

May 14, 2019

To: ANS/AOS Members  
From: Kristen Bordignon, ANS/AOS Administrator

Hi all,

*ANS/AOS receives multiple requests for mass e-mailings and Surveys and Questionnaires to the membership. We realize that our membership has unique expertise which can further our societal objectives of professional education and advancement of neurotology, however the number of requests for email lists and distribution of surveys was growing. The ANS Executive Council wished to provide our membership access to all the possible information that they would like without having multiple e-mail become an ineffective tool.*

*In 2014, ANS introduced a biannual email “blast” to the membership to include announcements, invitations to participate in studies and email surveys of interest to the society. The emails will be sent in May and October annually.*

*Please have your requests for inclusion of surveys or membership queries in this group email sent to all ANS members to Kristen Bordignon, the ANS Administrator, by mid-April or mid-September for inclusion in the subsequent email “blasts” typically sent in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October and May depending on annual meeting dates.*

*With that said, here is the 1<sup>st</sup> “biannual” email of 2019. Please take a moment to open the attached pdf, you will find a wealth of information relevant to the ANS & AOS Societies, including the CFP for Super Saturday study groups and Spring meeting 2020, a few surveys, several courses, and some misc announcements. We do not have the best response rate for the surveys, we are trying to improve that with your help. Although you may not find every announcement or survey relevant to you, those who took the time to prepare the surveys would GREATLY appreciate your consideration and participation. You can access all the links within the pdf. I will post this on the ANS website under Reference & Announcements as well. <https://www.americanneurotologysociety.com/resources-announcements>*

Thanks,  
Kristen

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **The Jahrsdoerfer Visiting Professor Lecture Series**

The Wolff Family  
and  
The University of Virginia Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery

Present

**“Expanding Candidacy Criteria for Cochlear Implantation”**

J. Thomas Roland, Jr., MD  
Chair, Department of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery  
NYU Langone Medical Center

**5:00pm**

**Thursday, May 16, 2019**

Riggs Auditorium

UVA Department of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery

**Livestream the lecture from your computer, tablet or smartphone!**

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/996968589>

For more information, contact Amanda Harris at [alh2j@hscmail.mcc.virginia.edu](mailto:alh2j@hscmail.mcc.virginia.edu)

## **CALL FOR PAPERS - STUDY GROUPS**

**"SUPER SATURDAY"**

**September 14, 2019 - NEW ORLEANS, LA  
HILTON RIVERSIDE HOTEL  
ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS JULY 2**

### **10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FACIAL NERVE STUDY GROUP**

Abstracts will be accepted for 5 minute Facial Nerve study group case presentations followed by discussion between April 8, 2018 and June 3, 2019. 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 Ashley Eikenberry at [administrator@americanneurotologysociety.com](mailto:administrator@americanneurotologysociety.com) by Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Don't forget to include title, submitting author's full name, designation, email, and mailing address. Please limit abstract to 125 words or less; abstract must be in Microsoft WORD format please, no pdf's.

*John P. Leonetti, MD, Coordinator*

### **STEREOTACTIC RADIOSURGERY STUDY GROUP**

The 14th Annual Stereotactic Radiosurgery Study Group meeting will be comprised of two invited presentations followed by interesting case studies and discussion. We are fortunate to have secured two outstanding speakers who will focus their talks on **hearing outcomes** — Dr. Erika Woodson (Cleveland Clinic) will address "*Gamma Knife Surgery*" while Dr. Peter Santa Maria (Stanford) will address "*CyberKnife Radiosurgery.*" This is a "Call for Papers" for case studies or small case series. Abstracts will be accepted between April 8, 2019 and June 3, 2019 for 5 minute SRS SG case presentations followed by discussion. The abbreviated abstracts should include a title AND clinical presentation only. The format may be an "unknown" or "complicated" case or case series presentation. Please submit all abstracts to P. Ashley Wackym, MD at [wackym@neurotology.org](mailto:wackym@neurotology.org) by Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Abstracts must include submitting author's full name, designation, email, and mailing address. Please limit abstract to 125 words or less; abstract must be in Microsoft WORD format please — no PDFs.

