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.

We have a special Twitter chat that will coincide with Thyroid Cancer Awareness Month and is a terrific way to engage with thyroid cancer patients through ThyCa (Thyroid Cancer Survivor’s Association). See separate email and below.

**You may have heard?** A focused practice designation (FPD) for endocrine surgery of the neck (Thyroid/Parathyroid) is being developed under the auspices of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS). This effort is being guided by a joint group of the American Boards of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery and Surgery. The details are being developed and negotiated are not yet available. The AHNS Endocrine Section is planning education events addressing this topic to include a possible “Town-hall” webinar and a podcast to be available in early 2023. Please pay attention to subsequent announcements on these activities.


**Recent Section Events:**

June 26, 2022: THYCa & Endocrine Section Twitter Chat  
Organized by the Social Media & Website Committee lead by Drs. Ho and Shonka.
Recent AHNS Endocrine Section Publications:

Upcoming AHNS Endocrine Section Publications:
"Unmet Information Needs of Thyroid Cancer Patients: A Mixed Method Analysis of a Survey".

“NIRAF (Near infrared auto-fluorescence) Narrative Review”.

Committee Activities:
- Social Media and Website committee
Under the leadership of Drs. Ho and Shonka, the committee is pleased to offer another joint Twitter session with ThyCa in recognition of September being Thyroid Cancer Awareness month:
The research committee under the guidance of Drs. Argrawal and Noel continues to make progress on building multi-institutional collaboration, and recently participated in the THYCOVID study, an international study on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on surgery for indeterminate thyroid nodules and thyroid cancers. Additionally, under the leadership of Dr. Tony Eskander, has produced a document that outlines the steps to effectively perform multi-institutional research. This document will be refined and operationalized by the research committee.

- Patient Care/Education committee
No report.
- Pediatric committee
No report.
- Technology and Innovation committee
Under the leadership of Drs. Jon Russell and Shonka, the committee is working closely with the organizers of the International Conference committee to have a hands-on vendor tent on July 8, 2023. More details to follow.
- Professional Education committee
The Professional Education committee under the leadership of Drs. Scharpf and Marika Russell held a productive webinar in May on management of advanced thyroid cancer. A joint AHNS/LATAM webinar on advances in management of hyperparathyroidism will be held September 21st at 7pm EST. A webinar addressing the recent AHNS/ITOG consensus statement on mutational testing in thyroid cancer is being planned for December 2022.
- International Affairs Committee
No report.

Other endocrine surgery related activities from our section members:

Drs. Ashok Shaha and Jeremy Freeman participated in a panel discussion “Thyroid Cancer Tumor Board” as part of IFNOS Virtual World Tour 2022, Western Hemisphere, June 18, 2022.

Dr. Jon Russell was featured in the June 2022 issue of VideoEndocrinology hosting a discussion on “state-of-the-art transoral robotic surgery” as part of the journal’s Fireside Chat Expert Review Series.

Dr. Stack delivered lectures on “AHNS-ES Guidelines on RA” and “The potential Role for RFA in Primary Hyperparathyroidism” at the IRCAD course in Rio de Jainero, Brazil July 21-22, 2022.

Drs. Tufano and Volpi spoke at the IV Brazilian Thyroid RFA Course in Rio de Jainero, Brazil July 22-23, 2022.
Upcoming AHNS Twitter Chat Calendar (Mark your Calendars) #ahnschat
Thurs Sep 8, 2022 at 5pm Pacific/8pm Eastern
Thurs Dec 8, 2022 at 5pm Pacific/8pm Eastern

Upcoming AHNS ES Webinars for 2022 (Mark your Calendars)
September 21, 2022: advances in treatment of hyperparathyroidism

Upcoming AHNS Monthly Tumor Board, Endocrine section is featured on November 2, 2022. The topic will be: “Good, Bad, and Ugly: Thyroid Cancers”.

ThyCa

APTS 2023
APTS is a “sister society” of the AHNS-ES. They will have their first live meeting since the pandemic March 23-26, in Kochi, India. This meeting will be a consolidation of the 4th Congress of the Asia-Pacific Society of Thyroid Surgery and the 5th National Meeting of the Indian Society of Thyroid Surgeons.

11th International Conference on Head and Neck Cancer, July 8-12, 2023, The Palais des Congrès, Montréal, QC Canada.

AHNS Call For Abstracts
Submission Deadline:
Friday, December 2, 2022 - 5:00 PM EST
Please visit the following web page for other rules, guidelines, instructions and the AHNS Policy on Owner/Employees of Ineligible Companies: www.ahns.info/meetings/abstracts/

If you have any questions, please contact the AHNS office at 310-437-0559 x 118 or by email at abstracts@ahns.info.

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. The Endocrine Section was granted a 6 hour block by the meeting program on July 8, 2023 for endocrine surgical content. The format for that day will consist of 2 hour sessions on thyroid ablation, parathyroid autofluorescence, and updates on medical oncology of aggressive thyroid cancers. Following the Endocrine Section program, we are planning for a 2 hour Surgeon-Vendor interactive event allowing for experiences with new technologies. 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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