

# AHNS TOWN HALL



**“Inaugural AHNS Annual Update”**

**Wednesday, December 21, 2022, 7:00 pm Eastern**





# 2022 AHNS Town Hall



## President's Report

- Continuing the partnership with Stand Up 2 Cancer and awarded first grant funding. This initiative helped launch the AHNS into a new realm of public awareness.
- Continuing implementation of the action items and deliverables from the Executive Committee Retreat, held earlier this year.
- Establishment of four working groups to identify and address topics that were discussed during the retreat:
  - Mission, Vision and Values Working Group; work completed and to be reported in DEI Division update
  - Non-Surgical Working Group; in process
  - Journal Working Group; initial phase completed, in phase 2
  - Marketing Working Group; initial phase completed and finalizing recommendation
- Continuing partnership with our international colleagues with panels during their in-person meetings
- Continuing of educational webinars to reach more of a targeted audience
- Development of the International Conference in 2023, partnering with AACR
- Development of ways to create and advance leadership opportunities within the AHNS
- Evaluation of ATC fellowship training and future options; maintaining status quo
- NEW AHNS Job Board - <https://www.ahns.info/post-a-job/>



# AHNS Year-End Town Hall

Secretary's Report  
December 21, 2022



## ○ Reminders

- Please post and subscribe to the Blog, Heads Up! - <https://www.ahns.info/category/blog/>
- Look for monthly emails highlighting What's New on the AHNS Website



❖ Cutaneous Cancer: Steven Wang and T.J. Ow



❖ Endocrine Surgery: Brendan Stack and Michael Singer



❖ Mucosal Malignancy: Lisa Shnayder and Miriam Lango



❖ Reconstructive H&N Surgery: Jeremy Richmon and Matthew Old



❖ Salivary Gland: Danny Enepekides and Kiran Kakarala



❖ Skull Base Surgery: Ian Witterick and Shirley Su



- ❖ What is your Section happiest about in 2022?
- ❖ What is your Section most hopeful about for 2023?
- ❖ What is the most pressing issue for your Section right now?
- ❖ What is the #1 item on your Section's wish list?
- ❖ Common themes and action items





# Happiest?



- ❖ Cutaneous:
  - Engagement regulars and new members
- ❖ Endocrine:
  - Engagement; preconference course Montreal
- ❖ Mucosal:
  - In –person meeting; ctDNA liquid biopsy Task Force
- ❖ Recon:
  - 4-part Recon ‘Round the World series; Slack Channel participation
- ❖ Salivary:
  - Multi-center study Adj. rad. Low grade salivary ca (25+ center, n=600)
- ❖ Skull:
  - Sinonasal Tumor Alliance (ARS, NASBS, AHNS)



# Most Hopeful?



- ❖ Cutaneous:
  - Engagement: Regulars and new
- ❖ Endocrine:
  - Increase engagement of junior members
- ❖ Mucosal:
  - Webinar development
- ❖ Recon:
  - Increased engagement around the International Meeting
- ❖ Salivary:
  - Preconference course in Montreal; momentum in collaborative research
- ❖ Skull Base:
  - Increase collaboration; overlap of ARS and AHNS at COSM

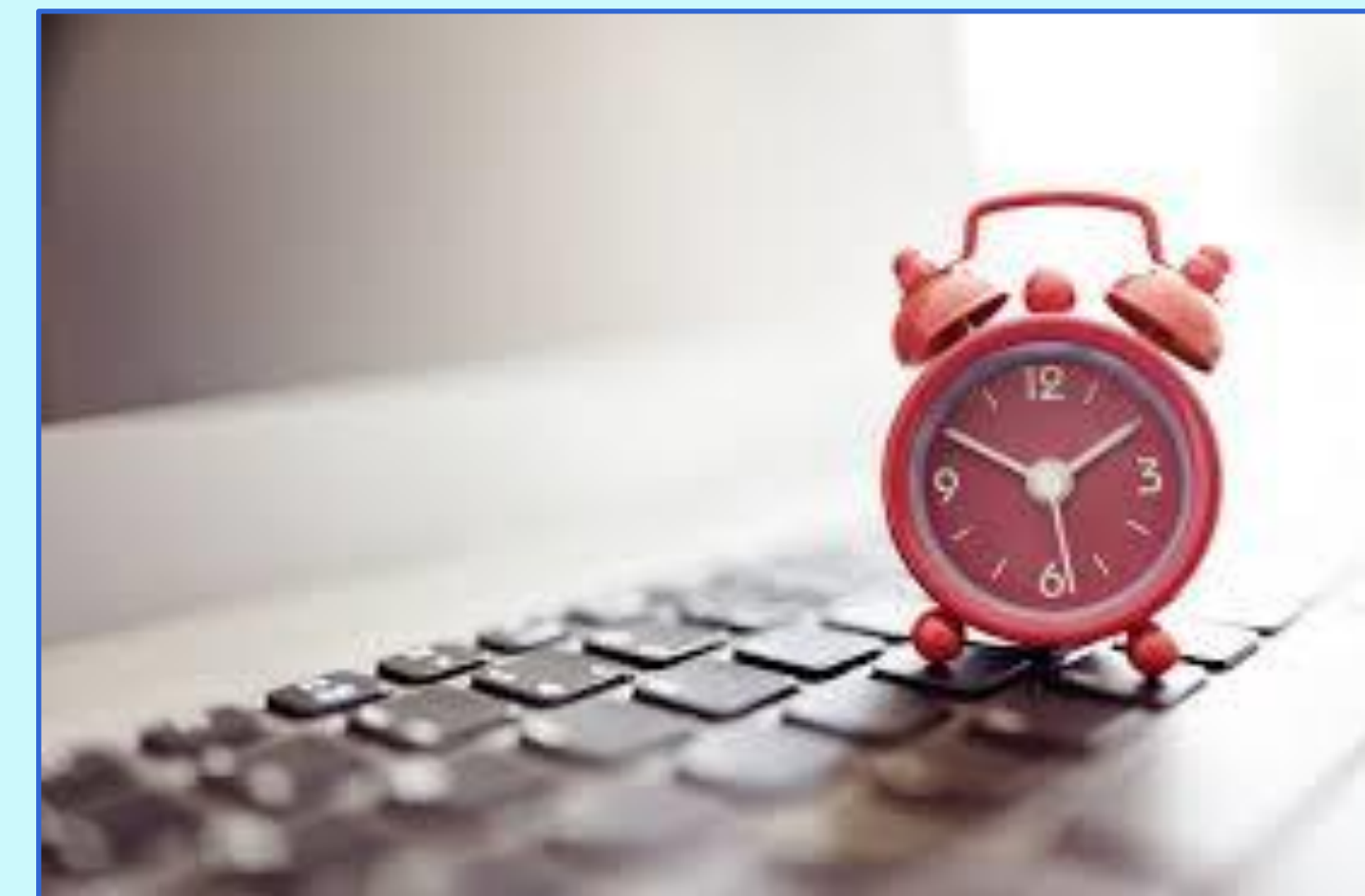




# Most pressing issue?



- ❖ Cutaneous:
  - Be at forefront of **dermato-oncology**
- ❖ Endocrine:
  - core **shared** database resources (e.g. REDCap)
- ❖ Mucosal:
  - **Guidelines** for Guidelines, **guidance** and efficiency for publications
- ❖ Recon:
  - **Engagement** of both more and less active members
- ❖ Salivary:
  - **Engagement** of current and new members; group communication, Slack Channel
- ❖ Skull Base:
  - **Engagement**



