



# 2023 AHNS Business Meeting



# Welcome to the 2023 AHNS Business Meeting



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## AHNS Foundation Report

- Annual Funding Commitments effective 2023

• AHNS/AAO-AHNSF Young Investigator Combined Award	\$15,000*
• AHNS/AAO-HNSF Translational Innovator Award	\$30,000*
• AHNS Pilot Grant	\$10,000
• AHNS Ballantyne Resident Research Pilot Grant	\$10,000
• AHNS Endocrine Surgery Section Eisai Research Grant	\$10,000
• AHNS Presidential Award: Understanding Treatment Resistance	\$10,000
• AHNS Presidential Award: Understanding Long-Term & Late Toxicities of Treatment	\$10,000
• AHNS Presidential Award: H & N Cancer in Underserved Populations	\$10,000
• Guidelines Initiative – White Paper (2 years)	\$30,000
• Randall Weber Best Paper Award for Quality, Safety and Value in H&N Oncology	\$ 1,000
• Duane Sewell Minority Travel Award	\$ 1,000
• Myers Family Diversity Summer Fellowship	\$ 5,000
• <u>Mendez Diversity Summer Fellowship</u>	<u>\$ 5,000</u>

- Total Annual Funding Commitments  
\$147,000

- \* AHNS supports these awards on a bi-annual basis with the CORE supporting the opposite years.



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## AHNS Foundation Report

Total Investment Assets as of 5/31/2023	\$4,259,128
<u>Estimate 4% annual return =</u>	<u>\$ 170,365</u>
Less current annual commitment =	\$ 23,365

### Notes:

**Endocrine grants** - Stryker declined to support the \$10,000 endocrine grant. Will submit for 2024 consideration. Eisai 2024 grant decision pending.

**Core Grants** - AHNS increased support of AHNS/AAO-AHNSF Young Investigator award from \$20,000 to \$30,000 and increased the AHNS/AAO-HNSF Translational Innovator award from \$50,000 to \$60,000. The awards are paid out biannually with the CORE providing the funding in the opposite year. The CORE did not increase their contributions for these awards.

**Guidelines initiative** – This new initiative is being supported in the amount of \$30,00 a year for two years.

**Governance** – Foundation and Exec Council leadership to review the process for determining funding decisions, particularly for new projects.



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# Secretary's Report

## Susan McCammon, MD

- **Moment of Silence for AHNS Members who have passed away since April 2022:**

Donald Alexander

Norman Barr

William Davis

William Gatti

Robert Marshall

Douglas Murray

Arturo Ortega

Donald Shedd

James Snow

Giovanna Thomas



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## Secretary's Report

**Formal approval of Council and Executive Committee e-mail/phone votes: Total of 17 approved votes from September 7, 2022 to June 30, 2023.**

AHNS Executive Committee approved the process and funding for the Guidelines for Guidelines. The funding for two years will come from the Foundation.	6/12/2023
AHNS Executive Committee approved another three year contract with JAMA-Oto and consideration for an RFA for the next contract renewal.	6/12/2023
AHNS Council approved new appointee, Alice Tang from the University of Cincinnati as ATC Member.	6/6/2023
AHNS Executive Committee approved AHNS 2024 Program Chair - Patrick Ha and Co-Chairs - Nicole Schmidt and Sid Puram	5/18/2023
AHNS Executive Committee approved the new case log software from BSC	5/15/2023
AHNS Council approved ATC members, appointed by Dr. Burkey, Karthik Rajasekaran (Upenn), Kyle Mannion (Vanderbilt), Jon Russell (Johns Hopkins), Gina Jefferson (University of Mississippi), Cecelia Schmalbach (Temple University),	5/2/2023
AHNS Council voted to approve Jim Rocco as Foundation President	4/20/2023
AHNS Executive Committee approved Bevan Yueh for VP and Jim Rocco for Foundation chair	4/17/2023
AHNS Executive Committee approved 2 AHNS-accredited programs, University of Michigan and University of Cincinnati	3/13/2023
AHNS Executive Committee approved managing the exported ACS ultrasound Course for 2023 at the Academy Meeting	2/27/2023
AHNS Executive Committee approved the presented ATC report	1/23/2023
AHNS Executive Committee approved American Thyroid Association Endorsement	1/6/2023
AHNS Executive Committee approved the Peer Support Network Proposal	12/12/2022
AHNS Executive Committee approved all the ATC recommendations NEW PROGRAMS - University of Arkansas Medical Center & University of Utah - RE-ACCREDITATION – Penn State University	11/21/2022
AHNS Council Approved New Members - June 2022 Cycle	11/4/2022
AHNS Executive Committee Approved a job board for members on the AHNS web site	10/17/2022



