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.

Charge: The Endocrine Surgery Section has the goal of becoming the premier organization for all surgeons with an interest in Head and Neck Endocrine Surgery while improving patient care, research and education in this arena.

Recent Section Events:

AHNS-Endocrine Section at COSM 2022.
As of the section meeting, we had 424 members. Our annual section meeting held preceding 2022 COSM was well attended by over 40 participants (not all pictured).
The section meeting minutes:

https://www.ahns.info/endocrine/endocrine-mtg-minutes/

COSM Courses:

Annual Residents and Fellows Endocrine Surgery Course
Drs. Scharpf, Marika Russell led the course with speakers: Drs. Hales, Li, Noel, Shonka, Iwata, Jon Russell, Rohde, Zafereo, Tang, Stack, Orloff, Terris, Sniezek, Tufano, Singer, Randolph, and Cotrill. There were 23 attending the ultrasound course and 28 attending the resident/fellow course.

ACS Exported Neck Ultrasound Course
During the AHNS pre conference meeting, the first national post-COVID ACS Thyroid, Parathyroid, and Neck Ultrasound Course was held. There were 24 physicians and over a dozen faculty members that participated in the all day course that included morning didactics and an afternoon hands on practical lab. Very positive feedback was received from those that took the course.

COSM Endocrine Talks:
AHNS26 - "The Value of Second Opinions on Thyroid Nodule Management Provided via Direct-to-Consumer Telemedicine Service"
AHNS27 - "Impact of Hospital Safety Net Burden on Thyroid Cancer Survival"
AHNS28 - "Can Afirma® Expression Atlas prognosticate suspicious and malignant thyroid nodules nodules?"
AHNS29 - "Update on Safety and Outcomes of 300 Consecutive Transoral Thyroidectomy Cases"
AHNS30 - "Opioid Prescribing in Patients Undergoing Neck Dissection for Thyroid Malignancy"
AHNS31 - "Patient Compliance with Surveillance of Thyroid Nodules Classified as Atypia of Undetermined Significance"

COSM Panels:
Endocrine I: RFA
Drs. Singer (Moderator), Agrawal (Moderator), Tufano, Marika Russell, Jon Russell, and Maisie Shindo
Recent AHNS Endocrine Section Publications:


Recent Webinar:
Committee Activities:

- **Social Media and Website committee**
  Please join us next Thurs June 16 (5p Pacific/8p Eastern) for the next #AHNSChat! This ongoing Twitter chat that has been extremely helpful in fostering collaboration with ThyCa, the premier patient survivor group. The topic will be “Thyroid Hormone Replacement,” a highly controversial topic for surgeons, endocrinologists, and patients. This is exactly the kind of topic where all stakeholders can learn from one another through Twitter. 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.

- **Research committee**
  The research committee has been working on developing multi-institutional protocols on thyroid cancer and hyperparathyroidism. We are also collaborating with the Patient Education committee to create a pre-operative assessment tool for patients and providers to help with decision making and counseling in thyroid surgery.

- **Patient Care/Education committee**
  The Patient Education Committee submitted a research publication was recently submitted for publication by our group, on a study of thyroid cancer survivors and members of ThyCa. In addition, we have connected with the research committee to plan our next investigation to enhance patient communication and education.

- **Pediatrics committee**
  Our members put together a thyroid panel proposal and it was accepted as a panel presentation at the 2022 AAOHNS annual meeting to be held in Philadelphia, PA.

- **Technology and Innovation committee**
  The committee is planning a “technology tent” event for the July 2023 International Meeting. Also, the committee is correlating future research projects involving emerging technologies.

- **International committee**
  No report

- **Professional Education committee**
  No report

- **Patient Care & Education committee**
  No report

Other endocrine surgery related activities from our section members:
Dr. Stack was interviewed for “Pinpointing primary hyperparathyroidism”, American College of Physicians (ACP) Internist, March 2022.

Drs. Greg Randolph and Erivelto Volpi presented at “T.N.T Association Webinar on Thyroid RFA”, April 9, 2022, a webinar with over 800 international participants.


Dr. Stack presented a webinar on “The Diagnosis and Surgical Treatment of parathyroid disease” for the Department of Surgery, Medical Faculty, Universitas Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia, May 13, 2022. Universitas Indonesia is their nations largest healthcare facility. We were joined by members of the Indonesian Society of Surgical Oncology.

Dr. Jon Russell (Chair, Innovation and Technology Committee) helped host the AAES RFA course at the American Association of Endocrine Surgery annual meeting in Cleveland, OH, May 22-24, 2022.

https://www.endocrinesurgery.org/2022-annual-meeting-courses

Dr. Stack presented a webinar on "Hypercalcemia, hyperparathyroidism, and global health", Medisetter, Ho Chi Min, Vietnam, May 27, 2022.

The AHNS ES Collaborates with endocrine surgeons and other physicians worldwide!

These are the collaborating societies that contributed to our recent RFA paper (Spring Quarter Newsletter).

Upcoming events of interest to the endocrine section and its members:

This is an online event free for residents and fellows. It is being co-lead by our sections own Dr. Gregory Randolph and features other section members speaking: Drs. Jeremy Freeman, Liddy Whitney, Caitlin McMullin, Julia Noel, Lisa Orloff, Marika Russell, Joseph Scharpf, Ashok Shaha, Amanda Silver, and David Stewart. Content is available from 0700 to 1600 EDT on 6/4/2022 at: www.thyroidcancer2022.org

Registration is free for fellows and residents. If interested please contact: senol.yanik@serenas.com.tr

AHNS Twitter Chat Calendar (Mark your Calendars) #ahnschat
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

AHNS ES Webinars for 2022
Stay tuned for more dates and topics.

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*