# #1 on your wish list?



- ❖ Cutaneous:
  - More air time at national meetings for cutaneous cancer
- ❖ Endocrine:
  - Clarity/ease of scheduling events, proactive calendaring
- ❖ Mucosal:
  - Robotics group; feedback for submissions (Gap analysis); video availability
- ❖ Recon:
  - More feedback on submissions/selection criteria (Gap analysis)
- ❖ Salivary:
  - Streamline website development
- ❖ Skull Base:
  - Guidelines for Guidelines, clearer expectations, speedier approval







## ❖ Engagement

- Slack channels, pathways for more and less active section members

## ❖ Feedback on programming

- Gap analysis (live meeting selection criteria, virtual events, Guidelines for Guidelines)

## ❖ Collaboration with other entities

- AHNS Policies on co-sponsorship and endorsement

## ❖ Ease of scheduling and sharing work products

- Website, videos, calendar

## ❖ Longitudinal projects

- Courses, task forces, resources



# 2022 AHNS Town Hall



## Administration Division Update

Constitution & Bylaws Service – **Frank Civantos**  
Development Service – **Maie St. John, Bill Lydiatt**  
Ethics & Professionalism Service – **Andrew Shuman, Alexander Langerman**  
History Service – **Melonie Nance, Joseph Goodman**  
Finance Service – **Mark Zafereo**  
Nominating Service – **Bert O'Malley**  
Publications & Awards Service – **Miriam Lango, Antoine Eskander**  
Website & Social Media Service – **Arvind Badhey, Baran Sumer**

– **Gregory Randolph and Cecelia Schmalbach**



- ✓ Also IAS New 9 regions designated
- ✓ New proposed Corporate Liaison group
- ✓ White paper roadmap 4 types- section town halls



## Moral Injury project Andy Shuman

### Key Milestones for Program Development

#### 1.) Identifying SPSC volunteers (Nov-Dec 2022)

- 5 individuals identified and committed (Shuman, Langerman, Colaianni, Chen, Kakawala).

#### 2.) Training volunteers (Jan-Feb 2022)

- 2.5 hour interactive Zoom training through Dr. Shapiro's peer support program

#### 3.) Raising awareness (Feb-July 2022)

- AHNS email blitz; web-based materials; advertising/media presence at AHNS meeting

#### 4.) Tracking utilization (Ongoing)

- Pilot phase will last during calendar year 2023 with plans to formally reassess thereafter

While the content of the conversations between peer support volunteers and the surgeons who use it would remain confidential (unless the SPSC felt the surgeon was at imminent risk of self-harm or harm to others), tracking deidentified metrics such as number of requests, number of interactions/duration of interactions between counselor and surgeon, and basic topics covered would help us to promote a culture of continuous improvement within this project.

### Budgetary needs

\$5000 for initial training session and all related materials for onboarding and launch (\$2500 in year two; \$1000 per year thereafter)

### Other needs

#### Administrative support from AHNS

- Keeping an up-to-date list of volunteer peer counselors
- Organizing annual counselor training
- Connecting requestors to peers
- Publicizing the program
- Tracking utilization of the program

### Web design and maintenance

- to build and maintain a simple online portal ideally on the AHNS website.

AHNS annual meeting fee waiver for SPSC (estimated 6 per annum)





## AHNS white paper initiative

Multiple parts to this initiative. Overall and over time 3 main domains of work.

**1—the people:** Assembling Guideline Service Advisory Board (GSAB) –to evolve the current volunteer group into a methodologic group with skills to accomplish what the AHNS in the modern era of high-level evidence-based clinical consensus statements (CSS) and clinical practice guidelines (CPG). AHNS wide email blast sent by AHNS to elicit those with significant proven methodologic expertise resulted in 19 submissions 17 of which are superb.

These plus national leaders [Jen Shin, Lisa Ishman, Jon Irish, Seth Swartz, Louise Davies]. The existing guideline service would serve to complement this leadership GSAB group.

## 2-**Budget** white paper initiative budget draft considerations:

1- **methodological expertise** per CSS and/or CPG. Methodological resources include individual who will provide: 1- evidence-based literature searches, 2- GRADE Recommendation methodology, creation, and formatting, 3- Metanalyses, 4- generally uphold IOM guidelines standards.

1-Roger Chou,

2-JP Brito Mayo methods expert,

3- <https://www.effectiveevidence.org/>,

4- <https://systematicreview.info/the-team/>,

5- <https://picoportal.org/2022/08/06/ppp/>,

6- Mohammed Toseef,

7- Ansari Abou-Setta

**2-GSAB may consider purchasing of BRIDGE-Wiz**, Yale Center for Medical Informatics<sup>11</sup>. application for creation of Key action statements drafting as the AAOHNS does.

**3-GSAB training**—providing resources to allow selected/rotating members of the AHNS GSAB to methodological training-planting seeds for the future. Training opportunities include:

1-Next G-I-N meeting is in Toronto, CA Sept 22-24, <https://g-i-n.net/>,  
<https://g-i-n.net/get-involved/resources/>

2- INGUIDE may be a useful resource to you and they are offering courses at GIN, see: <https://inguide.org/>

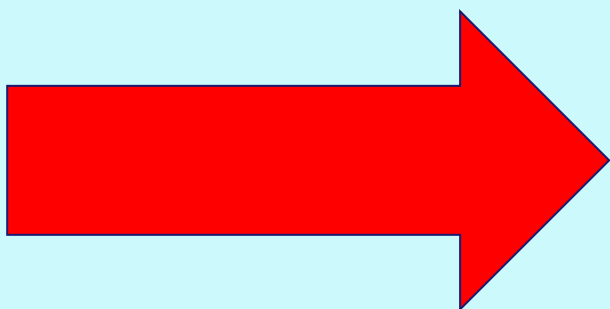
3- Attending Cochrane Review meetings





### 3. The Plan

Categories:	I.) Contemporary Review endorsed by AHNS	II.) Position Paper endorsed by AHNS	III.) Clinical Consensus Statement (current state) endorsed by AHNS (aka Expert Consensus Statement)	IV.) Clinical Practice Guidelines (future state) endorsed by AHNS
1.) Objective	To present an up-to-date review of a general important topic at large of interest to clinical surgery/medicine in a scholarly, thoughtful, and well-referenced thorough and evidence-based way. Focus on the current understanding of the physiology of the disease or condition and a discussion update on diagnostic and treatment issues. References should be contemporary (within 5 years) and/or classics (highly cited)	To present key opinions on central focused topics within the field in a scholarly, thoughtful, and well-referenced. Approach should be systematic and utilize evidence-based methodology. Discussion of controversies/ opposing views of diagnosis/treatment.	To quantitatively assess whether there is a formal agreement regarding proposed statements about diagnosis, management, complications, and/or treatment <sup>1</sup> . More applicable to situations where published evidence is limited or lacking as compared to a CPG and yet there are opportunities to reduce uncertainty and improve care.	To provide recommendations for action or avoidance of action to support evidence-based practice arising from a strong, high level of evidence data <sup>2</sup> . The CPG is quality driven, evidence based, efficient in process, transparent in its methodology, with rigorous COI processes, actionable and multidisciplinary



1- first *vet this table with first the journals* (JAMAOTO, Head and Neck, others) to make sure they agree with the basic parameters as they will be accepting these for peer review.

2–Once okayed by the journals then we can *introduce through Townhall meetings these categories and their definitions to the AHNS sections.*



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**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Division**

Amy Y. Chen  
Melonie Nance





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## Newest Division

- Updated **Mission**

The mission of AHNS is to advance education, research, quality of care, and equity for the head and neck oncology patient and care team.