*P. Ashley Wackym, MD, Coordinator*

### **WILLIAM HOUSE COCHLEAR IMPLANT STUDY GROUP**

Please plan to attend the 35<sup>th</sup> gathering of the WHCISG as a part of the "Super Saturday" events during the ANS 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall meeting in conjunction with the AAO-HNSF Annual Meeting & OTO EXPO in New Orleans, LA. Difficult/interesting/unusual cases that illustrate novel concepts or management dilemmas are encouraged for presentation and discussion during the first hour. I encourage you all to submit your interesting or perplexing cases to [BuchmanC@wustl.edu](mailto:BuchmanC@wustl.edu) and [emilyharvey@wustl.edu](mailto:emilyharvey@wustl.edu) no later than Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

*Craig A. Buchman, MD, Coordinator*

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**CALL FOR PAPERS**  
**AMERICAN NEUROTOLOGY SOCIETY**  
**55<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Meeting**  
**HILTON ATLANTA**  
**255 COURTLAND STREET NE, ATLANTA, GA**  
**April 24-26, 2020**

**ABSTRACTS ACCEPTED from July 15 - October 15, 2019**

### **AWARDS AVAILABLE**

NICHOLAS TOROK VESTIBULAR AWARD (\$1500)

TRAINEE AWARD (\$1000)

NEUROTOLOGY FELLOW AWARD (\$500)

(\*Abstract must be selected as an ORAL presentation to be considered for the above awards)

Please visit the ANS website for further information & detailed submission instructions after July 15<sup>th</sup>

<https://www.americanneurotologysociety.com>

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**CALL FOR PAPERS**  
**AMERICAN OTOLOGICAL SOCIETY**  
The 153<sup>rd</sup> Annual Spring Meeting  
**HILTON ATLANTA**  
255 COURTLAND STREET NE, ATLANTA, GA  
April 24-26, 2020

**ABSTRACTS ACCEPTED from July 15 - October 15, 2019**

**AWARDS AVAILABLE**  
**RESIDENT RESEARCH TRAVEL AWARD\* (2)**

*for*

Outstanding Clinical or Basic Science Manuscripts

**Deadline line for Submission: October 15, 2019**

(\*Abstract must be selected as an ORAL presentation to be considered for this award)

A complete manuscript is required before 12/2/19

**AOS PRIVATE PRACTICE AWARD**

Members of AOS in private practice are eligible to receive special recognition and a \$500 award for research conducted in a private practice setting. This award was established by Dr Charlie Leutje, when in 2016, as the esteemed AOS Award of Merit recipient, he donated back his honorarium. The focus of this award is to recognize the important contributions to be made to the field of otology in clinical practice outside the halls of academia. The award is intended to encourage otologists in private practice to present their best research to the American Otological Society. Private practice, in this context, includes but is not restricted to practices that are affiliated with teaching institutions, and excludes practices that are primary sponsors of a residency or fellowship training program.

- The private practice otologist must be the primary author/presenter and provide the main inspiration for the paper.
- The Program Advisory Committee must select the abstract as an oral presentation to be considered, (poster presentations are not eligible for this award).
- The recipient will be expected to attend the Annual AOS Spring Meeting to present the paper.

Please see website for further information and online submission instructions after July 15<sup>th</sup>.

<http://www.americanotologicalsociety.org>

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**Have you set up your DocMatter online profile yet?**

If you wish to join the ANS DocMatter community, you will be paired with a Clinician Advocate to set up your profile. You can provide as much or as little information about yourself, your affiliations, and areas of expertise as you are comfortable with. [Click here](#) to send an email to the support team who will contact you and begin to set up your profile. We anticipate this to be an efficient and rewarding means for obtaining consultations from colleagues and sharing insight of your experiences. Please be reassured we are not sharing your email or contact information with DocMatter, this is a voluntary complimentary service exclusive to ANS members. Dr. Robert Hong, Chair of the ANS Social media Committee will be the liaison between ANS members and Doc Matter.