# Secretary's Report

- **Continuing as Section Liaison to all Six Sections/Quarterly Updates**
- **Heads Up!**

If there is anything you wish to highlight or promote regarding your Service, Section or society projects, please email JJ Jackman at [jj@ahns.info](mailto:jj@ahns.info). We are always looking for blog submissions for Heads Up and once posted, they are automatically tweeted and posted on our Facebook page. Please submit blog ideas to JJ as well.



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## Secretary's Report

- COSM Update:

### **COSM 2024**

**May 15-19, 2024**

**9: AAFPRS, ABEA, AHNS, ALA, ANS, AOS, ARS, ASPO, TRIO**

Hyatt Regency Chicago

Chicago, Illinois

### **COSM 2025**

**April 9-13, 2025**

**8: AAFPRS, ABEA, AHNS, ALA, ANS, AOS, ARS, TRIO**

Hyatt Regency New Orleans

New Orleans, Louisiana

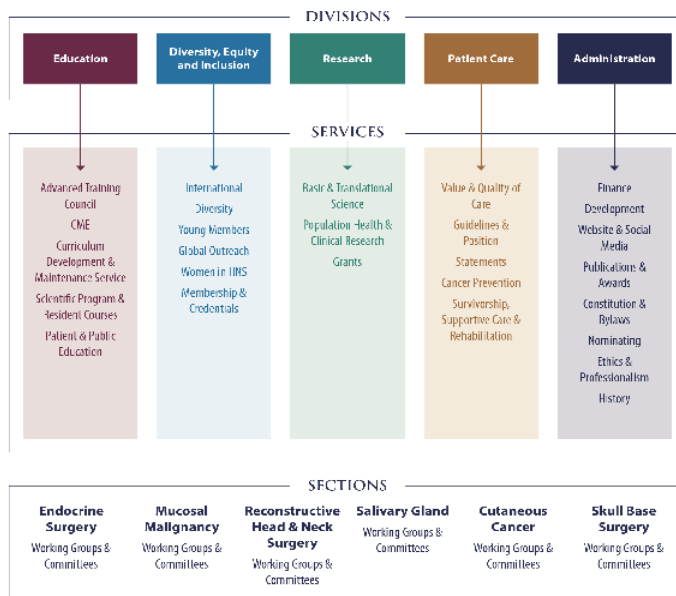
- Development and communication of new, streamlined policies and procedures addressing approval processes for services and sections
- It continues to be an honor to serve as Secretary and please reach out to me directly with any questions about the AHNS.



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## AHNS ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE







# 2023 AHNS Council Meeting



## Constitution and Bylaws Service

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**Francisco Civantos, MD**  
**Chair**

# Changes to the Bylaws

Needs membership vote at the  
Business Meeting

## Values, Goals and Mission

The values that we have unanimity are

- Excellence
- Innovation
- Inclusion
- Community

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

The Goals of this Society are to promote optimal care for patients with head and neck neoplasms by:

- Being the premier educational resource for head and neck surgery and oncology
- Being the leader in the promotion of head and neck cancer research
- Supporting a diverse and equitable population of engaged members
- Having a sufficient organizational capacity to achieve the Mission.