- Updated **Values**

- Excellence
- Innovation
- Inclusion
- Community

- Approved by EC; await formal approval by By-Laws Service



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## Services

- Diversity
- Global Outreach
- International Advisory
- Membership and Credentials
- Women in HNS
- Young members





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## Ongoing activities

- Webinars
- Mentorship program
- Myers' Summer Fellowship
- Butler Award



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## New activities

- Eddie Mendez Fellowship Award
- IAS International Fellows and Young Physicians Group
- Job Board is up
- Removal of FACS requirement for Active AHNS Fellow
- Improved upgrade from TRAINEE to ACTIVE fellow functionality
- AHNS Young Members Corner Podcast: 2 are up
- AHNS Fellows project: exploratory analysis of AHNS fellows' perspectives of the training program
- Moral Injury peer support program
- Treatment disparities exploration







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## Diversity Service

- **Myers' Summer Fellowship for 2023**
- **Eddie Mendez Fellowship Award**



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## Global Outreach Service

- Successful **webinar** with international colleagues in Africa/Haiti earlier this year
- AHNS participation in regularly scheduled African tumor boards
- Goals for coming months:
  - Additional webinars addressing global topics
  - Travel award for international physician to Montreal, 2023
  - Leverage international meeting to publicize and discuss topics of international relevance.





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## International Advisory Service

- Council approved **re-engineering** of IAS to make it more responsive and more effective relating to global issues
- International Regional Directors and N American Vice-Regional Directors have been appointed representing each of 10 global regions
- **IAS International Fellows and Young Physicians Group**
  - Under development
  - Initial meeting demonstrated interest and promise



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## Membership and Credentials Service

- **JOB BOARD** is UP!
- Current Membership = 1,836
  - 1,589 U.S./Canada members
  - 248 members outside of U.S./Canada
- Membership Projects Completed in 2022
  - Removal of FACS requirement for Active Fellow category
  - Improved *Upgrade from Resident to Active* form functionality
  - Launched new category for Medical Students



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## Women in HNS

- **Margaret Butler Award:** nominations/ applications are OPEN
- **Mentorship program:** active again this year
- **International Meeting 2023 Panel Submission** (with Diversity Service)
  - Challenges and Opportunities in Addressing Underrepresented Surgeons: From Fairness to Effectiveness**  
(Drs. Gina Jefferson, Trinitia Cannon, Rodney Taylor, Scott Stringer, Anna Pou, Ellie Maghami)
- **Future Projects:** Partnering other DEI groups to develop podcasts & Webinars highlighting the contributions of women leaders





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## Young Members

- **AHNS Podcast, *Young Members Corner***  
2 podcasts are UP!
- **Qualitative Study** AHNS Fellows Project -  
Exploratory Analysis of Head and Neck  
Surgical Oncology Fellow Perspectives of  
American Head and Neck Society  
Fellowship Training Program
- **Practice Building:** one hour zoom  
webinar





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Questions?

Thank you!  
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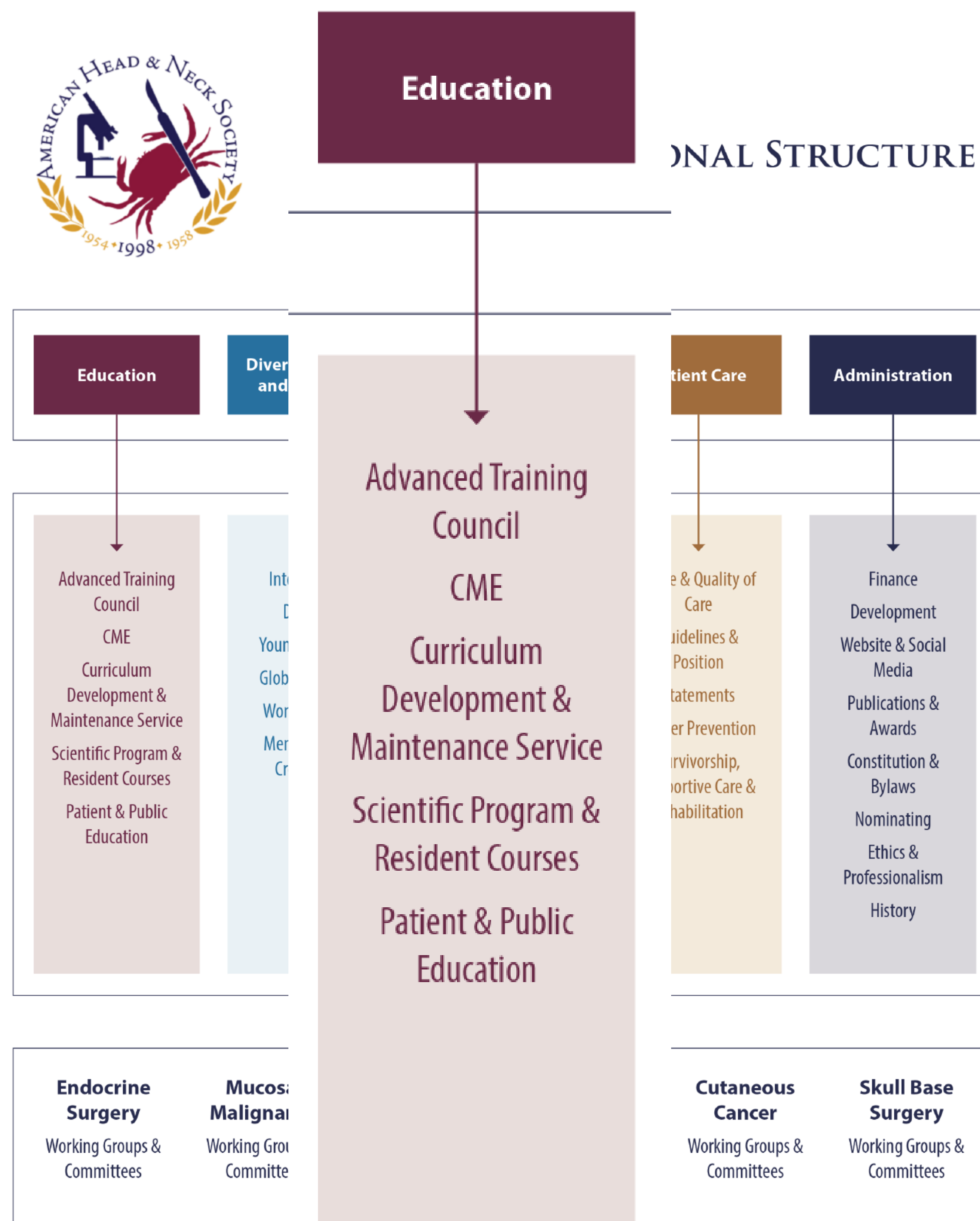
## Education Division

**Christine Gourin, MD, MPH, FACS**  
**Chair**

**Babak Givi, MD, MHPE, FACS**  
**Vice-Chair**







# American Head & Neck Society Advanced Training Council



## American Head & Neck Society | AHNS

*The mission of the AHNS is to advance Education, Research, and Quality of Care for the head and neck oncology patient.*



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## AHNS Accredited Fellowships

### Advanced Training in Head & Neck Oncologic and Endocrine Surgery

The AHNS Advanced Training Council oversees the Society’s accredited fellowship programs and policies. The fellowship period is one to two years, depending upon the program, with facilities for basic science research for one year in select programs. Training is focused on head and neck surgery with special emphasis on ablative surgery, along with reconstructive, skull base surgery, and understanding of chemotherapy and radiation therapy. A majority of the fellows who have completed training programs now practice head and neck surgery in an academic setting.

**Accreditation:** Each fellowship program approved by the AHNS Advanced Training Council (ATC) undergoes site review at regular intervals. During these reviews, through a carefully structured evaluation system, the ATC analyzes the program’s strengths and weaknesses to ensure that adherence to the core curriculum, adequate faculty participation, caseload, and overall quality are all maintained. ATC then makes recommendations for accreditation to the AHNS Executive Council. A certificate is awarded by the Society to those candidates who follow the rigid criteria and successfully complete the fellowship.



