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From the Desk of the Secretary-Treasurer

J. Walter Kutz Jr., MD

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
David S. Haynes, MD, MMHC

It is a great honor to serve as President of the American Neurotology Society this year. The ANS has had a profound influence on me and my career, just as it has on many of you. I have served on the ANS Executive Council for many years, and many of our discussions center on how the Society can best serve its membership and, ultimately, the patients entrusted to our care. Those discussions lead to educational initiatives that can affect meaningful change in how we deliver cutting-edge care appropriately and in a timely manner.

The efforts of the ANS are evident in our educational offerings: our Spring Meeting at COSM, our annual Fall Meeting ("Fab Friday"), our study groups, our journal, *Otology & Neurotology*, which we proudly share with our excellent partner, the *American Otological Society*, and the many webinars held throughout the year. For an organization of our size, this represents a tremendous commitment to education. Our leadership remains dedicated to this mission because it provides our members with the latest technologies, techniques, and knowledge to improve outcomes for our patients.

Our previous President, Colin Driscoll, MD, and my friend, wrote in his final presidential message about change. I completely agree with his thoughts. I have always disliked hearing the phrase, "Doctors don't like change." On the contrary, if we did not embrace change, there would be no meetings, study groups, webinars, or journal. We seek out these opportunities because they help us continually improve the care we provide and the outcomes we achieve for our patients.

This year's Fall Meeting reflects many of the themes that have been important throughout my career. These include mentorship and training, improving access to care for underserved patients, and enhancing quality of life through advances in the treatment of hearing, balance, and other neurotologic disorders. Our Study Group Coordinators have worked very hard to develop outstanding case presentations and discussions that will enhance our knowledge. Additional highlights include our Franklin Rizer Memorial Lecturer, *Kyla Terhune, MD, MBA* from the American College of Surgeons, who shares my interest in the science of developing expertise. *Nicole Jiam, MD*, will discuss strategies to improve patient access and strengthen referral pathways within our practices. *Shawn Stevens, MD*, will lead a panel on cochlear implant access. Currently, fewer than 10% of patients who could benefit from a cochlear implant actually receive one, and this discussion will focus on addressing those barriers. *Michael Hoa, MD*, will lead a panel of experts discussing how gene therapy will transform our practices and how we can prepare our clinics for this exciting new era. *Seilesh Babu, MD*, will moderate a panel on controversial topics in our field, including challenging cases, operational issues within our clinics and operating rooms, and medicolegal controversies. There truly is something for everyone at this year's Fall Meeting. Our Education Director, *Christine Dinh, MD,* has worked tirelessly with our moderators and panelists to make this an outstanding educational program.

Finally, in keeping with this year's educational theme, I'd like to highlight the upcoming North American Skull Base Society, (NASBS) Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee. It is a tremendous honor that the ANS has been invited to host an entire pre-meeting day dedicated to Vestibular Schwannoma and NF2 on Thursday, February 25, 2027. This educational program will feature lectures, surgical dissection courses, and cutting-edge hearing preservation techniques. We hope to see a strong turnout from the ANS membership in support of this exciting initiative.

Again, it is a great honor—and one of the highlights of my career—to serve as President of the American Neurotology Society. Thank you for your continued dedication to our Society and to the patients we serve. I look forward to seeing many of you in Los Angeles this October.
More to come…
David

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"FAB FRIDAY" SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

October 16th, 2026
JW Marriott - Los Angeles
Diamond Ballroom 6-10

STUDY GROUP SESSIONS

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
VESTIBULAR STUDY GROUP
Brian Perry, MD & Benjamin Crane, MD, PhD – Coordinators

8:05 AM - 9:05 AM
FACIAL NERVE STUDY GROUP
Daniel Sun, MD & Rick Nelson, MD, PhD – Coordinators

BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS

9:35 AM - 10:35 AM
SKULL BASE TUMOR STUDY GROUP
Courtney Voelker, MD, PhD & Richard Gurgel, MD, MSCI – Coordinators

10:40 AM - 12:00 PM
WILLIAM HOUSE STUDY GROUP
Marc Bennet, MD & Daniel Coelho – Coordinators

A BOX LUNCH & BEVERAGE BREAKS PROVIDED TO ALL REGISTERED ATTENDEES

SCIENTIFIC SESSION

12:45 PM - 1:00 PM – ANS BUSINESS MEETING

1:00 PM - WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS
David S. Haynes, MD, MMHC – ANS President

1:07 PM - 1:37 PM – FRANKLIN M. RIZER MEMORIAL LECTURE
Developing and Maintaining Expertise
Kyla P. Terhune, MD, MBA, FACS

1:38 PM - 1:53 PM – INVITED PRESENTATION
Innovation in Otolaryngology: AI for Patient Access and Referral Intelligence
Nicole T. Jiam, MD

1:54 PM - 2:44 PM – PANEL
Uncomfortable Cases in Neurotology: Ethics, Liability, and Reputation
Seilesh Babu, MD, Moderator

BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS

3:16 PM - 4:06 PM – PANEL
Gene Therapy for Hearing Loss: What's Here, What's Coming, and What's Uncertain
Michael Hoa, MD, Moderator

4:07 PM - 4:17 PM – ANS RESEARCH GRANT PRESENTATION
Role of Endocochlear Potential in TMPRSS3 Cochlear Hair Cell Degeneration
Ryan D. Anderson, MD

4:18 PM - 5:18 PM – PANEL
The Penetrance Problem: A Strategic Discourse on How to Improve Treatment Rates for Hearing Loss
Shawn M. Stevens, MD, Moderator

CLOSING REMARKS/ADJOURN - *David S. Haynes, MD, MMHC*

MANY THANKS TO OUR INDUSTRY PARTNERS!