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**NIDCD'S NATIONAL TEMPORAL BONE, HEARING AND BALANCE PATHOLOGY RESOURCE REGISTRY**

[Click here](#) to read the latest edition of *The Registry*, a semi-annual newsletter of the [NIDCD's National Temporal Bone, Hearing and Balance Pathology Resource Registry](#), which is housed at Massachusetts Eye and Ear in Boston and run by Dr. Joseph B. Nadol. This organization serves as a resource for scientists around the globe to analyze data from a collection of more than 12,000 temporal bone specimens. The newsletter communicates the advances and opportunities in otopathology, targeted primarily towards physicians and researchers.

## SURVEYS

### Pediatric Otologic Surgery Post-Operative Pain Management

Dear ANS and AOS members,

We are conducting a survey to assess **Pediatric Otologic Surgery Post-Operative Pain Management** prescribing patterns and would like to enlist your help. There are no studies in the literature that examine the post-operative pain management medication following tympoplasty, mastoidectomy, and cochlear implant in children. We would like to examine the prescribing patterns following these surgeries and see if narcotics are still being prescribed in pediatric population.

The study consists of 17 questions and should take you around 5 minutes to complete. Your participation in this research is voluntary. You have the right to withdraw at any point during the study, for any reason, and without any prejudice. If you would like to contact the Principal Investigator in the study (Dr. McKinnon) to discuss this research, please e-mail me at [bmckinnon@phillyent.com](mailto:bmckinnon@phillyent.com)

By clicking the button below, you acknowledge that your participation in the study is voluntary, you are 18 years of age, and that you are aware that you may choose to terminate your participation in the study at any time and for any reason.

Survey Link: <https://goo.gl/forms/RohZRDxFaO1MHEjV2>

Thank you,

Brian J. McKinnon, M.D., M.B.A., M.P.H., F.C.P.P., F.A.C.S.

Associate Professor and Vice Chair, Department of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery

Associate Professor, Department of Neurosurgery

Drexel University College of Medicine

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### SEEKING TISSUE SAMPLES!

#### Molecular landscape of vestibular schwannomas after malignant transformation

In our recent study analyzing subtypes of vestibular schwannoma (VS) tissue samples, using whole genome sequencing, we were able to demonstrate that cystic and previously radiated samples are a different subtype of VS tumors with increase mutation burden and a unique genetic imprint. Even more impressive was analysis of a sample from a patient whose tumor underwent a malignant change. This sample demonstrated a very high tumor burden with its own signature of mutational imprint. High quality, high-resolution sequencing, allowed us to identify potential differences in the genomic and molecular landscape of malignant transformation of VS when compared to naïve solid VS.

In our study, **our aim is to utilize a multi-center approach in a team-driven ecosystem in hopes to elucidate oncogenic markers of malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumor (MPNST) variant of vestibular schwannoma.** Given the rarity of MPNST and the severity of this tumor, our hope is to be able to gather a large tumor sample analysis of MPNST VS from available cases from around the Neurotology community, and collectively perform molecular profiling on these samples using next generation sequencing. **We anticipate uncovering** unique genetic make-up of these tumor samples **enabling us** to shine a better light on understanding tumorigenesis and the potential of treatment effects.

If your institution has a tumor sample of a patient that had VS with MPNST or failed previous radiation therapy, and you would like to participate in this study, please e-mail us and we will get in touch with you to establish a formal collaboration that could lead to fruitful discovery.

Ksenia A. Aaron, MD ([kaaron@stanford.edu](mailto:kaaron@stanford.edu)) and Rick A. Friedman MD, PhD, ([rafriedman@ucsd.edu](mailto:rafriedman@ucsd.edu))

T32 Clinician-Scientist Neurotology Fellow

Stanford University

Department of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery

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## **Intratympanic Steroid Injections for Idiopathic Sudden Sensorineural Hearing Loss**

Dear Colleagues,

I am a second-year medical student interested in Otorhinolaryngology and warmly invite you to participate in a survey we are conducting through the Mayo Clinic. The purpose of our study is to determine the most popular regimen for intratympanic steroid injections for idiopathic sudden sensorineural hearing loss. The survey will take less than three minutes. We will not collect any identifying information about you. Participation is completely voluntary and there is little risk of breach of confidentiality. IRB approval was obtained (19-003243), and any questions should be forwarded to Higgins.Michelle@mayo.edu, or to the Mayo Clinic Institutional Review Board at 507-266-4000 or by email at [irbservicecenter@mayo.edu](mailto:irbservicecenter@mayo.edu)

By clicking the link below, you signify your consent to participate in the study.

