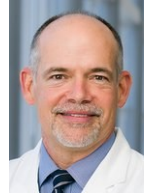




From the Desk of the Secretary-Treasurer



J. WALTER KUTZ JR., MD

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Colin L.W. Driscoll, MD



I have long been interested in change, why and how it happens. Medicine is always evolving but progress feels slow, erratic, and lacking consistency geographically, across populations and between specialties. Can we do better for patients?

Why some things change is obvious; a new technology is introduced like a laser, stereotactic radiosurgery system, or a cochlear implant. These open new treatment doors. However, despite near universal access in the U.S., utilization is variable and thus patients have different options and experiences.

Other types of changes are less direct and even more unpredictable. Specialties evolve. Head and neck cancer is now primarily managed in our specialty, we do our own free flap reconstructions, and neurotologists routinely perform intracranial surgery. How and why did this happen?

Multidisciplinary care has exploded to the benefit of patients and the health care system overall. How have the walls or gaps between specialties been broken down allowing and promoting collaboration? What drove this change?

I was at the NASBS meeting recently and participating on a panel about large and very large vestibular schwannoma. I was asked to speak about why I like the retrosigmoid approach for this situation, and a well-known and talented neurosurgeon spoke about why he prefers the translabyrinthine approach. During the panel the neurosurgeon and I presented our views on choosing an approach for different clinical situations. Our presentations were remarkably similar. We both considered patient characteristics, the skull base anatomy, specific tumor extent, goal of surgery among other variables. If there is a sclerotic mastoid or obstructing jugular bulb, retrosigmoid has an advantage. If there is tumor in the labyrinth or the tumor has extended deeply into the brainstem/cerebellum, a translabyrinthine approach provides a favorable trajectory. In many cases either approach will have the same result, at least for us. We agreed on most everything, the focus was on what approach would be the safest and best for the patient.

When I started my career (it really wasn't that long ago!) there was still considerable suspicion and trepidation about territorial boundaries and capabilities between neurosurgery and ENT. How did this neurosurgeon and I come to a common understanding? Central to this evolution was a willingness of many in both specialties to focus on patient outcomes and move past territorialism and dogma. Collecting data and publishing results was an important component but perhaps even more important were the many discussions amongst us all about what we do and why we are doing it that way. There was a willingness to listen, challenge, collegially debate and create a more comprehensive view of skull base surgery and how to achieve ever better outcomes. This happened face to face - still the most effective form of communication, in my opinion.

The importance of communication within our specialty and across other involved specialties is the single most effective way to smoothly evolve and achieve better outcomes for patients. Scientific meetings, advisory boards, research collaboratives, consortiums, tumor boards, skull base dissection courses have all provided venues for developing a shared understanding of the data, management options and areas where further study is needed. How will we maintain and enhance this direct form of communication in the coming years?

When we are all effectively communicating and working together our specialty will advance more quickly, and patients will get the best possible care. Look forward to seeing many of you in Phoenix.

With warm regards,
Colin

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**ANS & AOS COSM SCHEDULE
AT-A-GLANCE**

**ALL EVENTS AT THE SHERATON PHOENIX HOTEL/
PHOENIX CONVENTION CENTER**

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

AOS Business meeting - 1:00 PM (*open to all registered attendees*)
New member introduction

AOS Scientific Session - 1:30 - 5:10 PM
Convention Center Ballroom 101ABC-Level one
(ANS & AOS Poster award winners announced at 4:10 PM)

AOS Members Annual Photograph - 5:15 PM
Convention Center - Ballroom 103B

2nd Combined COSM Poster Group (ANS, AOS, ARS, ASPO)
(Exhibit Hall-Lower Level Convention Center)
Poster Viewing - 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Meet the Authors Reception - Friday, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

WiN RECEPTION (Women in Neurotology)
6:00-7:00 PM
Location: Sheraton - Valley of the Sun A
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ANS PRESIDENT’S RECEPTION
7:00-8:30 PM
Location: Sheraton - Valley of the Sun DE
(Members/invited guests only-complimentary with paid registration)

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

AOS Business meeting - 7:00 AM (*open to all registered attendees, light breakfast served*)
(Journal / Committee Reports)
AOS Scientific Session - 7:30 AM - Noon
Convention Center Ballroom 101ABC-Level one

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AOS PRESIDENT’S RECEPTION/BANQUET
WELCOME/COCKTAILS - 6:00 - 6:30 PM
DINNER/PRESENTATIONS/DANCING - 6:30 - 11:00 PM
Sheraton - Valley of the Sun DE & C