# Services – ATC and CDMS

**Increase minimum to  
15, not maximum of 15**

# AHNS R&E Foundation

Increase representation on the  
Foundation Board by adding the  
Development Service Chair or Co-  
Chair



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## President's Report

- Appointed Six New ATC Members:
  - Karthik Rajasekaran - UPenn
  - Kyle Mannion - Vanderbilt
  - Jon Russell - Johns Hopkins
  - Gina Jefferson - University of Mississippi
  - Cecelia Schmalbach - Temple University
  - Alice Tang - UCinn
- Completion of mission of the four working groups to identify and address topics that were discussed during the retreat:
  - Mission, Vision and Values Working Group
  - Non-Surgical Working Group
  - Journal Working Group
  - Marketing Working Group
- Renewed our journal contract with JAMA-Oto, reaffirming it as the official AHNS journal.
- Hosted two Town Halls on FPD for Adult Complex Thyroid and Parathyroid Surgery and a Year in Review
- Hosting our first New Member Induction Ceremony with a panel on how to get involved and advance in the society
- Developed and approved a new Job Board, which has become widely used and profitable on the AHNS web site
- Responded to a request from the ABMS following the ABOMFS' application to ABMS

# Treasurer Report

Maie St. John, MD, PhD



# Financial Assets

FINANCIAL ASSETS	Dec 31, 2017	Dec 31, 2018	Dec 31, 2019	Dec 31, 2020	Dec 31, 2021	Preliminary Dec 31, 2022
AHNS Cash on hand, less adjustments to R&E	913,732	467,405	394,735	470,004	791,220	907,964
AHNS Investment Funds	1,881,537	1,757,704	2,113,704	2,404,916	2,704,212	2,256,452
<b>AHNS Total Financial Assets</b>	<b>2,795,269</b>	<b>2,225,109</b>	<b>2,508,439</b>	<b>2,874,920</b>	<b>3,495,432</b>	<b>3,164,417</b>
R & E Foundation Cash on hand, as adjusted	600,482	348,531	306,586	262,902	226,155	121,126
R & E Foundation Investment Funds	2,382,763	3,025,486	3,626,924	4,130,130	4,724,253	3,933,756
<b>R &amp; E Foundation Total Financial Assets</b>	<b>2,983,245</b>	<b>3,374,016</b>	<b>3,933,509</b>	<b>4,393,032</b>	<b>4,950,408</b>	<b>4,054,882</b>
<b>AHNS + R&amp;E, Grand Total Financial Assets</b>	<b>5,778,514</b>	<b>5,599,126</b>	<b>6,441,948</b>	<b>7,267,952</b>	<b>8,445,840</b>	<b>7,219,299</b>

2022 substantially > 2017, 2018, 2019

2022 ≈ 2020

2021-2022  
(~14.5%)



AHNS  
Statement of Cash and Investment Assets  
As of May 31, 2023

	May 31, 2023	Dec 31, 2022
Cash, Checking/Savings Accounts		
Cash, Bank of America general account	1,739,204.08	916,453.86
Cash, AHNS<-->R&E adjustments	(9,334.60)	(8,489.60)
Total	1,729,869.48	907,964.26
<b>(NOTE: Cash balance is seasonally "inflated" by approximately \$800,000, because most Dues Income and substantial Intl Congress Income has been collected, while most expenses are still to come.)</b>		
Investment Accounts		
Prodigy/Schwab Investment, Cash	51,095.46	149,378.41
Prodigy/Schwab Investment, Bond Funds	835,443.80	719,539.13
Prodigy/Schwab Investment, Equity Funds	1,489,074.82	1,387,534.88
Total	2,375,614.08	2,256,452.42
<b>(Net investment change to May 2023: +\$119,161.66)</b>		
Grand Total, AHNS Assets	4,105,483.56	3,164,416.68
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R & E Cash, Checking/Savings Accounts, Preliminary		
Cash, Bank of America R&E account	120,715.94	112,636.68
Cash, Pending transfer AHNS-->R&E	9,334.60	8,489.60
Total	130,050.54	121,126.28
R & E Investment Accounts		
Prodigy/Schwab Investment, Cash	185,810.62	190,818.37
Prodigy/Schwab Investment, Bond Funds	998,483.90	971,506.14
Prodigy/Schwab Investment, Equity Funds	2,944,783.17	2,771,431.10
Total	4,129,077.69	3,933,755.61
<b>(Net investment change to May 2023: +195,322.08)</b>		
Grand Total, R & E Assets	4,259,128.23	4,054,881.89
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Grand Total, AHNS and R & E Combined Assets	8,364,611.79	7,219,298.57
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**Investment Accounts showing positive change 2023**



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## Nominating Service Report

