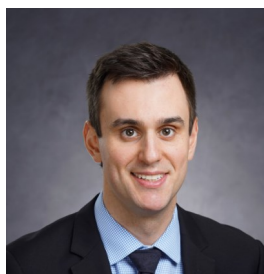
Adam C. Kaufman, MD, PhD  
Baltimore, MD



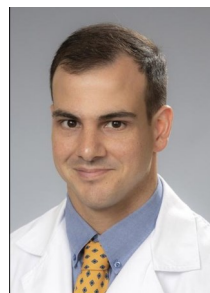
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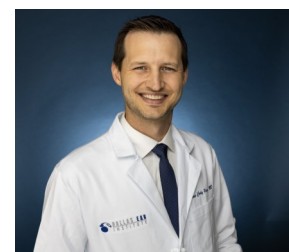
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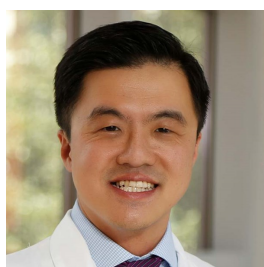
Adam Master, MD, MSC  
New Orleans, LA



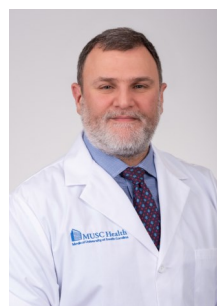
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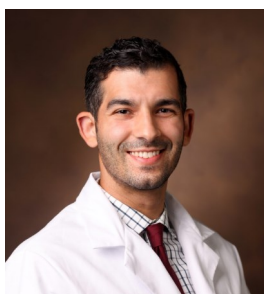
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## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

Please take a few minutes to get to know our newest ANS members while in Boston. They will be introduced on Friday, May 5th at the first ANS Business meeting at 1:00 PM in Ballroom C at the Hynes Convention Center.

## QUESTIONS ABOUT ANS or MEMBERSHIP?

### ANS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

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## AN UPDATE FROM THE ANS EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Dear Members,

Thank you all for your participation in the ANS this past year! And thank you also to the members of the Education Committee, who have worked hard throughout the year to develop and deliver great education content to our Society. We had an excellent in-person Super Saturday meeting this past year in Philadelphia, where we launched the new configuration of our Study Groups with broader scope and a host of new coordinators.

During the winter and spring, to maintain online offerings as part of our educational content, we put on two webinars. The first topic focusing on Surgical Ergonomics, led by Dr. Erika Walsh and Dr. Maura Cosetti, aired January 25<sup>th</sup>. The next topic is Skull Base Coding, “*Cracking the Skull Base Code*”, coordinated by Dr. Shawn Stevens and Dr. Mark Wiet, coming to your screen Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. The webinar recordings and other educational resources are available on the [ANS website](#).

The Education Committee is also co-leading the new ANS Mentoring program, and stay tuned for 2 new initiatives on the horizon, including developing an ANS Guideline Development program, and creating a community for our Advanced Practice Provider colleagues.

Lastly, we are looking forward to planning the 58th Annual ANS Fall meeting, “Super Saturday”, in Nashville on September 30, 2023. With that in mind, we are seeking proposals for up to three panels. 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:** Please email your proposal to ANS President-elect, Dr. Elizabeth Toh ([bostonear@gmail.com](mailto:bostonear@gmail.com)) ANS Education Director, Dr. Yuri Agrawal ([yagrawa1@jhmi.edu](mailto:yagrawa1@jhmi.edu)) and cc the ANS Administrative office at [administrator@americanneurotologysociety.com](mailto:administrator@americanneurotologysociety.com) by **Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**.

**In your proposal, please include the following:** *All submissions must be sent by email in a WORD document (no pdf's).*

- **Panel title** (what panel titles catch your attention??)
- **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 brief contribution of each panelist.**
  - \* *If you had submitted a panel proposal last year, and it was not chosen for presentation, you have the option to resubmit the same panel. However, make sure to adhere to the guidelines above for your submission to be considered.*

Look forward to seeing you all in Boston, and feel free to send any ideas and feedback to me at [yagrawa1@jhmi.edu](mailto:yagrawa1@jhmi.edu)!

Best regards,

Yuri Agrawal, MD, MPH, FACS

ANS Education Director

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR “SUPER SATURDAY” AT THE [RENAISSANCE NASHVILLE](#) WILL OPEN JULY 5.

# ANS STUDY GROUP CALL FOR PAPERS!

We are pleased to announce there will be four study groups on “Super Saturday” in Nashville on September 30, 2023. Please note the submission instructions and deadlines vary for each group.