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

ANS Business meeting - 7:00 AM (*open to all registered attendees, light breakfast served*)
(Journal / Committee Reports)
ANS Scientific Session - 7:30 AM - Noon
Convention Center Ballroom 101 ABC

ANS SOCIAL MEDIA

If you are active on Social media/Instagram, won’t you follow ANS today! We would like to thank **Denny Bojrab**, ANS Social Media Chair and **Peter Volsky** and **Nofrat Schwartz**, as the Social Media Program Chairs for the ANS Spring Meeting in Phoenix. Tag ANS in your Social media posts [@ansneurotology](#)



ANS SPRING MEETING HIGHLIGHTS & AWARD PRESENTATIONS**SATURDAY 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM, APRIL 25***(IN ORDER OF PRESENTATION)***ANS BUSINESS MEETING (OPEN TO ALL REGISTRANTS)
INDUCTION of 31 NEW ANS MEMBERS****PRESIDENTIAL SPOTLIGHT**, *Colin Driscoll, MD***7th ANNUAL NOEL L. COHEN AWARD FOR SIGNIFICANT
CONTRIBUTIONS TO OTOTOLOGY AND NEUROTOLOGY***Who will be this year's recipient?!***WILLIAM E. HITSSELBERGER MEMORIAL LECTURE**

Surgery of the Cerebellopontine Angle - Climbing a Gentle Learning Curve

*Michael J. Link, MD**Charles B. and Ann L. Johnson Professor of Neurosurgery**Professor, Depts. of Neurologic Surgery and**Otorhinolaryngology**Mayo Clinic - Rochester, Minnesota***HERBERT SILVERSTEIN AWARD FOR RESEARCH EXCELLENCE
IN OTOTOLOGY/NEUROTOLOGY**

Apical Electrode Placement to Optimize Cochlear Implant Performance in Patients with an Ossified Cochlea and Incomplete Electrode Array Insertion

*Justin Cottrell, MD***ANS RESEARCH GRANT PRESENTATION**

Toward a Profile Instrument for Musical Enjoyment in Individuals with Hearing Loss

*Alexander Chern, MD**ANS Research Grant recipient 2024***ANS TRAINEE AWARD**

A National Cross-sectional Assessment of the Mayo Clinic Vestibular Schwannoma Quality of Life (VSQOL) Index by Tumor Management Strategy

*Madison Epperson, MD***PANEL**

"Master" Techniques in Vestibular Schwannoma Surgery; Special Video Session

*Colin L.W. Driscoll, MD, Moderator**Richard K. Gurgel, MD, MSCl**Theodore R. McRackan, MD, MSCR**Jay T. Rubinstein, MD, PhD**Erika A. Woodson, MD***SUNDAY 7:00 AM - NOON, APRIL 26***(IN ORDER OF PRESENTATION)***NICHOLAS TOROK VESTIBULAR AWARD**

Increased Adrenergic Receptor Expression in Meniere's Disease

*Adam Y. Xiao, MD, PhD***VeDA VESTIBULAR RESEARCH AWARD**

Visual Vertigo in Vestibular Migraine

*Alexandra T. Bourdillon, MD***WILLIAM F. HOUSE MEMORIAL LECTURE**

Fear not the Face: From "Oh No" to "On It!!" Advances in Facial Reanimation Over the Decades

*Tessa Hadlock, MD**Professor, Harvard Medical School**Director, Hadlock Facial Plastic Surgery / Facial Nerve Center***NEUROTOLOGY FELLOW AWARD****MICHAEL GLASSCOCK SCIENTIFIC MERIT AWARD***(Glasscock awarded to the highest scoring blinded abstract)*

Neoadjuvant Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Therapy in Temporal Bone Squamous Cell Carcinoma

*Kaitlyn A. Brooks, MD***PANEL**

Converging Pathways: Reconciling Training Gaps and Practice Realities in Otologic & Skull Base Care

*Oliver F. Adunka, MD, Moderator**Samantha Anne, MD, MS**Jacqueline Weinstein, MD**Doug Backous, MD**Jacques Herzog, MD**Rick Nelson, MD, PhD***ANS TRAINEE AWARD**

Beta-2 Transferrin May Not Be Specific for Presence of Cerebrospinal Fluid in Middle Ear Fluid

*Anthony Thai, MD***PANEL**

Clinical Curveballs: Complications and Tough Calls

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POSTER VIEWING & MEET THE AUTHORS' RECEPTION

Posters will be displayed in Exhibit Hall on the lower level of the Convention Center (Badge required for entry to exhibit hall)

2nd Combined Poster Session
ANS, AOS, ARS, ASPO

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Poster Viewing: 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Combined Poster Reception
5:30 PM– 7:00 PM

Meet the Leaders in Otolaryngology

A networking and mentorship opportunity for medical students, residents, and practicing otolaryngologists from across the country.