Bert O'Malley, Jr., MD

### New Process this Year:

- During the 2022 Retreat, leadership decided to revise the nomination process for elected positions
- In an effort to be more transparent and to make sure we are giving more opportunities to more of our members, we created a self nomination process for several positions
- There was great interest among our membership, and allowed the nominating service to see which members are most likely to become more actively engaged in leadership activities in the future



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## 2023 – 2024 AHNS Leadership Slate

President:	Robert Ferris, MD, PhD 2023-2024
President Elect:	Bill Lydiatt, MD 2023-2024
Vice President:	*Bevan Yueh, MD 2023-2024
Secretary:	Susan McCammon, MD 2022-2025
Treasurer:	Maie St. John, MD 2022-2025
Education Division Chair:	Christine Gourin, MD 2021-2024
Education Division Vice-Chair:	Babak Givi, MD 2021-2024
Research Division Chair:	*Stephen Lai, MD 2023-2024
Research Division Vice-Chair:	Wendell Yarbrough, MD 2021-2024
Patient Care Division Chair:	Gregory Farwell, MD 2022-2025
Patient Care Division Vice-Chair:	Carole Fakhry, MD 2022-2025
Administration Division Chair:	Gregory Randolph, MD 2021-2024
Administration Division Vice-Chair:	Cecelia Schmalbach, MD 2021-2024
DEI Division Chair:	Amy Chen, MD 2022-2025
DEI Division Vice-Chair:	Melonie Nance, MD 2022-2025
Foundation Chair:	James Rocco, MD, PhD 2023-2026
Nominating Service:	*Urjeet Patel, MD 2023-2024
	*Steven Wang, MD 2023-2024
Finance Service:	*Kelly Malloy, MD 2023-2026

\*Indicates who will be voted upon at the business meeting



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*Welcoming Back the World: Striving for Innovation, Quality, Compassion, and Collegiality*

## **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/>*



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Meeting  
overview

Friday July 7	Saturday July 8	Sunday July 9	Monday July 10	Tuesday July 11	Weds July 11
AACR	AACR	Plenary	Plenary	Plenary	Plenary
	AHNS: Instruction courses	AHNS	AHNS	AHNS	AHNS

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

**New:** AHNS summer camp, Learning Center and Shark Tank

**NIDCR R13 Conference Grant**

**Invited speakers:**

John Conley Lecture – **Timothy Chan**

Global Medicine Keynote – **Pankaj Chaturvedi**

Chris O'Brien Lecture – **Hisham Mehanna**

Keynote – **Rebecca Richards-Kortum**

Hayes Martin Lecture – **Theodoros Teknos**





## Sessions & Attendees (as of July 6<sup>th</sup>)

Session Name	Registered
Endocrine surgery	68
Salivary neoplasia course	57
Robotics course	101
Presentations	Registered
Posters	429
Oral presentations	547
Instruction courses	43
Panels	42

Registration Type	Number
AHNS Faculty - Member	21
AHNS Faculty - Non Member	38
AHNS Member	564
Fellow	111
Medical Student	179
Non-Member	312
Nurse Practitioner	62
Nurse/RN	6
Resident	275
Scientist/Engineer/PhD	57
Speech Language Pathologist	26
Exhibitor	151
<b>Total</b>	<b>1654</b>



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**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

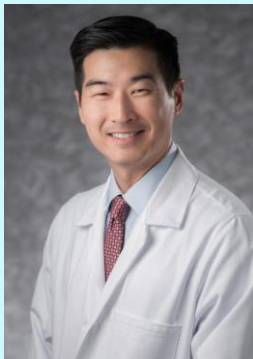




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## COSM 2024



Program Chair  
Patrick Ha, MD  
UCSF



Program Co-Chair  
Sidharth Puram, MD, PhD  
Washington University



Program Co-Chair  
Nicole Schmitt,  
MD  
Emory



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



	Wednesday May 15	Thursday May 16	Friday May 17	Saturday May 18	Sunday May 19
<b>AM</b>	AAFPRS AHNS - C ARS	AAFPRS, AHNS - C, ALA	ABEA, TRIO - C	ALA, AOS, ASPO - C	ABEA, ANS, ASPO
<b>PM</b>	AAFPRS, AHNS - C, ARS	AHNS - C, ALA, ARS	AOS, ASPO, TRIO - C	ABEA, ANS, ASPO - C	