## VESTIBULAR STUDY GROUP

The Vestibular Study Group is a forum for discussion of the latest topics and challenging cases of vertigo and balance disorders that present to the neurotologist. Authors should aim their presentations for the most broad appeal and general application to vertigo and balance disorders in neurotology. Submissions will then be evaluated to determine if an organizing theme can be identified for this year’s study group. 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. John Carey at [jcarey@jhmi.edu](mailto:jcarey@jhmi.edu) and Dr. Gerard Gianoli at [ggianoli@gmail.com](mailto:ggianoli@gmail.com) by June 23, 2023.** Please 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.

*John Carey, MD & Gerard Gianoli MD, Coordinators*

## 14th ANNUAL FACIAL NERVE STUDY GROUP

Abstracts will be accepted for 5-minute Facial Nerve study group case presentations followed by discussion between **May 15 and June 12, 2023**. 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. John Leonetti, [jleonet@lumc.edu](mailto:jleonet@lumc.edu) and Dr. Mia Miller, [Mia.miller@cshs.org](mailto:Mia.miller@cshs.org) by Monday, June 12th.** 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.

*John P. Leonetti, MD & Mia Miller, MD, Coordinators*

## SKULL BASE TUMOR STUDY GROUP

Based on valued member feedback, we will further broaden the scope of this study group to encompass 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 2023 program which may be more in-depth studies or case presentations. An emphasis on submissions related to innovative treatments is encouraged. Members are also welcome to submit difficult cases with management dilemmas for group feedback.

**Abstracts will be accepted between May 20th and June 20, 2023.** Please do not forget to include an abstract title, authors’ 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@m Mayo.edu](mailto:carlson.matthew@m Mayo.edu) and [petersantamaria@stanford.edu](mailto:petersantamaria@stanford.edu)**

*Matthew Carlson, MD and Peter Santa Maria, MBBS, PhD, Coordinators*

## WILLIAM HOUSE STUDY GROUP

Please plan to attend the 39th gathering of the WHSG as a part of the “Super Saturday” events during the ANS 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall meeting in Nashville, TN on September 30, 2023.

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](mailto:maura.cosetti@mountsinai.org) and [mbonilla@nyee.edu](mailto:mbonilla@nyee.edu) no later than Monday, June 5, 2023.**

*Craig A. Buchman, MD, & Maura K. Cosetti, MD - Coordinators*

# 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

Spring 2023

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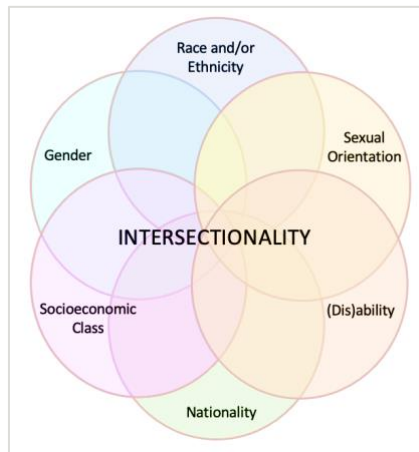
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In this issue:

Concepts in Diversity and Inclusion: Intersectionality  
Reports from recipients of ANS URIM Scholarships

### Understanding Concepts in Diversity and Inclusion: What is Intersectionality? by Anne Maxwell, MD



Intersectionality, coined by legal professor and activist Kimberlé Crenshaw in 1989, serves as a framework for understanding how interlocking systems of power overlap to affect those marginalized by society. Oxford Dictionary defines *intersectionality* as “the interconnected nature of social categorizations such as race, class, and gender as they apply to a given individual or group, regarded as creating overlapping and interdependent systems of discrimination or disadvantage.” Examples of these factors include: race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic class, nationality, primary language, disability, caste, and body appearance, among many others.

The implication is that simply addressing these factors in isolation would fail to address the true basis of inequities, instead perpetuating them. For example, a black woman may encounter both racism and misogyny, but would experience racism differently than a black man and misogyny differently than a white woman.

Conversations addressing either race or sex are often held in isolation, such that voices of non-white women are marginalized in both. Thus, efforts to dismantle oppressive systems from a single perspective are unable to achieve equality for all. Criticism of the intersectionality framework claim that by focusing on an individual's subjective experiences, contradictions may arise that would obscure the identification of common causes of oppression. For instance, elevating women's rights and LGBTQ rights in society could lead to the marginalization of those with deeply held conservative Muslim beliefs, fueling islamophobia. Therefore, intersectionality should be understood within the broader context of social justice. In this way, we can work toward achieving a more diverse and inclusive neurotologic workforce, promoting educational and career opportunities for all our members and better outcomes for our patients.