<https://redcap3.mayo.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=F338393NCL>

Thank you for your time and participation.

Sincerely,

Michelle Higgins, PhD, MS2  
Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine  
higgins.michelle@mayo.edu | 785-587-7231  
ANS Member Affiliations: David M. Barrs, MD; Peter A. Weisskopf, MD

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## **Anxiety in Otolaryngologists**

We are interested in elucidating what role, if any, anxiety plays in surgeon's professional lives. We are interested in what types of surgical situations cause stress and anxiety, how surgeons cope with stress and anxiety, and if factors such as age, gender and type of practice affect these. The study consists of 13 questions and should take you around 4 minutes to complete. Your participation in this research is voluntary and **your responses are completely anonymous**. We thank you for your participation.

[https://weillcornell.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_5jtR9UvtrBeJ7Pn](https://weillcornell.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5jtR9UvtrBeJ7Pn)

Sincerely,

Maja Svrakic, MD, MEd (contact: [msvrakic@northwell.edu](mailto:msvrakic@northwell.edu))  
Richard V. Smith, MD  
John P. Bent III, MD

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## **Teaching Surgical Skills in Otolaryngology**

We are interested in understanding how surgical instructors acquire teaching skills, what their attitudes are towards trainees and what their motivations are towards getting better at teaching surgical skills to trainees. The study consists of 12 questions and should take you around 3 minutes to complete. Your participation in this research is voluntary and **your responses are entirely anonymous**. We thank you for your participation.

[https://weillcornell.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_7WHiFGv68LQdy8R](https://weillcornell.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7WHiFGv68LQdy8R)

Sincerely,

Maja Svrakic, MD MEd (contact: [msvrakic@northwell.edu](mailto:msvrakic@northwell.edu))

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## **Gender Differences in ENT Training**

We are interested in understanding what your perceptions are regarding gender differences in Otolaryngology training.

The study consists of 19 questions and should take you around 5 minutes to complete. Your participation in this research is voluntary and **your responses are entirely anonymous**. We thank you for your participation.

[https://weillcornell.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9tSCgs7IHN0A4p7](https://weillcornell.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9tSCgs7IHN0A4p7)

Sincerely,

Maja Svrakic, MD MEd and John P. Bent III, MD (contact: [msvrakic@northwell.edu](mailto:msvrakic@northwell.edu))

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**COURSE ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
*(no affiliation with the American Neurotology Society)*  
*in chronological order*  
(Click on course title for details)

**COLUMBIA ENDOSCOPIC EAR, EUSTACHIAN TUBE, AND SINUS SURGERY COURSE 2019**

[www.entcolumbia.org/columbia-endoscopic-ear-eustachian-tube-and-sinus-surgery-course-2019](http://www.entcolumbia.org/columbia-endoscopic-ear-eustachian-tube-and-sinus-surgery-course-2019)

May 16-17 2019

New York, NY

Presented by Dr. Justin S. Golub & Dr. David A. Gudis

*After a tremendously successful inaugural course in 2018, we are thrilled to present again the only course of its kind in the New York metropolitan area, and one of a select few in the world. The first course sold out with participants from all over the world. This highly specialized course will introduce cutting edge surgical techniques and the latest advances in patient care, including transcanal endoscopic ear surgery, transnasal Eustachian tube surgery (including balloon dilation), and advances in endoscopic sinus and skull base surgery.*

*The target audience is regional and national otolaryngologists, including both general community otolaryngologists as well as subspecialists and academic practitioners. The course will be open to surgeons at all levels of training, from experienced attending physicians to residents-in-training. The course features an individualized registration structure to allow a 1-day otology-focused, 1-day rhinology focused, or 2-day comprehensive experience. Eustachian tube surgery will be included on both days.*