We are excited to welcome back the tabletop exhibit area for the fourth consecutive year at our Fall Meeting in Los Angeles. This year, 10 industry partners will be participating: Advanced Bionics, Cochlear Americas, Grace Medical, Lilly, MED-EL, Medtronic, Mitaka USA, NSK America, Oticon Medical, and Regeneron. We encourage you to visit their tabletop exhibits, conveniently located just outside the ANS Scientific Session ballroom on the Diamond Level of the JW Marriott throughout Fab Friday. Click on logo to learn more about our industry partners.

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Registration is required for all attendees/speakers!

Registration includes access to all 4 study groups, the scientific program,
a box lunch and beverage breaks throughout the day for just $200! (*member rate*)
Please register early to assist us with the badge production deadline and food & beverage guarantees.

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On Wednesday, October 21, all registered attendees will receive an email from the ANS administrative office with detailed instructions on how to complete your required CME evaluation form and download a CME certificate of attendance for your records. **Attendees will have three weeks to complete their CME evaluation. There is no virtual offering for this meeting.** Certificates of Attendance will be provided in a pdf after completion of the online evaluation form required for the certifying organization. Only registered attendees are eligible for CME hours and ABOHNS credits. We will continue to record your attendance and report your hours to ACS. When completing the form, please be sure you have the correct ABOHNS and ACS ID numbers.

Registered means you have PAID THE ANS REGISTRATION FEE or have been approved to receive COMPLIMENTARY ANS REGISTRATION. This applies to members and nonmembers requesting CME credit and ABOHNS credit.

WHAT TO DO AFTER OUR FAB FRIDAY PROGRAM, YOU ASK?

88th ANNUAL OTOSCLEROSIS STUDY GROUP MEETING

*(*OSG members only)*

5:30 PM | Friday, October 16, 2026| Los Angeles

Flemings Prime Steakhouse & Wine

The Otosclerosis Study Group meeting/banquet will take place at the renowned Flemings Prime Steakhouse & Wine, located at 800 West Olympic Boulevard beginning at 5:30 pm Friday evening, following the ANS Fab Friday program. A highlight of this year's OSG program is the keynote lecture by Professor Julia Dlugaiczyk, MD, from Zurich, Switzerland, titled "*My Otosclerosis Patient Is Dizzy – What to Ask and What to Test Before and After Stapes Surgery*", offering valuable clinical insights for attendees.

To facilitate registration and check-in, attendees may pick up their OSG badge in the Diamond Ballroom Foyer of the JW Marriott between 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM on Fab Friday.

Register today and view additional meeting details: Click here. Again this year, OSG members may sponsor trainees enrolled in a neurotology fellowship program to attend the OSG meeting and banquet. If you are interested in attending or sponsoring a trainee, please contact Dr. John McElveen.

Interested in becoming an OSG member? Membership applications are available here.

EARLY CAREER MEMBERS FALL SOCIAL EVENT

Date: Friday, October 16, 2026

Time: 6:00PM - 8:00PM / Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres

Venue: Level 8 (Mother of Pearl)

Mother of Pearl at Level 8, located atop Level 8's expansive outdoor terrace, featuring stunning views of the Los Angeles skyline and sunset vistas of the Hollywood Hills.

Address: 1254 S Figueroa St, 8th Floor

Level 8 just 0.6 miles from the JW Marriott and is located in the same building as the Moxy and AC Hotel.

RSVP HERE: or use the QR code below.

Please contact Nathan Cass or Phillip Perez, Co-Chairs, ANS Early Career group, with questions.

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ATTENDING THE AAO-HNS/F ANNUAL CONFERENCE?

AAO-HNS/F PRESIDENTS' RECEPTION

Date: Saturday, October 17, 2026

Location: GRAMMY Museum and the Novo

Time: 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Click here for a list of the 134 Otology/Neurotology AAO presentations

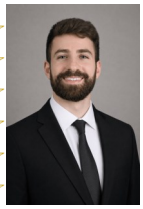
ANS AWARDS FOUR RESEARCH GRANTS!

The ANS offers a number of $25,000 grants each year, to encourage and support academic research in sciences related to the investigation of Otology 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 reviewed a record breaking 24 applications and selected four research grant recipients for funding cycle 2026-2027.

Planning to apply? The application deadline for the 2027–2028 ANS Research Grant funding cycle is March 1, 2027. Additional information, eligibility requirements, and application instructions are available on the ANS website.