#### What can I do?

- ❖ Expand your definition of diversity and understand how those factors interact
- ❖ Introspection about the social identities that support your privilege. Consider factors beyond gender, race and ethnicity. Middle class? University education? Able-bodied?
- ❖ Make space for diverse voices
- ❖ Meaningfully collaborate with diverse groups
- ❖ Avoid language that excludes marginalized communities
- ❖ Provide mentorship and sponsorship experiences for diverse individuals at every career stage

Crenshaw, K. (1989): Demarginalizing the Intersection of Race and Sex: A Black Feminist Critique of Antidiscrimination Doctrine, Feminist Theory and Antiracist Politics. The University of Chicago Legal Forum, 139, pp. 139-167.



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



**Kaylin Batey** will graduate from University of Kentucky School of Medicine in June 2023 and will be joining the residency of University of Michigan. His sponsor was Dr. Matthew Bush and he was mentored at his outside rotations by Dr. Michael Hoa at Georgetown, Dr. Greg Basura and Dr. Christopher Welch at University of Michigan, Dr. David Haynes at Vanderbilt.

*I'm immensely grateful to the American Neurotology Society for supporting my clinical learning experiences in otology/ neurology with the Under-Represented in Medicine Travel grant. Supplementary to my home otology/ neurotology experiences, my visiting rotations allowed me to realize the breadth and depth of the subspecialty. From observing operative management of an endolymphatic sac tumor for the first time, to expanding my knowledge of vestibular and balance disorders, I witnessed how pleasantly complex, challenging and rewarding this subspecialty can be. The most impactful outcome of this scholarship has been quality of mentorship and sponsorship I have received in otology/ neurotology both at my home institution and my visiting rotations. I'm excited for the opportunities that await in residency for continued growth and involvement with ANS. Thank you, Kaylin Batey*



Randall Harley will graduate from University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in June 2023 and will be joining University of Pennsylvania Department of Otolaryngology-HNS. His mentors were Dr. Andy McCall, Dr. Michael Hoa and Dr. Nick Blevins.

*As an aspiring Neurotologist, the American Neurotology Society Travel Scholarship positively impacted my career and application to Otolaryngology residency in a myriad of ways. I was able to complete two fascinating away rotations as a result of the scholarship. I gained more exposure within the field of Otolaryngology, connected with Otology/Neurotology mentors, and experienced the nuances of different institutions. In the time since my rotations, however, I have come to realize the most powerful aspect of my travel experiences – connection with other people who are passionate about Otolaryngology. I have continued to see the same faces at scientific conferences and residency interviews. I have become acquainted with other diverse applicants from different institutions. I have had mentors email or call to check in. I have had other medical students reach out for advice moving forward. It is now clear that the experiences I was granted helped me become part of a close-knit community of Otolaryngologists. I am deeply thankful for this experience and I want to sincerely thank the American Neurotology Society and all of its members for this incredible opportunity. Randall Harley*



## **ANS DI Committee URiM Travel Scholarship**

### **ANNOUNCING**

### ***2023/24 ANS Diversity and Inclusion Committee***

### ***Underrepresented in Medicine Otology/Neurotology Travel Scholarship***

The Diversity & Inclusion Committee is taking applications for two scholarships for the 2023/24 academic year to assist medical students with travel expenses for external rotations. Through this scholarship, we seek to engage URiM students in research and clinical activities related to the ear, hearing and balance so that they can learn about our field and gain the experience needed to promote a career in otology/neurotology. The successful applicant will receive a \$2000 scholarship to support travel and housing expenses for a chosen clinical rotation that requires significant travel from their home institution. A member of the ANS will be identified to provide mentorship to the recipient. Requirements and details are provided on our website or can be obtained by emailing Dr. Moody at [moodysa@evms.edu](mailto:moodysa@evms.edu). Members are encouraged to promote the scholarship to eligible students. Applications are requested by June 1, 2023. More information is available at <https://www.americanneurotologysociety.com>.

## **Your DI Committee at work**

Are you interested in serving on the ANS DI Committee? Apply online at <https://www.americanneurotologysociety.com/ans-committees>

We hope that our committee will be as diverse in makeup and opinion as is our society, so all members with an interest in contributing to this working committee are encouraged to apply.

## **Latest in Health Equity in Otology & Neurotology Research**

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