Held during the Poster Reception, this sessions will pair trainees (Resident or Medical Student ribbons) and leaders – identified with *red* ribbons.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Poster Viewing: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
POSTER REMOVAL IS SATURDAY 4-6 PM

ePosters may be viewed onsite and online via the [Geniographics/Research Posters site](#) after April 15/Conference code is COSM2026

ANS PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

Friday, April 24

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

VALLEY OF THE SUN BALLROOM DE AT THE SHERATON

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

DON'T MISS THIS VERY POPULAR EVENT!

Complimentary for members & presenters with ANS registration!
Immediately following the WiN Reception

WOMEN IN NEUROLOGY "MEET & TOAST" RECEPTION SPONSORED BY COCHLEAR AMERICAS



"Meet & Toast" WiN Reception

Date: Friday, April 24th

Time: 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Location: Valley of the Sun Ballroom A - Sheraton Phoenix



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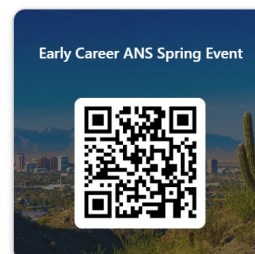
ANS EARLY CAREER SPRING EVENT

Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm / Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres

Venue: Mancuso's Restaurant / Venue M Room

Address: 201 E. Washington St. Phoenix



RSVP via QR code

Please contact Early Career ANS Co-Directors [Nathan Cass](#), [Phillip Perez](#), or [Anne Maxwell](#) with questions.

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62nd ANNUAL SPRING MEETING
SEATTLE, WA
APRIL 9 - APRIL 11, 2027**

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To better represent the environment, opportunities, and challenges of neurotologists in their early career, watch for activities from the Early Career Group of ANS. Keep an eye out for announcements relating to events at the Spring and Fall ANS meetings. Fellows and trainees are also welcome to attend. Please contact co-chairs [Nate Cass](#), [Phil Perez](#), or [Anne Maxwell](#), with questions, comments, or concerns.

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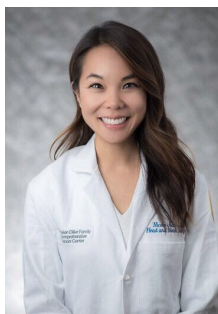
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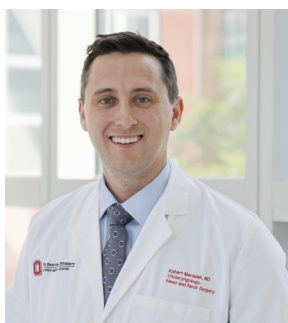
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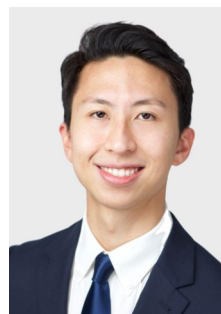
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CONGRATULATIONS and WELCOME TO OUR NEW ANS MEMBERS!



Please take a few minutes to get to know our newest ANS members while in Phoenix. We are especially excited to celebrate a record-breaking class of 31 new members being inducted this year—an inspiring reflection of the continued growth and strength of the American Neurotology Society.

They will be introduced on Saturday, April 25th at the first ANS Business Meeting at 1:00 PM in Ballroom 101ABC, located on level one of the Convention Center.

Applications for membership are due November 15, 2026 for consideration/induction at the ANS Spring meeting April 9-11, 2027, in Seattle in conjunction with COSM.

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IN JULY
COMPLETE THE ONLINE APPLICATION BY JUNE 1



Ten Years of Progress and Partnership in Otology & Neurotology



After ten years serving as Editor-in-Chief of *Otology & Neurotology*, the time has come for me to step down from this role. It has been an extraordinary honor and privilege to help steward the journal during a decade of remarkable scientific and clinical progress in our field. I am deeply grateful to the many individuals whose dedication and expertise have sustained the journal and the discipline it represents.