# Head & Neck Surgery Fellowship

## Different types of fellowships:

### ✓ Clinical HNS experience

- Expected to achieve a level of excellence in patient care, and surgical technique. Emphasis is placed on the multidisciplinary approach for the management of head and neck cancer and organization of ambulatory and inpatient services.

### ✓ Not all fellowships are alike

- Many incorporate training in microvascular reconstruction
- Exposure to particular areas such as cranial base surgery, transoral robotic surgery, head and neck endocrine surgery, etc, may be emphasized based on individual program resources
- Many fellowships offer opportunities for clinical trials research and development with some offering dedicated research years

### ✓ Head and Neck Endocrine Fellowships

- Dedicated training in advanced and cutting edge clinical and surgical techniques in head and neck endocrine surgery and clinical care





## Head & Neck Surgery Fellowship

### MISSION

- AHNS approved fellowships are designed to meet the educational requirements of trainees who are committed to an academic career in head and neck surgical oncology.
- Their fundamental purpose is to provide comprehensive training for evaluating and treating patients with head and neck cancer, including focused surgical training in extirpative and reconstructive surgical techniques and multidisciplinary clinical decision making inclusive of clinical trial considerations.
- The trainee must acquire important relevant knowledge in other disciplines such as radiation oncology, chemotherapy including targeted therapies and immunotherapies, rehabilitation, surgical pathology, and nutrition.

Through this broad comprehensive training the candidate should be capable of contributing forward and developing other programs in head and neck surgical oncology.



# Where are the HNS Fellowships?

- 51 Programs
- 66 Fellowships

AdventHealth

Augusta University – Endocrine

Case Western Reserve/University Hospitals/Cleveland Medical Center

Cleveland Clinic

Emory University School of Medicine

Emory University School of Medicine – Endocrine

Fox Chase Cancer Center/ Temple University

Henry Ford Health-Henry Ford Hospital Head & Neck Microvascular Surgery

Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

Indiana University School of Medicine

Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine – Endocrine

Loma Linda University – Newly Accredited – *program page coming soon*

M.D. Anderson Cancer Center

Massachusetts Eye & Ear/Harvard Medical School

Massachusetts Eye & Ear/Harvard Medical School – Endocrine

Medical University of South Carolina

Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

Moffitt Cancer Center

Mount Sinai Beth Israel

Nebraska Methodist Hospital

New York University Langone Health

Northwestern University

The Ohio State University

Oregon Health and Science University

Pennsylvania State University

Roswell Park Cancer Institute

Stanford University School of Medicine

Stanford University School of Medicine – Endocrine

Thomas Jefferson University

University of Alabama- Birmingham

University of Alberta Hospital

University of California – Davis

University of California- San Francisco

University of Cincinnati Medical Center

University of Florida

University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics

University of Kansas Medical Center

University of Miami Hospital and Clinics

University of Michigan

University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill

University of Oklahoma

University of Pennsylvania Health System

University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

University of Toronto

University of Washington

University of Wisconsin

Vanderbilt University Medical Center

Washington University School of Medicine

Wayne State University



# Advanced Training Council – Match Results

Program Statistics	Number	%
Enrolled Programs	51	
Withdrawn Programs	0	
Certified Programs	50	
Programs Filled	42	84%
Programs Unfilled	8	16%
Certified Positions	60	
Positions Filled	51	85%
Positions Unfilled	9	15%
Applicant Statistics	Number	%
Enrolled Applicants	58	
Withdrawn Applicants	3	
Certified Applicants	54	
Matched Applicants	51	94%
Unmatched Applicants	3	6%

Applicant Statistics: USA	Number	%
Enrolled Applicants	51	
Withdrawn Applicants	2	
Certified Applicants	49	
Matched Applicants	46	94%
Unmatched Applicants	3	6%
Applicant Statistics: CANADA	Number	%
Enrolled Applicants	7	
Withdrawn Applicants	2	
Certified Applicants	5	
Matched Applicants	5	100%
Unmatched Applicants	0	
Applicant Statistics: OTHER	Number	%
Enrolled Applicants	1	
Withdrawn Applicants	0	
Certified Applicants	0	
Matched Applicants	0	0%
Unmatched Applicants	0	0%





## Advanced Training Council

- University of Arkansas (new program) site visit completed, pending ATC review
- Six new program directors approved
- Introductory Fellows forum call completed
- First Program Directors forum call of FY2022 completed
- New initiative launching with International Advisory Board for AHNS International Fellows and Young Physician Group
- New Programs Accredited
  - Loma Linda University
- Programs Re-Accredited since last meeting:
  - Cleveland Clinic
  - Stanford University – Endocrine Fellowship
  - University of Wisconsin
  - Case Western/University Hospitals/Cleveland Med Center
  - Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
  - University of California – San Francisco



## Advanced Training Council – Site Visits

Program	Re-Accred year
University of Arkansas – New	new
University of Utah – New	new
Moffitt Cancer Center	2020
Icahn - Mt. Sinai Beth Israel	2020
University of Cincinnati	2020
Augusta University- Endocrine	2020
MEEI Endocrine	2020
University of Oklahoma	2020
Washington University	2020
Emory University	2022
University of California – Davis	2021
University of Miami	2022
University of Michigan	2022
University of Pennsylvania	2022
University of Toronto	2022
Wayne State University	2021
Northwestern University	2022

Program	Re-Accred year
University of Oklahoma	2023
Vanderbilt University Medical Center	2023
UT Southwestern Medical Center	2023
University of Washington	2023
University of Alberta Hospital	2023
Thomas Jefferson University	2023
The Ohio State University	2023
Roswell Park Cancer Institute	2023
MEEI	2023
M.D. Anderson Cancer Center	2023
Indiana University School of Medicine	2023



# Advanced Training Council – Subcertification Survey

How do you identify yourself?	#	Did you complete HN fellowship training in an AHNS approved HN fellowship?	#	How long have you been in practice ?	#	Which of the following options should the AHNS pursue for HN fellow certification?	#
Practicing head and neck surgeon, not program director or department chair	6	Yes	38	Less than 5 years	2	AHNS development of a certifying examination to be administered to graduates of AHNS/ATC accredited HN fellowships as requirement for certification.	17
Otolaryngology department chair, head and neck surgeon	21	No	35	5-15 years	26	Application to ABOHNS for subcertification of Complex Head and Neck Surgical Oncology and Reconstruction .	18
Otolaryngology department chair, non head and neck surgeon	8			More than 15 years	44	Continue certification of fellows by fellowship director determination of satisfactory completion of training in an AHNS/ATC accredited HN fellowship without certifying examination.	39
HN Fellowship program director or co-director	39						





## CME

- Webinars
- Scientific Program



# Webinars

## AHNS ACTIVITY PLANNING WORKSHEET 2022

**ACTIVITY NAME:**  
**ACTIVITY PROPOSED DATE:**  
**ACTIVITY FACULTY:**  
**ACTIVITY FACULTY TOPICS:**

**1a. Describe the practice gap(s) that will be addressed by this activity. -**  
Please identify the major practice gap(s) to be addressed by this activity. *A practice gap is the difference between actual and ideal performance.* Include how we know that our learners have this gap (evaluation results, published literature, expert opinion, etc.)? (100 words max)

**2. What do attendees need in order to close these gaps? -** Describe what might be provided to the learners, educationally, that would help them improve their knowledge, competence and/or performance. (100 words max)

**3. Based on the desired results of the activity, what are the objectives of the activity?**  
Write your objectives focusing on what the learners will do as a result of this activity. Do not use “understand.” Use **ACTION** words like:

• Adjust	• Prioritize	• Integrate	• Evaluate	• Develop
• Articulate	• Relate	• Plan	• Illustrate	• Discriminate
• Classify	• Apply	• Produce	• Interpret	• Formulate
• Convey	• Assess	• Select	• Predict	• Implement
• Diagnose	• Compare	• Appraise	• Recognize	• Manage
• Distinguish	• Create	• Categorize	• Solve	• Prepare
• Hypothesize	• Diagram	• Conduct	• Arrange	• Recommend
• Infer	• Employ	• Demonstrate	• Choose	• Use
• Organize	• Identify	• Differentiate	• Construct	

**At the conclusion of the activity, participants will be able to:**

**4. How will you use this educational delivery method to achieve the desired results/objectives? (25 words max)**

**5. What ABMS/MOC competency or competencies are related?** Are there other competencies related (IOM, ACGME, etc?) Check all that are related.