American Academy of Facial  
Plastic and Reconstructive  
Surgery

American Broncho-  
Esophagological Association

American Head and Neck  
Society

American Laryngological  
Association

American Neurotology Society  
American Otological Society  
American Rhinologic Society  
American Society of Pediatric  
Otolaryngology  
The Triological Society

## COSM

COMBINED OTOLARYNGOLOGY  
SPRING MEETINGS

[www.cosm.md](http://www.cosm.md)

HYATT REGENCY CHICAGO  
MAY 15-19, 2024





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## Administration Division Update

**Constitution & Bylaws Service – Francisco Civantos, MD**

**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, MD**

**Publications & Awards Service – Miriam Lango, Antoine Eskander**

**Website & Social Media Service – Arvind Badhey, Baran Sumer**

**– Gregory Randolph and Cecelia Schmalbach**



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## AHNS White paper initiative now AHNS Guidelines Advisory Board (AGAB)

### 1. New Structure

1. Administrative and methodological leads
2. Expanded membership- 13 + 16 new members with methodologic expertise based on polling AHNS members
3. Methodologist for adhere to Institute of Medicine (IOM) standards
4. Education Division Representative and EC liaisons.
5. Administrative Support for balanced scorecard on efficiency, educational development, member satisfaction and ROI.
6. Budget approved by EC

### 2. Defined 4 categories of and an algorithm for developing AHNS White Papers

1. Application forms for CPG and CCS (higher category of white papers)
2. Fast track pathway for developing narrative review and position statements

### 3. Goals for coming year

1. townhalls for AHNS Clinical Sections
2. Attend GIN Meeting
3. Initiate development of one CPG or CCS



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## International Advisory Service

### ❖ Chair

- Johan Fagan steps down after completing 2yr term in July 2023
- New Chair and Chair-Elect to be elected in Montreal

### ❖ Reengineered IAS

- International Regional Directors from 10 regions to ensure global representation
- Paired with 10 North American Vice Regional Directors

### ❖ International Fellows Group

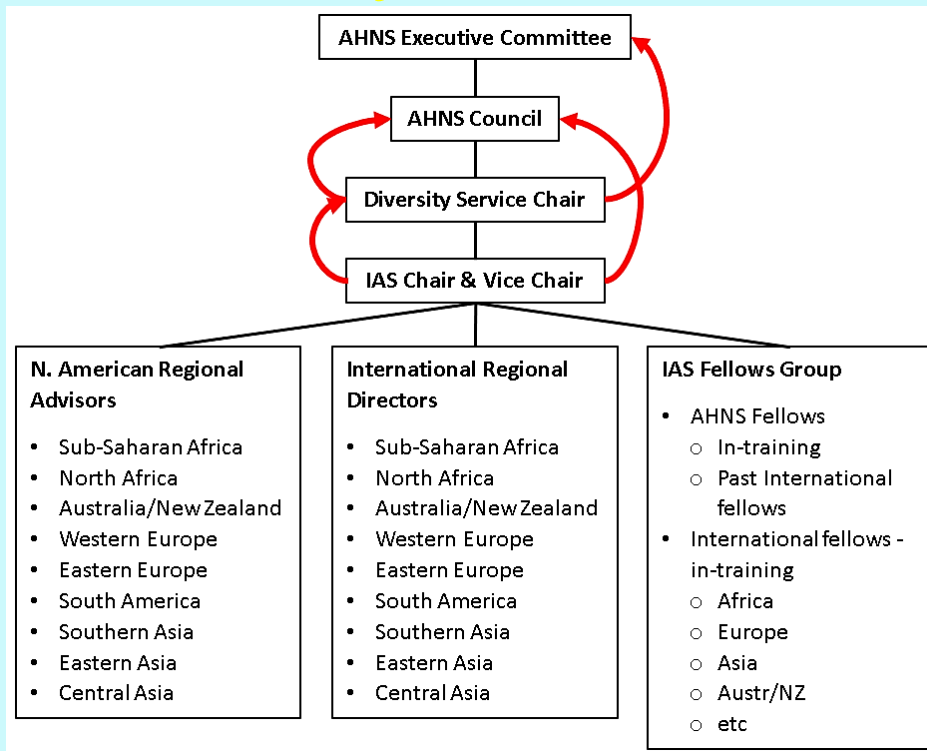
- N American fellows-in-training, Fellows-in-training outside N. America; Early career HN surgeons
- Inaugural co-chairs: Max Kligerman and Samih Abudinen
- >100 international fellows recruited
- First Zoom international meeting: June 2023: Attended by ~50 fellows
- Social get-together in Montreal
- Potential to build global community of young HN surgeons, share educational material, tumor boards, invited lectures, mentorship, fellowship exchanges, awareness of global diversity of challenges and practices, communication channel with AHNS leadership through IAS
- Personal appreciation for
  - Opportunity to serve AHNS
  - Support from Greg Randolph, Don Weed