Over the past decade, the field of otology and neurotology has continued to advance at an impressive pace. We have witnessed important developments in cochlear implantation and hearing rehabilitation, an expanding understanding of the molecular and genetic basis of hearing loss, and significant innovations in skull base and vestibular surgery. Emerging work in hair cell regeneration, cochlear gene therapy, and inner ear drug delivery suggests that the coming years will bring transformative approaches to treating hearing and balance disorders. Throughout this period, *Otology & Neurotology* has served as a forum for disseminating these discoveries, reflecting both the scientific rigor and the clinical creativity that define our specialty.

Over the past decade, the journal has evolved alongside the field. We strengthened our role as a **premier** forum for systematic reviews and meta-analyses by cultivating a cadre of Cochrane reviewers; expanded our formats with video reports; established an Assistant Editor focused on artificial intelligence and large language models; and positioned the journal to publish clinical guidelines in otology and neurotology that can standardize and improve patient outcomes.

I would like to recognize the Editors-in-Chief who built and shaped this journal long before my tenure. The journal, originally the *American Journal of Otology*, was founded in 1976 by Michael Glasscock, whose vision established a dedicated platform for scholarship in our field. His successor, C. Gary Jackson, continued to successfully steward the journal after Dr. Glasscock stepped down in 1985. In 1995, Dr. Robert Jackler took the helm and expanded the journal's focus and reputation, including the name change to *Otology & Neurotology* to reflect our expanding specialty. Following in Dr. Jackler's footsteps, Dr. John Niparko assumed the role of Editor-in-Chief in 2006, which he held through his untimely passing in 2016. Dr. Niparko's leadership and commitment to academic excellence left a lasting imprint on the journal and on our field. Their combined legacy has helped support the American Otological Society, the American Neurotology Society, and our affiliated societies around the world, including the European Academy of Otology & Neuro-Otology, the Japan Otological Society, the Politzer Society, and ADANO.

The daily success of *Otology & Neurotology* rests heavily on the work of its Assistant and Associate Editors. These colleagues devote substantial time and expertise to guiding manuscripts through the review process, ensuring both fairness and scientific rigor. Their thoughtful stewardship is essential to maintaining the quality and credibility of the journal, and I could not have worked with a better team during my time as Editor-in-Chief. I will be forever grateful for their tireless efforts. I would especially like to thank Dr. Benjamin Crane, my longtime Associate Editor, whose invaluable insights and help made my job infinitely easier.

Equally deserving of recognition are the many reviewers who evaluate submissions with care and professionalism. Peer review is the foundation of scientific publishing, and the willingness of our colleagues to contribute their time and expertise—often anonymously and without recognition—is an enduring testament to the collaborative spirit of our field.

I would also like to extend my sincere gratitude to our partners at Wolters Kluwer, whose editorial and production teams have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that the journal operates smoothly and continues to reach readers around the world. Marianna Hagan and, more recently, Mackenzie Aronhalt have been incredible as our editorial assistants, seamlessly helping authors, reviewers, and our editorial team navigate the complex process of manuscript submission and peer review on a daily basis. Our internal WK team, led initially by Ginny Pittman and more recently by Stella Bebos, has been equally important to the success of our journal.

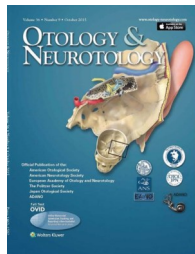
Finally, and most importantly, I am absolutely delighted to congratulate Dr. Matthew Bush on his selection as the next Editor-in-Chief of *Otology & Neurotology*. Dr. Bush is an outstanding clinician-scientist and an internationally respected and thoughtful leader in our specialty. I have great confidence that under his guidance, the journal will continue to flourish and serve as a leading voice for scholarship in otology and neurotology around the world.

Serving as Editor-in-Chief has been one of the great professional honors of my career. I am grateful to the authors, editors, reviewers, and readers who have supported the journal and contributed to its success. As I step aside, I look forward to watching the continued growth of both the journal and the field it represents.

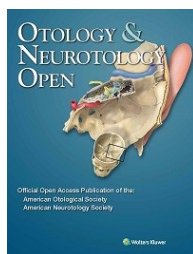
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61st ANNUAL ANS FALL MEETING

"FAB FRIDAY", OCTOBER 16, 2026

ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR "FAB FRIDAY" WILL OPEN MONDAY, JULY 6, 2026

JW MARRIOTT, LOS ANGELES, CA

DO YOU HAVE AN INTERESTING CASE FOR THE STUDY GROUPS!?

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED MAY 1 - JUNE 15, 2026

For questions related to any of the study groups, please contact the coordinator listed below.