- ☐ **Patient Care** - Provide care that is compassionate, appropriate and effective treatment for health problems and to promote health.
- ☐ **Medical Knowledge** - Demonstrate knowledge about established and evolving biomedical, clinical and cognate sciences and their application in patient care.
- ☐ **Interpersonal and Communication Skills** - Demonstrate skills that result in effective information exchange and teaming with patients, their families and professional associates (e.g. fostering a therapeutic relationship that is ethically sound, uses effective listening skills with non-verbal and verbal communication; working as both a team member and at times as a leader).
- ☐ **Professionalism** - Demonstrate a commitment to carrying out professional responsibilities, adherence to ethical principles and sensitivity to diverse patient populations.
- ☐ **Systems-based Practice** - Demonstrate awareness of and responsibility to larger context and systems of healthcare. Be able to call on system resources to provide optimal care (e.g. coordinating care across sites or serving as the primary case manager when care involves multiple specialties, professions or sites).
- ☐ **Practice-based Learning and Improvement** - Able to investigate and evaluate their patient care practices, appraise and assimilate scientific evidence and improve their practice of medicine.
- ☐ **Other:** \_\_\_\_\_





# Webinars

2020

DATE	WEBINAR TITLE	Attendee Number	Youtube Views
4/8/20	Fellows' Virtual Tumor Boards- Oropharynx		306
4/15/20	Fellows Virtual Tumor Boards Salivary Glands		203
4/22/20	Fellows' Virtual Tumor Board - Ethics		43
4/29/20	Virtual Tumor Board - Neck Management		192
5/6/20	Virtual Tumor Board - Larynx		131
5/13/20	Virtual Tumor Board - Thyroid		136
5/27/20	Virtual Tumor Board - Head & Neck Reconstruction		133
6/10/20	Virtual Tumor Board - Cutaneous Malignancies		131
7/15/20	"Bread and Butter" Endocrine Surgical Cases	139	26
7/15/20	Virtual Tumor Board - New Fellow Orientation		105
7/22/20	Virtual Tumor Board - Oral Cavity Cancer		271
8/12/20	Virtual Tumor Board - Oropharyngeal Cancer--TORS		196
8/18/20	Re-operative Endocrine Surgical Cases	73	30
9/2/20	Virtual Tumor Board - Parathyroid Disease	68	200
9/23/20	Virtual Tumor Board: Sinonasal Neoplasms: Open vs Endoscopic approach.	54	1500
10/7/20	Virtual Tumor Boards - Head & Neck Reconstruction - Soft Tissue Free Flaps	58	171
10/14/20	Trends in Management of HPV Positive Cancers	191	78
10/21/20	International Webinar on Radiofrequency Ablation of Thyroid Nodules: AHNS-ES and LATS	152	645
10/21/20	Fellows' Virtual Tumor Board - Oropharyngeal Cancer: Early Stage	46	147
11/4/20	Virtual Tumor Board - Thyroid Disease	43	156
11/18/20	Virtual Tumor Board - Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer	33	218
12/2/20	Virtual Tumor Board - Salivary Neoplasms	54	96
12/9/20	Management of Salivary Malignancy – Case Based Panel Discussion	173	290
12/12/20	AHNS-ES and BAETS joint webinar on Thyroid/Parathyroid Surgery	139	49

2021

DATE	WEBINAR TITLE	Attendee Number	Youtube Views
1/6/21	Virtual Tumor Board: Hypopharyngeal Cancer	41	98
1/13/21	Update on the Unknown Primary: Diagnostic and Therapeutic Challenges	265	
1/20/21	Virtual Tumor Board - Head & Neck Complications	26	114
1/21/21	AHNS Endocrine Tumor Board		26
2/3/21	Virtual Tumor Board - Oral Cavity Cancer: Management of Mandible	50	102
2/5/21	Multi-Disciplinary Approach to Advanced Oral Cancer: Prevention to Palliation	340	214
2/17/21	Virtual Tumor Board - Salvage Management of Oropharyngeal Cancer	50	69
2/23/21	To Reconstruct or Not: Early Stage Oral Cavity Cancers	302	287
2/24/21	Non-Papillary Endocrine Histologies	81	
3/24/21	ACCE-AHNS Pedi Thyroid Cancer Consensus Statement Webinar	86	21
3/31/21	International Skull Base Virtual Tumor Board	52	110
4/14/21	Indications of PD-1 Inhibitors for Advanced cSCC	141	140
4/21/21	AHNS Virtual Tumor Board: Malignant Melanoma of the Head & Neck		109
4/28/21	Specialized Surgical Maneuvers/Techniques Webinar	65	44
5/5/21	AHNS Virtual Tumor Boards - Advanced Thyroid Neoplasms		72
5/19/21	Patient Selection & Complications	191	467
5/26/21	Nerve Monitoring, Loss of Signal and Extent of Surgery	61	34
5/26/21	Virtual Tumor Board: Head and Neck Emergencies	18	85
6/2/21	Virtual Tumor Board: Precision Genomics - Do you know your markers?	16	47
6/9/21	Controversies: ENE and Margin Management	Pre-Recorded	488
6/16/21	Virtual Tumor Board - H&N Reconstruction - Locoregional/Pedicled	31	66
6/23/21	Evidence based Decision-Making in TORS: Current Data & Future Trends	137	350
6/23/21	Parathyroid Auto Fluorescence	27	not posted
6/30/21	International Virtual Skull Base Tumor Board	12	55
7/14/21	Optimizing Perioperative Care in Transoral Robotic Surgery	58	256
7/17/21	AHNS-ES and BAETS joint webinar Medullary Thyroid Cancer	46	not posted
8/4/21	Virtual Tumor Boards: Challenges in Oral Cavity Cancer	30	51
8/11/21	Therapeutic De-escalation of Thyroid Malignancies	73	not posted
9/1/21	Virtual Tumor Board - Challenges in Soft Tissue Reconstruction	42	24