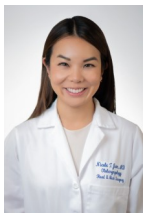
Congratulations to the 2026 ANS Research Grant Award recipients

(in alphabetical order)



Jumah G. Ahmad, MD was selected as a 2026 ANS Research Grant recipient, with funding provided in partnership with the Vestibular Disorders Association (VeDA) and ANS for his grant titled, ***"Assessing Vestibular Dysfunction in Older Cochlear Implant Patients and Identifying High Risk Candidates."*** Dr. Ahmad is currently a Neurotology and Lateral Skull Base Surgery Fellow in the Department of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Utah. He earned bachelor's degrees in Biomedicine and Chemistry from the University of Missouri in Kansas City and completed his medical training at the University of Missouri School of Medicine. He then completed residency training in Otorhinolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston/MD Anderson Cancer Center. Dr. Ahmad will join the faculty at Duke University, where he plans to develop an academic research program focused on technology-forward approaches to clinical and translational research in cochlear implantation and vestibular schwannoma. Under the mentorship of Richard K. Gurgel, MD, and with collaborators in physical therapy, his research will prospectively evaluate older adults undergoing cochlear implantation using patient-reported dizziness measures, wearable motion sensors, and otolith function testing. This study aims to characterize early postoperative vestibular dysfunction, identify patients at increased risk for balance decline and falls, and inform future strategies for perioperative counseling, electrode selection, and vestibular rehabilitation. Outside of work, Dr. Ahmad enjoys fútbal, table tennis, hiking, and spending time with his family.

Peter Dixon, MD MSc was selected as a 2026 research grant recipient for his grant titled, ***"Health Trajectories Across the Adult Lifespan After Cochlear Implantation."*** Dr. Dixon is an Assistant Professor of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) in Charleston, SC. He completed his medical training and his MSc in Clinical Epidemiology at the University of Toronto, followed by fellowship training in Neurotology at the University of California San Diego. His research links a prospective cochlear implant candidacy registry with population-wide longitudinal health records - a dataset uniquely capable of tracking health and healthcare use across decades - to evaluate whether cochlear implantation is associated with preserved aging in place among confirmed adult candidates. Using an emulated target trial framework, this work measures the association between cochlear implantation and "time alive at home" free from institutionalization and acute care and characterizes how associations vary across baseline risk. Outside of work, Dr. Dixon and his wife, Sarah, are kept happily busy by their three young boys.



Nicole T. Jiam, MD was selected as a 2026 ANS Research Grant recipient for her grant titled, ***"Early Cortical Biomarkers of Acoustic–Electric Integration in Single-Sided Deafness Cochlear Implant Users."*** Dr. Jiam is a surgeon-scientist and Assistant Professor in the Division of Otology, Neurotology, and Skull Base Surgery within the Department of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery at the University of California, San Francisco. She earned her bachelor's degree in neuroscience and her medical degree at Johns Hopkins, completed residency training in Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery at UCSF, and a fellowship in Otology/Neurotology at Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts Eye and Ear. Her funded project uses high-density EEG to identify early cortical markers of interhemispheric integration during the first months after cochlear implantation for single-sided deafness, with the goal of developing objective, biomarker-guided tools to predict and improve rehabilitation outcomes. Her broader research program seeks to define the perceptual and neural mechanisms underlying variable cochlear implant outcomes and to translate them into precision, patient-oriented sensory restoration and rehabilitation - uniting psychophysics, electrophysiology, machine-learning prediction, and complex sound and music perception.

Matthew Steinhart, MD, PhD was selected as a 2026 research grant recipient for his grant titled, ***"Cell-State–Specific Transcriptional Programs Associated with Differential Growth of Vestibular Schwannomas***". Dr. Steinhart is currently a PGY3 otolaryngology resident at Indiana University. He earned his bachelor's degree in neuroscience at Johns Hopkins University and completed his MD-PhD at Indiana University School of Medicine. This research project focuses on using single -cell transcriptomic sequencing to investigate molecular pathways associated with fast- and slow-growing vestibular schwannomas. This study aims to identify growth-associated signaling programs and potential therapeutic targets for patients with vestibular schwannoma. Outside of work, he enjoys spending time with his family.

ANS UNDER-REPRESENTED IN MEDICINE TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP

The Community Engagement and Workforce Development Committee is pleased to share several accomplishments with the membership. We received a robust group of applicants for the ANS Underrepresented in Medicine (URiM) Travel Grant and selected two highly competitive and deserving medical students, *Natalia Alvarado Ramos* and *Elena Quiñonez Del Cid*, who will be rotating at Rutgers and UC San Diego, respectively; we extend our sincere thanks to Drs. Mary Ying and Rick Friedman, who have graciously agreed to mentor these students during their rotation.