VESTIBULAR STUDY GROUP

The Vestibular Study Group serves as the forum for exploring complex cases and innovative treatment approaches related to vertigo and imbalance. Our aim is to concentrate on common scenarios encountered by otologists and neurotologists, which often involve multiple disorders. This inclusive format promotes broader discussions without restricting them to a single disease process. For 2026, we invite contributions focused on "**Pediatric Vestibular Disorders**". Presentations will be limited to five minutes and may cover unique cases, prevalent disease processes, evaluation methods, management strategies, and clinical or translational studies. We are also open to intriguing adult topics. The session will consist of abstract presentations followed by a panel discussion. **Please submit your abstracts to Dr. Brian Perry drbperry@outlook.com and Dr. Benjamin Crane benjamin_crane@urmc.rochester.edu by June 15, 2026.** Each submission should include a title, author's name, designation, and email, and should not exceed 125 words. Submissions should be in Microsoft Word format only, no pdfs.

Brian Perry, MD & Benjamin Crane, MD, PhD, Coordinators

FACIAL NERVE STUDY GROUP

We invite submissions for the 2026 Facial Nerve Study Group, featuring concise 5-minute case presentations followed by expert discussion. We encourage abstracts that highlight **diagnostic challenges, management dilemmas, surgical decision-making, or unique clinical insights** related to the facial nerve. Submissions may include case presentations or clinical capsules. If the presenting author is a trainee, the supervising faculty surgeon must attend the session and participate in the on-stage discussion. Submission window: **May 1-June 15, 2026**. Abstracts should include title, brief clinical presentation, and the submitting author's full name, designation, and email. Abstracts should be a maximum of 125 words and must be in Microsoft WORD format please, no PDFs. **Abstract submissions and all inquiries should be directed to: daniel.sun@uc.edu and rnelson10@iuhealth.org.** We look forward to receiving your submissions and assembling a dynamic, high-value program.

Daniel Sun, MD, & Rick Nelson, MD, PhD Coordinators

SKULL BASE TUMOR STUDY GROUP

The scope of this study group encompasses 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 2026 program, including clinical studies, case presentations, and other succinct scientific reports. An emphasis on submissions related to new concepts and innovations in treatment are encouraged. Inclusion of video segments is encouraged if it augments the educational content. Members are also welcome to submit difficult cases with management dilemmas for group discussion. Abstracts will be accepted between May 1-June 15, 2026. Please do not forget to include an abstract title, author 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: cjvoelker95@gmail.com and richard.gurgel@hsc.utah.edu by June 15th.**

Courtney Voelker, MD, PhD and Richard Gurgel, MD, MSCI, Coordinators

WILLIAM HOUSE STUDY GROUP

Please plan to attend the 42nd gathering of the WHSG as a part of the "Fab Friday" events during the ANS 61st Annual Fall meeting in Los Angeles on Friday October 16th. 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. To promote discussion, we encourage presentations from attendings, fellows, and senior level residents. 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 Marc Bennett Marc.bennett@vumc.org and administrative asst, Maura Geiser maura.geiser@vumc.org between May 1 and June 15th.**

Marc Bennett, MD & Dan Coelho, MD, Coordinators

NEUROTOLOGY BOOTCAMP 2026 - 100% PARTICIPATION!

The 2026 ANS Neurotology Fellows Bootcamp took place from March 19 – 21 in Charlotte, North Carolina. Established in 2018, this annual surgical training course has become a highly anticipated and valued experience for incoming fellows. This year, we were pleased to have the full participation from all 19 matched neurotology fellows across the U.S. Hosted by Stryker and supported by Cochlear, Med-El, Advanced Bionics, Grace Medical, and IotaMotion, the program included online didactics, interactive panels and case discussions, and hands-on cadaveric dissections. Each participant was provided with an injected cadaver head, with dissection focused on skull base approaches.

Continuing the tradition, this year’s Bootcamp theme celebrated the Winter Olympics – **Neurotology Surgical Slopes: Chasing Gold and Precision at Peak Performance in Lateral Skull Base Surgery.**

Special thanks to the 2026 Bootcamp Directors: Dr. **Divya Chari** (UMASS/Mass Eye and Ear) and Dr. **Si Chen** (University of Florida) and Guest Faculty: Dr. **Nathan Cass** (University of Kentucky), Dr. **Tiffany Hwa** (University of Pennsylvania), Dr. **Vivian Kaul** (University of Texas-Houston), Dr. **Brendan O’Connell** (Charlotte Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat), Dr. **Neil Patel** (University of Utah), Dr. **Scott Shapiro** (Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson). Also a shout out to Meghan Goddard, Senior Regional Manager, Medical Education of Stryker Neurosurgical.



