Quarterly Section Update
AHNS Endocrine Section
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Vision: To provide an organizational home for all surgeons who have a special interest in endocrine surgery, under the umbrella of the American Head and Neck Society.

Mission: To advance education, research, and quality of care for the patient with thyroid and parathyroid diseases.

AHNS-ES at COSM 2022:

Tuesday April 26, 2022:
Endocrine Section Meeting
Time: 11:45-12:45

AHNS Thyroid and Parathyroid Surgery Course for Residents and Fellows
Time: 1:15 - 5:15

Thursday April 28, 2022:
Endocrine Oral Abstract Session
Time: 9:00 - 9:45

Endocrine I: “To operate is human, to ablate is divine? A debate about the ablation of thyroid lesions”
Time: 3:15 - 4:05

Endocrine II: “Can you see what I see? Finding Parathyroids and Autofluorescence”
Time: 4:05 - 5:00

Recent Section Events:

- On February 19, 2022, The AHNS-ES along with the British Association of Endocrine and Thyroid Surgeons (BAETS) had its 3rd joint webinar, “The Retrosternal Goitre”. It was well attended by over 190 participants. We anticipate it will serve as a springboard for an international session at the 11th International Conference in 2023 and another section paper on the subject.

- Dr. Cauley, et al’s paper Trends in Diagnosis of Noninvasive Follicular Thyroid Neoplasm With Papillarylike Nuclear Features and Total Thyroidectomies for Patients With Papillary mentioned in last quarter’s newsletter is already getting noticed: 1468 views since appearing online 11/24/21 and an Altmetric score of 22. AHNS-ES papers
The Endocrine Section Grant Awards for 2022: Two $10,000 grants are offered from our section for research on endocrine topics. These were open for submissions in December 2021 and will be announced at COSM 2022.

Thanks to our corporate partners Stryker and Eisai, Drs. Gregory Randolph (Section Chair 2018-2021) and William Armstrong, Ms. Coleen Elkins, and others for initiating and perpetuating these unique section specific AHNS grants.

2021 AHNS ES Survey results: This survey was distributed to the entire section of over 400 members in the fall of 2021 after changing section leadership. 71 surveys were returned. Totals may exceed 100% for some questions asked. The results were:

- Fellowship training: 94% HNS, 7% as endocrine surgeons, 6% as other.
- Board Certification: 89% OTOHNS, 15% Surgery.
- Practice setting: 73% Academic, 18% health system employed, 6% physician group employed, 15% other.
- Engage in Physician Training: Train residents 85%, Train fellows 59%, no trainees 10%.
- Sub-specialty self-designation: HNS 85%, Endocrine surgeon 31%, Other 4%.
- Average case volume: 66 Thyroid cases and 65 Parathyroid cases.
- Participate in clinical research: Clinical: 79% Yes Basic: 24% Yes

Section Focus should be:

Best Practices/Guidelines (#1)

Committee Interest to Serve:
Recent AHNS Endocrine Section Publications:


Management of Pediatric Graves Disease: A Review. Lourdes Quintanilla-Dieck, MD1; Hedieh K. Khalatbari, MD2,3; Catherine A. Dinauer, MD4; Jeffrey C. Rastatter, MD5,6; Daniel C. Chelius Jr, MD7,8; William R. Katowitz, MD9; Maisie L. Shindo, MD1; Marguerite T. Parisi, MD, MSEd2,3; Ken Kazahaya, MD10,11. JAMA Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg. [https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamaotolaryngology/fullarticle/2785100]


Committee Activities:
The Social Media and Website committee announced their latest twitter event, co sponsored with ThyCa, held 12/9/21 entitled "Modern treatment shifts in thyroid cancer care". The
December 2021 chat was our most successful ever to date. See the record of impressions below:

The Research committee is creating a document to prioritize and track future section research projects. If you have suggestions, please contact Nishant Agrawal (nagrawal@surgery.bsd.uchicago.edu) or Julia Noel (jnoel@stanford.edu).

The Patient Care/Education committee has continued its collaboration with ThyCa, the world’s largest thyroid cancer survivor organization. Members Louise Davies and Vinny Dhillon presented at the organization’s virtual national meeting in the fall. A collaborative study with the organization addressing physician patient communication was completed and will undergo review by Section leadership.

The Pediatric committee is proud to announce it recent publication Outcomes in Pediatric Thyroidectomy: Results From a Multinational, Multi-institutional Database cited above.

The Technology and Innovation committee is proud to announce their publication noted above on radiofrequency ablation. Additionally, some committee members have also been asked to help host the AAES RFA course at their annual meeting in Cleveland, OH. https://www.endocrinesurgery.org/2022-annual-meeting-courses. Finally, members of this group are also presenting at the 4th annual meeting of ISITES focused on parathyroid autofluorescence and thyroid RFA, https://isitesurgery.org/

Other endocrine surgery related activities from our section members:


A webinar on Thyroid Cancer held January 14, 2022 was sponsored by the University of Chicago, Delhi India Center. This event targeted surgeons and future AHNS members in the nation of India. There were 300 participants. https://uchicago.box.com/s/7g5q1vazgjl1chnekbtt520bu5kwi333
Section members who participated include: Nishant Agrawal, MD (organizer), Ashok Shaha, MD, Greg Randolph, MD, Brendan C. Stack, Jr., MD and Cherie Ann Nathan, MD. They were joined by local surgeon who served as moderators, discussants, and presenters.

Upcoming events of interest to the endocrine section and its members:
• Please join us on Thurs Mar 10th (5p Pacific/8p Eastern) for the next #AHNSChat! This ongoing 1 hour Twitter chat that has been extremely helpful in fostering collaboration with this patient survivor group. The topic will be "Medullary Thyroid Cancer." Please RSVP to Allen Ho (allen.ho@cshs.org) if you can attend, so that we can post the MD panelists on Twitter in advance.

• April 9, 2022, Virtual World Conference on Thyroid Cancer. More information can be obtained at secretariat@thyroidworldcongress.com

AHNS Twitter Chat Calendar (Mark your Calendars) #ahnschat
Thurs Mar 10, 2022 at 5pm Pacific/8pm Eastern
Thurs Jun 16, 2022 at 5pm Pacific/8pm Eastern
Thurs Sep 8, 2022 at 5pm Pacific/8pm Eastern
Thurs Dec 8, 2022 at 5pm Pacific/8pm Eastern

11th International Conference on Head and Neck Cancer, July 8-12, 2023, The Palais des congrès, Montréal, QC Canada. We have excellent representation on the planning committee and discussions are underway for an endocrine section pre meeting session as well as subject matter related to our section to be integrated into the program. Stay tuned for more specific section related updates in the upcoming section newsletters.

News relevant to the section and its members is always welcomed and desired. Please forward these items to Brendan C. Stack, Jr., MD, section chair and newsletter editor, at bcstackjr@gmail.com

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