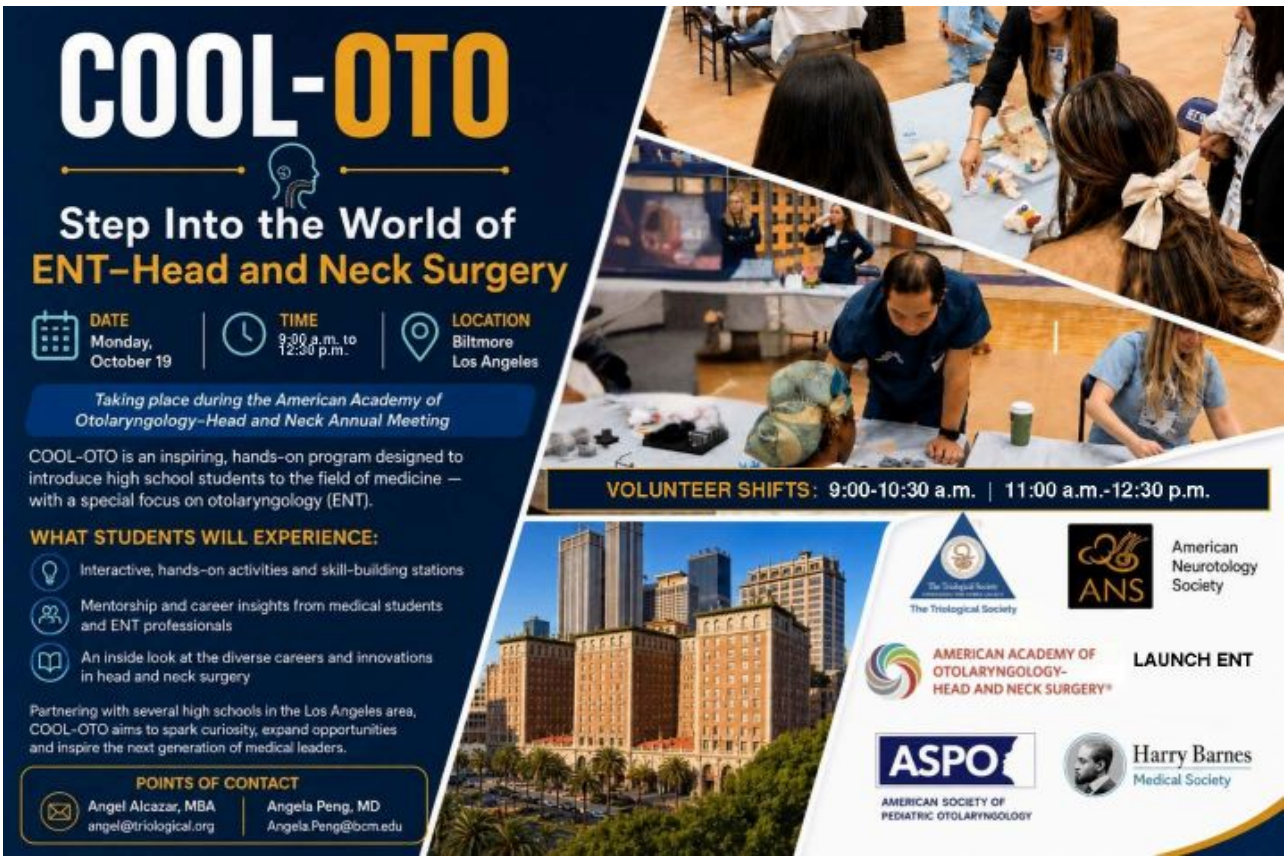
Natalia A. Alvarado Ramos *is a fourth-year medical student at the University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine. Natalia will receive mentorship from Dr. Yu-Lan Mary Ying at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School during her away rotation.*

Elena Quiñonez Del Cid *is a fourth-year medical student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Elena will receive mentorship from Dr. Rick Friedman at the University of California San Diego during her visiting otolaryngology rotation.*

COMMUNITY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING OTOLOGY AND OTOLARYNGOLOGY (COOL-OTO)

We are thrilled to invite the membership to this year's Community Outreach Opportunities for Learning Otology and Otolaryngology (COOL-OTO) event in Los Angeles, taking place **Monday, October 19th at the Biltmore Hotel from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m**. — an inspiring morning of mentorship and hands-on discovery that introduces the next generation to our specialty. This year marks an exciting milestone: moving from the schools to an Academy site is part of our effort to improve the long-term sustainability of the event, and we are delighted to have garnered both financial and manpower support from the AAO-HNSF and the Triological Society, incorporating the Triological Society's ELEVATE-ENT mentored medical student scholars as we bridge efforts across multiple societies.

Dr. Angela Peng, the COOL-OTO Initiative Lead on our committee, and **Angel Alcazar** from the Triological Society, will serve as the main contacts for this event. Please see image below for additional details — we hope you will join us and help spread the word!



ANS STANDING COMMITTEES ROSTER 2026-2027

Five years ago, the American Neurotology Society introduced a formal committee application process to encourage member involvement in Society leadership and service. Each spring, members are invited to apply for appointments to our Standing Committees and other volunteer opportunities. Since the program's inception, we have received more than 200 applications and successfully placed over 90% of applicants who completed the process. We sincerely appreciate the enthusiasm and commitment of our members. Active participation on an ANS Standing Committee provides meaningful opportunities to contribute to the Society's mission, demonstrate leadership, and help shape the future of neurotology.