## Webinars - 2022

Date	Attendee #	Youtube Views - As of 10/27/2022	WEBINAR TITLE	SECTION/SERVICE CONDUCTING
2/2/22	71	91	Sinonasal malignancies: Endoscopic Vs. Open approach, (Skull Base Section)	CDMS
2/16/22	176	175	Molecular Diagnostics & Surveillance in HPV-Associated Oropharyngeal Cancer	Mucosal Malignancy Section
2/19/22	250	75	AHNS-ES and BAETS joint webinar on The Retrosternal Goitre – Assessment and Surgical Strategies	Endocrine Section
3/2/22	66	81	Difficult parathyroid, (Endocrine Section)	CDMS
3/23/22	61	117	"Professional Obligations & Burnout in the COVID Era" (Ethics Service Webinar)	Educational Series
4/6/22	76	75	Advances in management of Melanoma (Cutaneous Section)	CDMS
4/20/22	181	43	TORS: Pandemic Papers	TORS
4/23/22	88	44	AHNS Global Webinar	AHNS
5/4/22	49	95	TORS or RT? Oropharynx dilemmas (Mucosal Section)	CDMS
5/18/22	93	65	Locally advanced thyroid cancer	Endocrine Section
6/1/22	65	76	Complex bone reconstruction: Midface, Maxilla, Mandible, (Reconstruction Section)	CDMS
6/15/22	57	24	"Dealing with Difficult Patients" (Ethics Service Webinar)	Educational Series
7/6/22	39	100	AHNS Virtual Tumor Board: How to Find A Job - Navigating Your Fellowship, Job search and Overall	CDMS
7/20/22	175	49	HPV Related Oropharyngeal Cancer – The Importance of Early Detection & Prevention	Roche sponsored
8/3/22	55	126	Virtual Tumor Board: Challenges in Oral Cavity Cancers	Mucosal Malignancy Section
9/7/22	78	73	Virtual Tumor Board: Complex soft tissue reconstruction in the head and neck	Reconstructive Section
9/21/22	157	12	Advances in treatment of hyperparathyroidism	Endocrine Section
9/28/22	232		Sinonasal Cancer Collaborative (SCC) - AHNS/NASBS/ARS Combo Webinar	Managed by ARS
9/29/22	149	42	Recon 'Round the World: AUSTRALIA "Skin Cancer Reconstruction"	Reconstructive Section
10/5/22	40	57	Virtual Tumor Board: Open & Endoscopic Larynx Approaches	Mucosal Malignancy Section
10/12/22	154	13	"Multidisciplinary Care of Complex Head & Neck Cases: Exploring the Uses of Immunotherapy"	Roche Sponsored
10/26/22	112		Current Challenges and Strategies in Head and Neck Surgical Clinical Trials: Advances in Treatment	Population health Service
11/2/22	60		Virtual Tumor Board: Good, Bad, Ugly: Thyroid Cancers	Endocrine Section
11/16/22	170		AHNS TORS Webinar Series: "TORS Alphabet Soup: From Si to SP and Beyond"	TORS Series
12/7/22	35		Virtual Tumor Board: Management of Advanced & High-Risk Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer	Cutaneous Section



## CME

- AHNS 2023 International Meeting
- CME Service reviewed disclosures for all of individuals involved in the meeting as needed: Planning Committee, Program Committee, International Scientific Review Committee.
- Currently reviewing abstract presenter disclosures and faculty disclosures







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# **AHNS 11<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HEAD & NECK CANCER**

**THE PALAIS DES CONGRÈS, MONTRÉAL | QC CANADA**

**JULY 8-12  
2023**

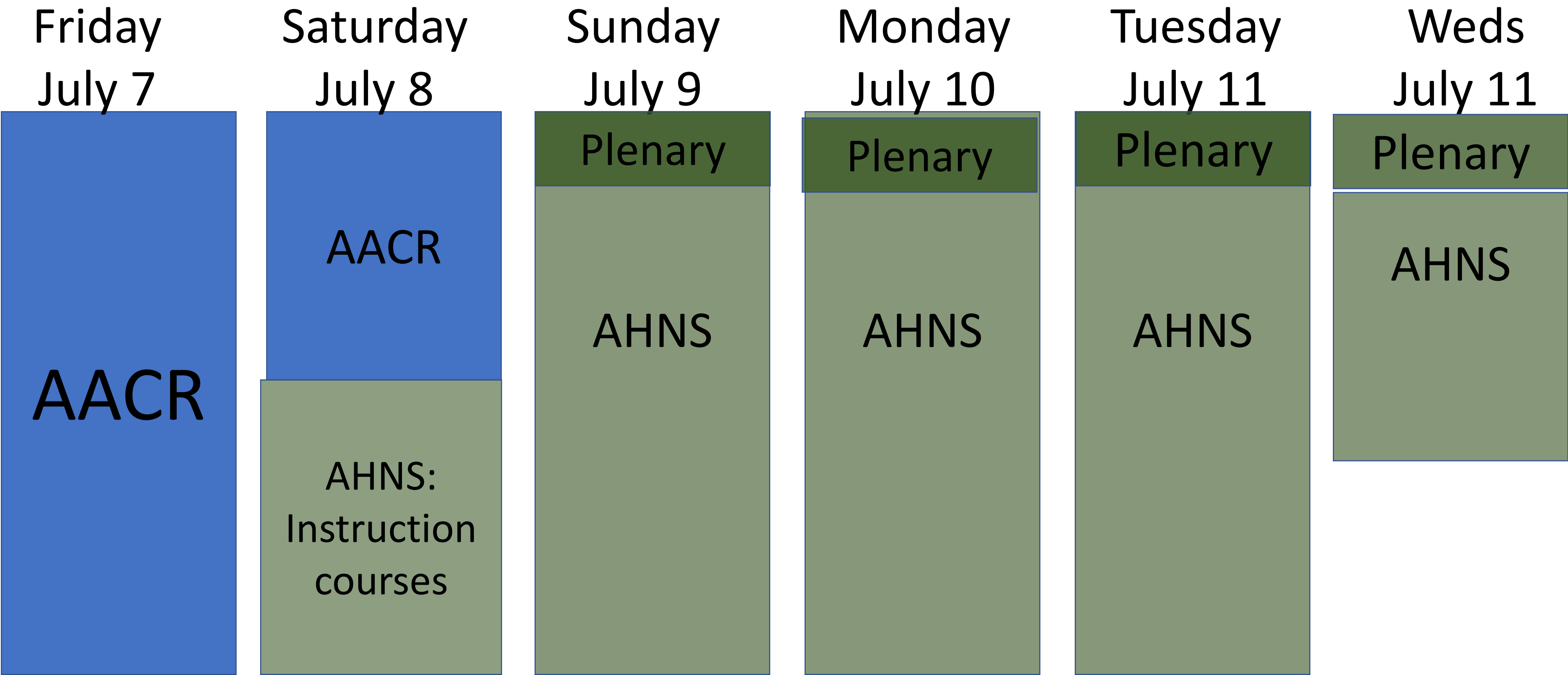
## **MEETING LEADERSHIP**

President: Brian Burkey, MD, MEd | Conference Chair: Eben Rosenthal, MD | Program Chair: Daniel Deschler, MD  
Proffered Papers Chair: Maie St. John, MD, PhD | Poster Chair: Carole Fakhry, MD, MPH

***For more info go to <https://www.ahns.info/meetings/>***



Meeting  
overview



**Special Saturday Courses:** APP Track, Robotic course, Salivary and Endocrine Course

**Also:** Vendor presentations and Shark Tank

**Invited speakers:**

- Conley Lecture – **Timothy Chan**
- Global Medicine Keynote – **Anil D’Cruz**
- Chris O’Brien Lecture – **Hisham Mehanna**
- Keynote – **Rebecca Richards-Kortum**
- Hayes Martine Lecture – **Theodoros Teknos**



**AHNS International Abstract Deadline - December 2, 2022**

**AACR-AHNS Head and Neck Cancer Conference: Innovating through Basic,  
Clinical, and Translational Research  
July 7-8, 2023 | Palais des congrès de Montréal | Montréal, Canada**