*We will feature influential leaders and internationally recognized experts as faculty, and we will target respected community otolaryngologists among our distinguished participants. Our surgical technique lectures will include very specific tips and pearls, including instruments, manufacturers, and devices to put new management concepts and the latest technologies in our course participants' hands.*

**3<sup>RD</sup> WORLD CONGRESS ON ENDOSCOPIC EAR SURGERY**

[www.endoearboston.com](http://www.endoearboston.com)

June 13-15, 2019

Boston, MA

***2019 Congress Highlights***

- *Eustachian tube surgery*
- *Endoscopic-assisted cochlear implant surgery*
- *Endoscopic drug delivery approaches for outer and inner ear regeneration*
- *Advances in endoscopic lateral skull base surgery*
- *Exoscope-assisted otologic and skull base surgery*

**ACI ALLIANCE CLINIC RESEARCH CONFERENCE**

[www.acialliance.org/page/CI2019](http://www.acialliance.org/page/CI2019)

CI 2019 Pediatrics, Treating the Whole Child

July 11-13, 2019

Hollywood, FL

Scientific Committee:

*Fred Telischi, MD / Scientific Program Chair*

*Ivette Cejas, PhD, Scientific Program Co-Chair*

Main Themes:

- *Beyond the CI: The Role of Therapy, Education, and Family Engagement*
- *Moving the Field Forward: Expanding Indications & Special Needs Populations*
- *New Models of Service Delivery: Models for a Global Healthcare Market*
- *Complex Cases: Surgical and Audiological Management*
- *Advancements in Pediatric CI: Science, Technology, and Medicine*

### **ENDOSCOPIC MIDDLE EAR SURGERY DISSECTION COURSE**

[www.nyee.edu/education/cme/middle-ear-surgery](http://www.nyee.edu/education/cme/middle-ear-surgery)

Course dates: October 4-5, 2019

New York Eye and Ear Infirmary of Mount Sinai

310 East 14th Street, NY, NY 10003

Course Directors: George Wanna, MD and Maura Cosetti, MD

*The Department of Otolaryngology at New York Eye and Ear Infirmary of Mount Sinai is holding a two day course on endoscopic ear surgery (EES). This course is intended for practicing otolaryngologists, neurotologists, pediatric otolaryngologists, fellows and otolaryngology residents in training with a range of experience in middle ear surgery who would like to begin, expand or refine their skills in endoscopic ear surgery. The course is comprised of lectures, laboratory dissections of the temporal bone, live surgery and panel discussions.*

### **HAIR CELL REGENERATION AND HEARING RESTORATION**

[www.nyas.org/events/2019/hair-cell-regeneration-and-hearing-restoration/](http://www.nyas.org/events/2019/hair-cell-regeneration-and-hearing-restoration/)

Tuesday, October 8, 2019, 8:30 AM – 6:00 PM

The New York Academy of Sciences in New York City

*This symposium will bring together experts of the auditory system and hair cell regeneration to give an overview of the recent advancements in the field, identify knowledge gaps, and outline future directions towards a cure for age-related hearing loss.*

### **7TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON BONE CONDUCTION HEARING AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES**

[www.osseo2019.com/](http://www.osseo2019.com/)

December 11-14, 2019

Miami Beach, FL

Course Directors: Fred F Telischi, MEE, MD, FACS & Hillary Snapp, AuD, PhD

*The aim of the conference is to provide researchers and practitioners from both academia as well as industry a forum to meet and share cutting-edge development in the field. As a considerable number of projects are collaborative research with industry partners, and findings discussed at the symposium are of great interest for the development of new and improved products, the symposium is beneficial for all those involved in this field, professionals and manufacturers alike.*

*The mission of the 2019 symposium is to drive evidenced-based science and methodology in the evaluation and management of patients with bone conduction devices and related technologies. This will include invited lecturers, free paper presentations, scientific debates, poster presentations, workshops and practical training sessions.*

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*We would love to put a face with a name, if you have not uploaded your picture to your ANS profile, please do so. Questions about log-in, password, user ID, or website in general, may be directed to Kristen Bordignon. For CME or membership questions, please direct your questions to Ashley Eikenberry.*

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