At this time, all committee appointments for the 2026–2027 year have been filled, and each committee has an appointed Chair. If you were not selected this year, or if your application was received after vacancies had been filled, your application will remain on file for consideration during next year's appointment cycle.

The committee rosters for 2026–2027 are listed below. We extend our sincere appreciation to our Committee Chairs, newly appointed members, and those continuing to serve their three-year terms. We also thank the many volunteers who have completed their committee service and continue to support the Society in other meaningful ways.

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07/25-06/28 - Ashley Nassiri, MD
07/26-06/29 - Ben Lovin, MD

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07/25-06/28 - Emily Stucken, MD - Chair
07/26-06/29 - Robert Hong, MD, PhD
07/26-06/29 - George Liu, MD

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07/25-06/28 - Si Chen, MD
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07/26-06/29 - Mallory Raymond, MD
07/26-06/29 - Ankita Patro, MD
07/26-06/29 - Shawn Stevens, MD
07/26-06/29 - Peter Volsky, MD
07/26-06/29 - Marc Bassim, MD
07/26-06/29 - Nadine Ibrahim, MD
07/19-06/24 - Michael Hoa, MD, PhD, (*CEWD Chair*)
07/25-06/28 - Seilesh Babu, MD (*Socio-Economic Chair*)
07/25-06/28 - Anne Maxwell, MD (*Early Career Rep*)
07/23-06/27 - Aaron Remenschneider, MD, PhD
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07/26-06/29 - Marc Bennett, MD

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07/25-06/28 - Jason Brant, MD
07/25-06/28 - Jay Gantz, MD
07/25-06/28 - Soha Ghossaini, MD
07/26-06/29 - Miriam Smetak, MD
07/26-06/29 - Yu-Lan Mary Ying, MD

TRAINEE MEMBERS, DID YOU RECENTLY COMPLETE YOUR FELLOWSHIP?
THE ONLINE ANS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION IS DUE NOVEMBER 15th FOR ANS INDUCTION IN 2027.
CLICK HERE FOR APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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07/25-06/28 - Daniel Sun, MD
07/25-06/28 - Yin Ren, MD, PhD
07/25-06/28 - Renee Banakis Hartl, MD
07/25-06/28 - Hossein Mahboubi, MD
07/25-06/28 - Marlan Hansen, MD
07/26-06/29 - Christopher Welch, MD, PhD
07/26-06/29 - Ksenia Aaron, MD
07/26-06/29 - Nofrat Schwartz, MD
07/26-06/29 - Robert Labadie, MD, PhD
07/24-06/27 - Tim Hullar, MD (VeDA rep)
07/24-06/27 - Charlotte Hughes, MD (CEWD rep)

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07/26-06/29 - De'Andre Warren, MD
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Courtney Voelker, MD, PhD - Coordinator
Richard Gurgel, MD, MSCI - Coordinator

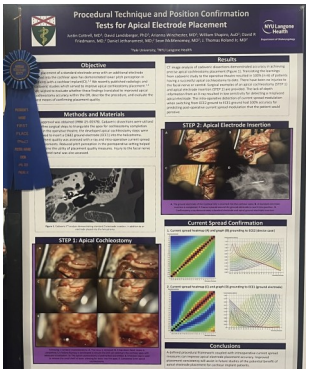
William House Study Group
Marc Bennett, MD—Coordinator
Daniel Coelho, MD—Coordinator

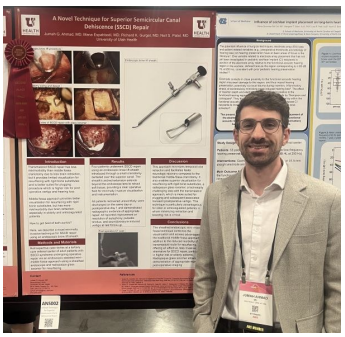
ANS SOCIAL MEDIA

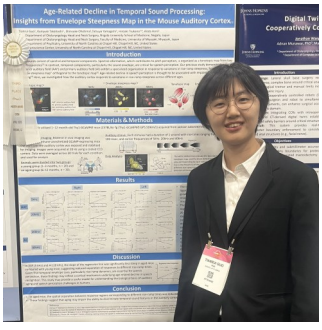
If you are active on Social media/Instagram, won't you follow ANS today! We would like to thank **Denny Bojrab**, ANS Social Media Chair and **Ted Imbery** who will serve as the Social Media Program Chairs for the ANS Fab Friday Meeting in Los Angeles.
Tag ANS in your Social media posts @ansneurotology

ANS 2026 SPRING MEETING
MEMORABLE MOMENTS IN PHOENIX!