**AACR-AHNS Conference Cochairs:**

Joseph A. Califano, UC San Diego, San Diego, CA

Maura L. Gillison, UT MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX

Sana D. Karam, University of Colorado Denver, Denver, CO

Jose P. Zevallos, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA

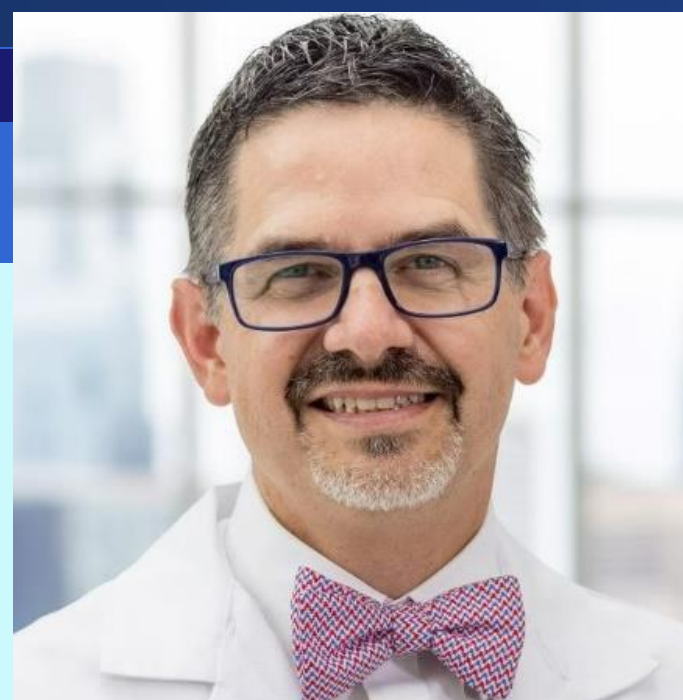


## AHNS Endorsed Publications

- White paper
  - Contemporary review
  - Position paper
  - Clinical management consensus statement
  - Practice guideline
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- Identification of topic by Clinical Section or AHNS members
  - Propose idea
  - Education Division votes to approve
  - Formal process guidelines



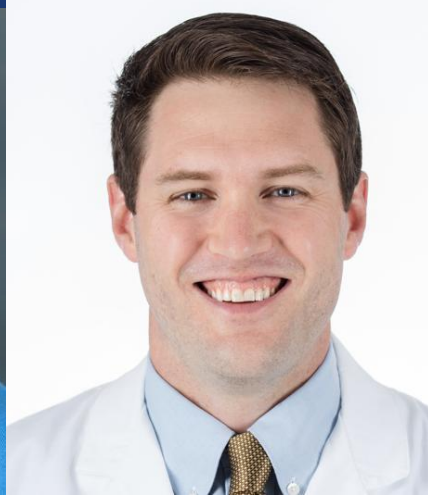




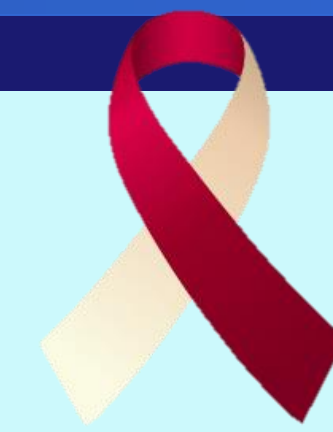
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## Cancer Prevention Service

Mike Moore, Ann Gillenwater, Andrew Holcomb

**July 2022: Webinar w Survivorship Service entitled HPV-related oropharyngeal cancer: the importance of early detection and prevention.**

**Head and Neck Cancer Self-exam smartphone app completed**

**HPV Vaccination Roundtable of the American Cancer Society**

**Leukoplakia Survey**

**January 2023: Partner w AMWA Global Initiative Against HPV and Cervical Cancer HPV Awareness week**

**AHNS Community Service Awards Application opens 2/23**

**Work w Head and Neck Cancer Alliance Oral Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Week April 11-17**



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Practice Guidelines and Position Statements Service  
Baran Sumer and Ted Gomez

Multiple submissions from Services and Sections

Oral Cavity Cancer Surgical Nodal Management-

**Mucosal Malignancy**

Margins in Early Stage Oral Cavity Squamous

Cell Carcinoma-**Mucosal Malignancy**

Radiofrequency Ablation – **Endocrine**

Mutational Testing in Thyroid Cancer- **Endocrine**

Parathyroid Identification and Vascular

Assessment in Thyroid Surgery-**Endocrine**

*Hat tip Greg Randolph*

Augmentation of Service w addt'l  
methodological experts

Refinement of process akin to ATA  
Budget

Contemporary standards  
Working w journals to coordinate  
classification of white papers





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## Survivorship, Supportive Care and Rehabilitation Service

Nishant Agrawal, Heather Starmer

### Survivorship Symposium

Overall Registrants: 840/Attendance: 503

Nutrition, Swallowing & Feeding Tube Challenges - 296

Head and Neck Cancer: The Importance of Comprehensive Rehabilitation - 282

Head and Neck Cancer: Survivorship and Aging - 258

Financial Burden of Head and Neck Cancer - 160

Managing Stress and Anxiety - 168

Dental Care During and Following Treatment - 159

### Attendee Survey Feedback

98.6% Indicated that the Symposium was beneficial

### 2023 Survivorship Webinars

1. Managing and Sharing Your Head and Neck Cancer Diagnosis with Loved Ones – January 18
2. Head and Neck Cancer Clinical Trials -- March
3. Oral Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Week/Oral Cancer Awareness Month -- Newly-diagnosed patients -- April
4. Open Forum around a particular topic or particular type of HNC (ACC, HPV+, non-HPV, etc.) -- June
5. Caregiver Needs – August
6. Open forum around a particular topic or particular type of HNC (ACC, HPV+, non-HPV, etc. – December
7. Link to all of the AHNS/HNCA webinars:

<https://www.headandneck.org/survivorship-webinars/>

Third Annual Head and Neck Cancer Survivorship Symposium – October (partnership with HNCA)



## 2022 AHNS Council Meeting - Sept

### 2022 AHNS Community Service Award Winners

**April Peterson**, Nashville, TN – identifying and creating pathways through the existing barriers to head and neck cancer care for the incarcerated.

**Carissa Thomas**, Birmingham, AL – “Expressions of the Head & Neck Cancer Journey”: A Visual Art Experience for Head & Neck Oncology Patients

**John Pang & Sonia Gupta**, Shreveport, LA -Intensive Hypnotherapy with Acupuncture for Smoking Cessation in an Underserved Population – Research Strategy

**Zachary Urdang**, Philadelphia, PA – Impact cancer burden: Health communication intervention at community level

**Emily Karp**, Rochester, MN – Mayo Clinic partnering with Community Health Service Inc. (CHSI) in Rochester to promote awareness and prevention of HNC in the CHSI community through HNC education and screening events.





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**Value and Quality of Care Service**  
**Vasu Divi, Evan Graboyes**

- Launched national quality improvement initiative to address adjuvant radiation start times
- ~45 sites
- Data collection began July 2022 to establish baseline and identify reasons for delays
- Including training for participants on QI methodology

Nov – Dec 2022 Current state analysis and identification of key drivers  
Jan 2023 – Mar 2023 Intervention planning and early implementation  
April – June 2023 Further implementation/iteration, sustain planning  
July 2023 Wrap up and discussion @ AHNS Meeting  
Ongoing Post-intervention data collection



# Research Division



**Chair: James Rocco MD, PhD.**

**Co-Chair: Dell Yarbrough MD**

*The goal of the Division of Research shall be to be the leader in the promotion of head and neck cancer research.*

*The objectives of the Division of Research shall be to: support training and career enhancement grants; facilitate collaborative research through Society-supported research initiatives; and manage the future direction and role of the Society regarding outcomes, quality measures, practice guidelines and consensus statements.*

*The Division of Research shall oversee all research activities of the Society, including grants programs, scientific review, and research awards.*

**Population Health and Clinical Research Service** Chair, Barry Wenig, MD. Vice-Chair, Joseph Curry, MD,

**Basic Science and Translational Research Service** Chair: Jeffrey Liu, MD. Vice-Chair: Sufi Thomas, PhD

**Grant Service** Chair: Jose Zevallos, MD. Vice-Chair: Steve Chinn, M

# Research Division



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**AHNS Grant Review Process through CORE.** This year, the Centralized Otolaryngology Research Efforts (CORE) Study Section received 160 applications with a total of 53 reviewers requested. The AHNS received 38 applications and 13 reviewers were requested and provided by the Research Committee. The CORE Study Section (CSS) offered a total of 24 grant opportunities totaling over \$615,000 in funding.