Neurotology Bootcamp Directors

Standing, left to right: Scott Shapiro, Neil Patel, Nathan Cass
Seated, Left to right: Tiffany Hwa, Brendan O’Connell, Si Chen
Divya Chari, and Vivian Kaul



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A “fun, final” message from our President, Dr. Colin Driscoll, provided by our Education Director, Dr. Christine Dinh.



MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

In response to evolving priorities within the American Neurotology Society and the broader national landscape surrounding diversity and inclusion, the ANS Council engaged in thoughtful discussion and has renamed the **Diversity and Inclusion Committee** to the **Membership Development and Community Engagement Committee**. This change reflects an expanded focus on fostering membership growth, strengthening engagement, and building a vibrant, connected community, while continuing to uphold our commitment to inclusivity across all aspects of the Society. The Diversity & Inclusion Chairperson title has also been updated to Community Engagement Chair, a role currently held by Dr. Michael Hoa through COSM 2027. We welcome your thoughts and feedback on this update.

EDUCATIONAL PEARLS

The AOS put on two fantastic webinars this year. If you missed them, click on image to watch!

Stay tuned for another AOS webinar on Tinnitus, led by Brad Kesser, AOS Education Director and the Korean Otological Society on June 9, 2026.

Music, Hearing Loss and the Brain: A Conversation with Dr. Francis Collins and Huey Lewis

Speakers

- Francis Collins, MD, PhD, Fmr. Director, National Institutes of Health
- Huey Lewis, Singer-Songwriter, Huey Lewis and the News
- Charles Limb, MD, Scopy Professor / Chief of Otolaryngology, UCSF San Francisco

Wed., March 18
 9:00pm ET
 8:00pm CT
 6:00pm PT

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Sound Mind: Hearing Loss and Cognitive Health Webinar | Wed., Oct. 22, 8:30pm ET / 7:30pm CT / 5:30pm PT

Panelists

- Justin S. Golub, MD, MS, Columbian University
- Richard K. Durgal, MD, MSCI, University of Utah
- Carrie L. Neilman, MD, MPH, Johns Hopkins University

Moderators

- Nancy M. Young, MD, President, AOS
- Sujana S. Chandrasekhar, MD, Post President, AOS
- Bradley W. Kesser, MD, Education Director, AOS

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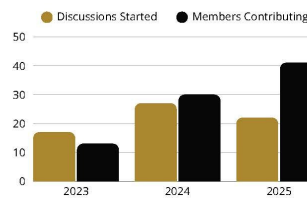
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ANS DocMatter Community

The ANS DocMatter Community continues to serve as a trusted destination for members to discuss difficult cases and practice-related challenges, allowing for shared opinions and expertise. There were more members participating in discussion in 2025 as compared to previous years.



Community Activity



By the end of 2025, there were 20 more members who were participating in discussion as compared to the average for the years prior.

Top 3 Recent Discussions

These discussions had the highest numbers of views and responses since June 2025.

Clinical Suspicion of CSF Leak
 By Garrett G.A. Casale MD

I wanted to ask advice from the community regarding a diagnostic conundrum... hard situation in that my clinical suspicion remains for a lateral skull base CSF leak on the left but I have no evidence of a defect on imaging and his fluid testing has been negative x2.

2,914 views + 10 responses

Intraoperative testing during cochlear implant surgery
 By Barry E. Hirsch MD

What technique of intraoperative testing during cochlear implant surgery do you find most useful for predicting electrode position and successful results at activation?

2,507 views + 9 responses

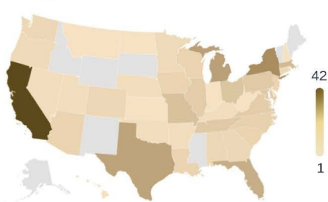
Promotory stimulation for CI candidacy
 By Frank M. Warren MD

I have a 57 year old male with single sided deafness (for approx 50 years) who has developed a fluctuating hearing loss... Are there any other clinicians/facilities that are performing Promotory Stimulation testing for CI candidacy in the US?

1,396 views + 5 responses

Engaged Members

Geographic location of members who were engaged in the last 30 days. There were 17 members outside of the US who are not captured below (Australia, Canada, UK, Columbia, Israel, Jordan, Jamaica, Turkey, Saudi Arabia)



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