Dr. Colin Driscoll, (President), Dr. Walter Kutz (Secretary/Treasurer) and Dr. Nathan Cass (Membership Committee Chair) welcomed 31 new ANS members, ANS honored 6 podium presenters and 3 poster presenters with a cash award. Dr. Michael Link gave the William Hitselberger memorial lecture. Dr. Colin Driscoll passes the gavel to incoming President Dr. David Haynes.







7th ANNUAL NOEL L. COHEN AWARDEE NAMED
CONGRATULATIONS!
Professor Thomas Lenarz, MD, PhD

During the 61st Annual ANS Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, ANS President Dr. Colin Driscoll had the honor of presenting the **7th Annual Noel Cohen Award** to **Professor Thomas Lenarz**. Although Professor Lenarz was unable to attend the meeting in person to accept the award, we are pleased to recognize his extraordinary contributions to the field and congratulate him on this well-deserved honor.

Professor Thomas Lenarz is an internationally recognized leader in otology and neurotology, renowned for his pioneering work in hearing research and cochlear implant technology. He serves as Chairman of the Department of Otolaryngology at the International Neuroscience Institute (INI) and is Senior Professor at Hannover Medical School (Medizinische Hochschule Hannover), Germany. Throughout his distinguished career, Professor Lenarz has helped transform the field of auditory implants through groundbreaking research in cochlear implants and auditory brainstem implants. Under his leadership, the Department of Otolaryngology at Hannover Medical School has become one of the world's premier centers for hearing research, patient care, education, and innovation.

Professor Lenarz has authored hundreds of scientific publications and has received numerous international honors recognizing his contributions to hearing science and implant technology. He continues to lead collaborative clinical research efforts with colleagues around the world, advancing hearing rehabilitation and improving outcomes for patients with hearing loss. His lifelong dedication to scientific discovery, innovation, education, and patient care has profoundly influenced the field of neurotology and continues to improve the lives of patients worldwide.

THE ANS YOUTUBE CHANNEL IS LIVE!

Advancing Science. Improving Care. Connecting Experts.

The American Neurotology Society is pleased to relaunch its official ANS YouTube Channel. Initially created to support the Society's virtual meeting during the COVID-19 pandemic, the channel is now being expanded into a comprehensive educational library that will continue to grow with presentations from past and current ANS meetings, webinars, and special educational programs.

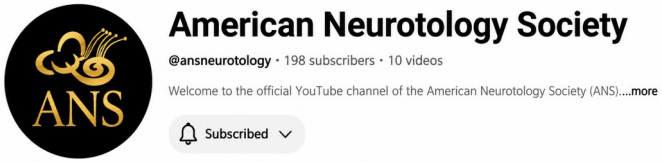
The channel provides on-demand access to educational content for neurotologists, otolaryngologists, fellows, residents, audiologists, researchers, advanced practice providers, and other healthcare professionals dedicated to the care of patients with disorders of hearing, balance, and the lateral skull base.

Did you miss the ANS meeting in Phoenix? **Now available are selected panels and keynote presentations from the 61st Annual ANS Meeting in Phoenix**, with much more content on the way. Over the coming months, the ANS will continue expanding its video library by adding presentations from current and past Spring and Fall Meetings, including:

- Panel Discussions
- Keynote and Named Lectures
- Featured Speaker Presentations
- ANS Webinars

Whether you're revisiting a favorite presentation or catching a session you missed, the ANS YouTube Channel provides members with a growing collection of scientific presentations, invited lectures, webinars, and educational programs from the Society. We encourage all members to **subscribe** and visit the channel regularly as new content is added throughout the year.

Visit the official ANS YouTube Channel:
https://www.youtube.com/@ansneurotology



SAVE THE DATES

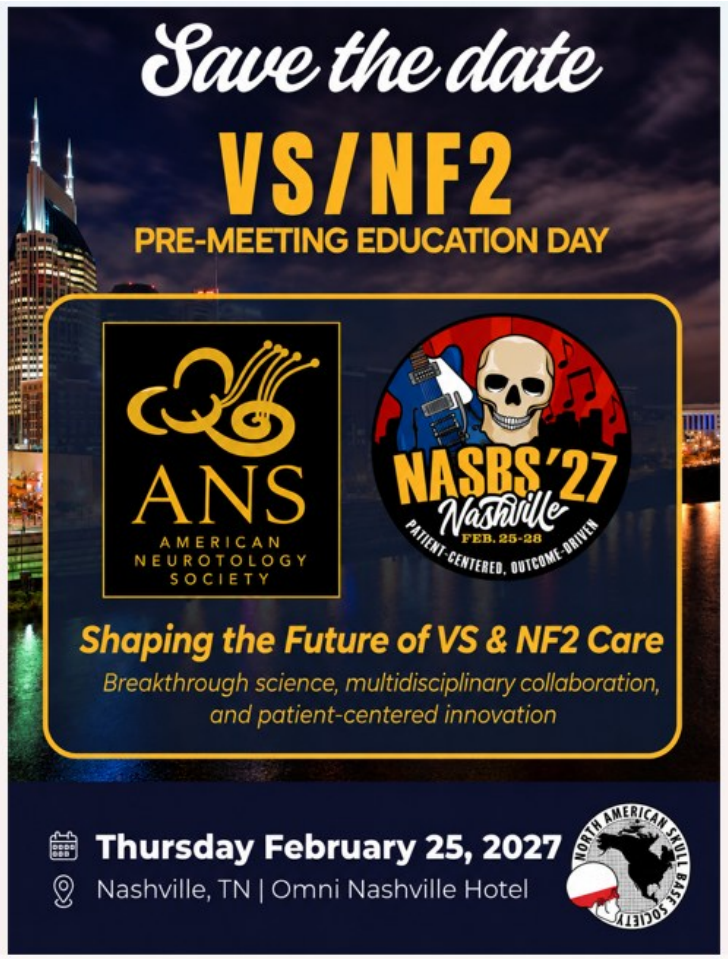
The American Neurotology Society is pleased to partner with the North American Skull Base Society (NASBS) to present a full day of educational programming dedicated to Vestibular Schwannoma and NF2 during the 2027 NASBS Annual Meeting. Join us February 25–28, 2027, at the Omni Nashville Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee.