**AHNS Retreat Topic for Research Committee – GRANTS** (Jim Rocco, MD, PhD, Cherie-Ann Nathan, MD, Dennis Kraus, MD)

- **ACTION ITEM:** Review the finances and foundation financial report to determine if research funding can be increased and risk minimized. **Done**
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Increasing the amount of the research awards. - Jim Rocco will do an inflationary index. **TIMELINE:** The inflationary index is complete. The Foundation and Exec will take into consideration. One of the goals of this action item is to increase surgeon scientist support. **Done**
  - **RESULT:**
    - AHNS/AAO-HNSF Young Investigator Combined Award (\$10,000 to \$20,000\*)
    - AHNS/AAO-HNSF Translational Innovator Award (20,000 to \$40,000\*)
    - AHNS Pilot Grant (\$10,000 to \$20,000)
    - AHNS Ballantyne Resident Research Pilot Grant (\$10,000 to \$20,000)
- \*Ideally to be matched by AAO-HNSF – presented to AAO-HNSF leadership, they declined



# Population Health and Clinical Research



**Chair: Barry Wenig, MD.**

**Vice-Chair: Joseph Curry, MD**

- Recently completed:
  - AHNS Webinar on Immunotherapy Clinical Trials in HNSCC in October
  - Panel on Clinical Trials in Head and Neck Surgery for AAO 2022
- 3 infographics designed and posted on AHNS Social Media this year
  - 3 more currently under review
- Upcoming Webinar on Population health:
  - Challenges and Inequities in Head and Neck Cancer Research
  - Another proposal in process currently
- Panel for AHNS 2023 accepted on Immunotherapy in Head and Neck Clinical Trials and Research
- Collaborative multidisciplinary study on impact of COVID in HNSCC project in process:
  - Collected data from 6 institutions

# Basic Science & Translational Research



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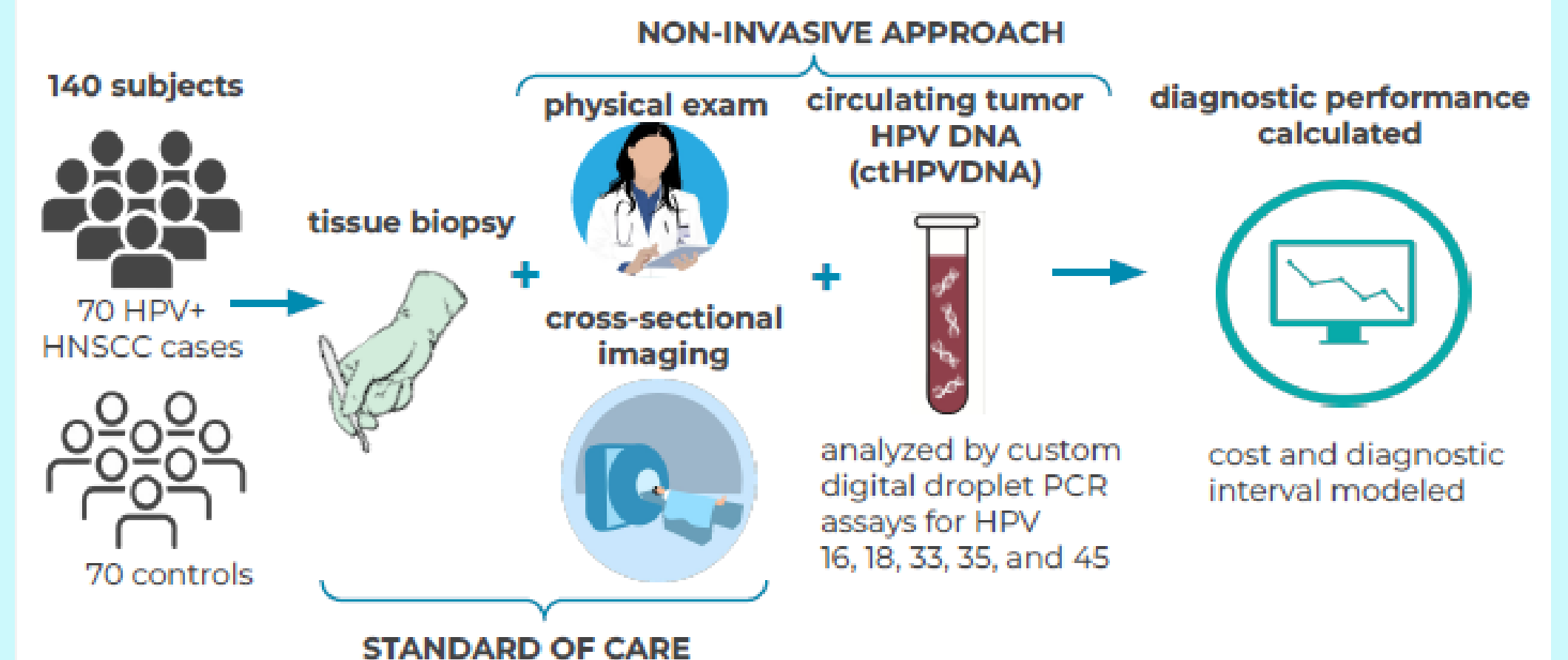
- Infographic on circulating tumor DNA was posted on twitter #AHNSBST
- Second infographic is complete with two more in development
- Planning to meet/science for AHNS/AACR and AHNS 2023 Montreal.

## Cell free HPV DNA provides an accurate, rapid diagnosis of HPV+ head and neck cancer

HPV+HNSCC is the **most common HPV-associated malignancy** in the USA

current **procedure-based diagnostics** are **invasive, user-dependent** and **costly**

### EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN



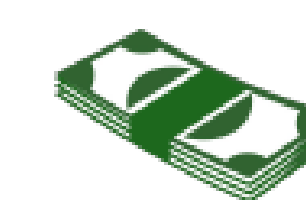
### RESULTS

**diagnostic accuracy significantly higher than standard of care**

(Youden index 0.937 vs 0.707,  $p = 0.0006$ )



median diagnostic interval  
**26 days fewer**



cost  
**36% less**

#### ctHPVDNA

sensitivity	specificity
<b>98.4%</b>	<b>98.6%</b>

**Combinatorial Non-invasive Diagnostic Approach**  
(ctHPVDNA + physical exam + imaging)

sensitivity	specificity
<b>95.1%</b>	<b>98.6%</b>

Siravegna G, O'Boyle CJ, Varmeh S, Queenan N, Michel A, Stein J, Thierauf J, Sadow PM, Faquin WC, Perry SK, Bard AZ, Wang W, Deschler DG, Emerick KS, Varvares MA, Park JC, Clark JR, Chan AW, Andreu Arasa VC, Sakai O, Lennertz J, Corcoran RB, Wirth LJ, Lin DT, Iafate AJ, Richmond JD, Faden DL\*. Cell free HPV DNA provides an accurate and rapid diagnosis of HPV-associated head and neck cancer. Clin Cancer Res. 2021



# AHNS Survey Service



**Incoming Chair: John De Almeida MD**

**Outgoing Chair: Jeffrey Liu MD**

- AHNS Survey reviews have now been incorporated into the Research Division.
- New Chair is John De Almeida.
- There will be solicitation to sections/divisions for reviewers to help with surveys. Volunteer reviewers are appreciated!



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