The NASBS Annual Meeting is the premier gathering for specialists in skull base surgery, bringing together experts from neurosurgery, otolaryngology, head and neck surgery, plastic surgery, and related fields. Attendees will explore cutting-edge research, multidisciplinary collaboration, and innovative techniques across diverse session tracks.

With engaging lectures, hands-on courses, and valuable networking opportunities, the NASBS Annual Meeting fosters meaningful collaboration and advances the future of skull base surgery and patient care.

NASBS President: Zoukaa Sargi ,MD, MPH
Program Chairs: Christine Dinh, MD (ANS Education Director) and Stephen T. Magill, MD, PhD

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU IN NASHVILLE!



REGISTER HERE!

WEBINAR!

Temporal Bone Squamous Cell Carcinoma
Wednesday, August 19, 2026
8:00 PM–9:30 PM Eastern Time

Moderated by ANS Fellow member, **Nathan Lindquist, MD**, this webinar will bring together experts from across the country to discuss the evaluation and multidisciplinary management of temporal bone squamous cell carcinoma. Together, the panelists will offer perspectives from neuroradiology, neurotology, head and neck surgery, medical oncology, and radiation oncology, highlighting the importance of coordinated care for this uncommon and challenging malignancy.

OTOLOGY & NEUROTOLOGY

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Cultivating the Future of *Otology & Neurotology*

It is my esteemed honor to serve as the next Editor-in-Chief of *Otology & Neurotology*. As a leading authority on hearing and vestibular research, this journal plays a central role in shaping scientific discovery and the clinical care of patients; thus, I accept this position with the deepest respect, gratitude, and commitment. The journal's reputation and circulation have continued to rise due to the wise and decisive leadership of Dr. Larry Lustig, to whom I owe a heartfelt thanks for his constant mentorship, patience, and kindness. With this massive responsibility now in my hands, allow me to outline my vision for cultivating the future of *Otology & Neurotology*. As a farmer tills and toils, my vision is to cultivate the roots of excellence of *Otology & Neurotology* to bear fruit of scientific innovation that changes practice, population health, and policy. This work is neither solitary nor simple, and will require collaborative relationships among readers, authors, and editors.

We will work as an editorial team to execute that vision through the following strategies:

Expand the portfolio of evidence-based medicine products and initiatives: This journal has a long tradition of publishing cutting-edge basic science and clinical research within the field, which I am committed to uphold. We will work to expand our portfolio of systematic reviews, consensus statements, and clinical practice guidelines, which have the potential to drive changes in clinical care and increase the journal's impact.

Enrich the reviewer pool and process: Our success depends on the scholarly mentoring and professional enrichment of our future and current reviewers. We will work as an editorial team to develop a reviewer mentorship program to identify the next generation of savvy and insightful reviewers. Furthermore, we will be intentional to incentivize, recognize, and promote reviewers who provide high quality and timely reviews. Enriching and investing in our people will reap meaningful results.

Evolve to meet the needs of researchers and readers: This journal will need to continually adapt to changes in research methodology and to how readers consume content. The rapid expansion and utilization of artificial intelligence in research is driving us to identify proactive leadership and develop transparent policies governing its use. We will work as an editorial team to develop new content categories and dissemination methods that meet the needs of current readership.

Explore global partnerships and promotion: The current journal collections and professional affiliations are global in nature; however, they are somewhat isolated. To embrace our identity as an international forum, we will work to explore new global partnerships and affiliations with professional organizations and meeting organizers to expand our relevance on a global stage.

Otology & Neurotology is rooted in a legacy of excellence. The only way to grow our success is to enrich the soil of our journal. I am committed to roll up my sleeves, cultivate our roots, and work for the *Otology & Neurotology* community as the next Editor-in-Chief.

Respectfully submitted,
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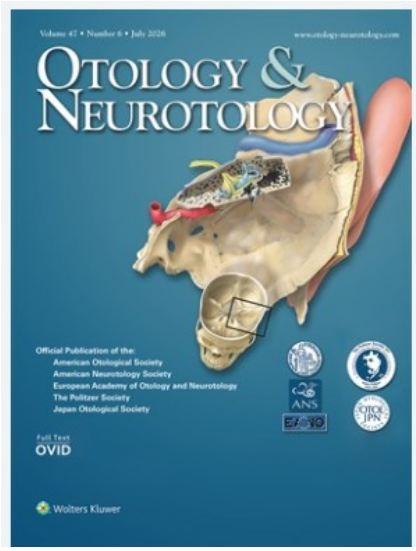

Help Shape the Future of O&N—Become an O&N Reviewer
The Editorial Board is always looking for dependable reviewers who provide thoughtful, timely peer review.

Interested? Contact Kristen Bordignon at the **ANS/AOS Administrative Office** and she will connect you with the right person.

AMERICAN NEUROTOLOGY SOCIETY
62nd ANNUAL SPRING MEETING
CALL FOR PAPERS

AWARDS AVAILABLE

NEUROTOLOGY FELLOWSHIP AWARD ($1000) - The Neurotology Fellow Award was established by the ANS in 1996 to reward scientific excellence. Applicants must be full-time participants in an ACGME approved Neurotology Fellowship.

TRAINEE AWARD ($1000) - ANS offers up to two Trainee awards for the best clinical and basic science paper in Neurotology submitted by a Resident or Fellow in training in the field of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery. Residents from any approved residency program or Fellows in Neurotology in the United States or Canada are eligible to compete.

NICHOLAS TOROK VESTIBULAR AWARD ($1500) - established under the American Neurotology Society (ANS), is presented annually at the Society's Scientific Spring Meeting as part of a yearly lecture series. The subject should be an innovative observation, experience or technique in the field of vestibular basic science or clinical science.

HERBERT SILVERSTEIN AWARD FOR RESEARCH EXCELLENCE IN OTOLOGY/NEUROTOLOGY ($1500)
An annual award endowed by Dr. Herbert Silverstein, presented to a trainee (Otolaryngology resident/Neurotology fellow) or early career clinician (1st five years of practice) for the best research manuscript submission for presentation at the annual ANS Scientific Meeting on the topics of Meniere's disease, vestibular diseases, cochlear implants, vestibular schwannomas and otosclerosis.

VEDA VESTIBULAR RESEARCH TRAVEL AWARD ($1500)
This annual travel grant established in 2025 is generously funded by VeDA, Vestibular Disorders Association, to promote innovation and excellence in vestibular outcomes research. The award will be awarded to the best abstract submitted in this area of research and selected for oral presentation at the annual ANS Spring meeting.

MICHAEL E. GLASSCOCK SCIENTIFIC MERIT AWARD ($1500)
This Award is being granted in recognition of Dr. Glasscock's lifetime commitment to education, research and the advancement of our field. Beginning in 2024, the primary author who submits the abstract receiving the highest composite blinded score, will be named as the recipient of this prestigious award.

SCIENTIFIC POSTER AWARDS - ($500, $300, $200)

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE AMERICAN OTOLOGICAL SOCIETY?

AOS MEMBERSHIP

Are you interested in applying for AOS membership? Have you been in practice for eight years (includes fellowship)?
Do you have a strong publication history? Do you have an outstanding record of generating new knowledge, clinical excellence in otology, & service to other otologic organizations?

The online application, including the following items are due September 1st for consideration in 2027.

- **UPDATED CV** (within 4 months of application date)
- **LIST of publications** and/or a significant body of work (most recent first)
- **PERSONAL STATEMENT**
- **TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

AOS GRANT FUNDING

NOVEMBER 1: Letter of Intent due
DECEMBER 11: Invitation to submit full application
JANUARY 31, 2027: Full application due
APRIL 1, 2027: Preliminary notification of grant status
JUNE 1, 2027: Notification of awards

THESE DEADLINES ARE FOR ALL AOS GRANT MECHANISMS

If you would like to submit a grant for consideration of funding in the next cycle, 2027-2028, in ONE PDF, include a LETTER OF INTENT and PI BIOSKETCH (NIH template), including details regarding other existing support, and any potential overlap with your mentor(s) must be submitted by November 1st of the year prior to funding. The letter of intent must state the desired grant mechanism for the proposal (CSA, Fellowship grant, Clinical Investigation, Research grant or Multi-centered Clinical Cooperative Seed Grant), the Principal Investigator, and Institution(s), a working title, with an abstract and Specific Aims (2 page limit on abstract and aims). Biosketches and a cover letter should accompany the 2 page proposal summary, but it is not included as part of the two page summary. The next funding cycle begins July 1, 2027. Biosketches of all personnel are optional, but will be required if invited to submit a full application.

Complete applications will be invited from selected applicants based on the Research Advisory Board's review of the letters of intent. Applicants will be notified whether they are invited to submit a full application the 2nd week of December. Completed applications must be received by January 31st.

AOS CALL FOR PAPERS

The 160th Annual Meeting of the American Otological Society

Please visit the AOS website for detailed instructions *after* September 1st.

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