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## AHNS International Advisory Service 2.0

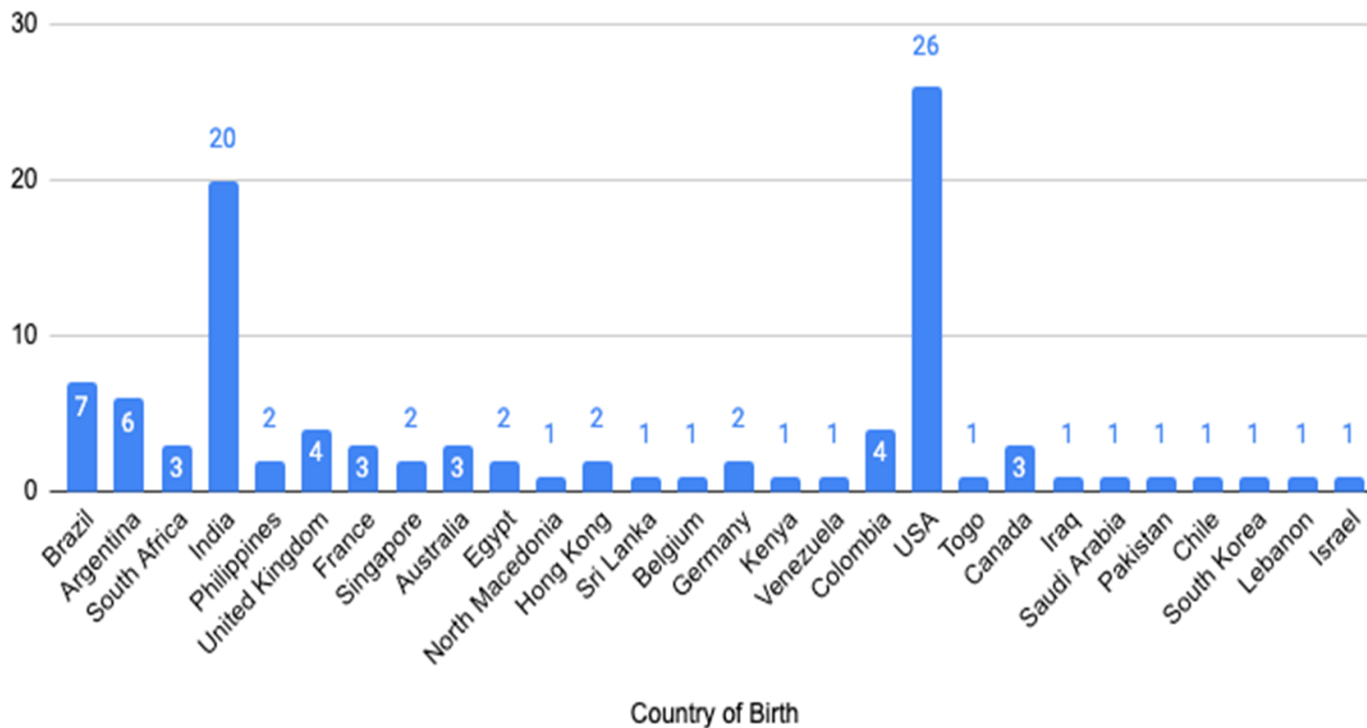




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## H&N Fellow Demographics

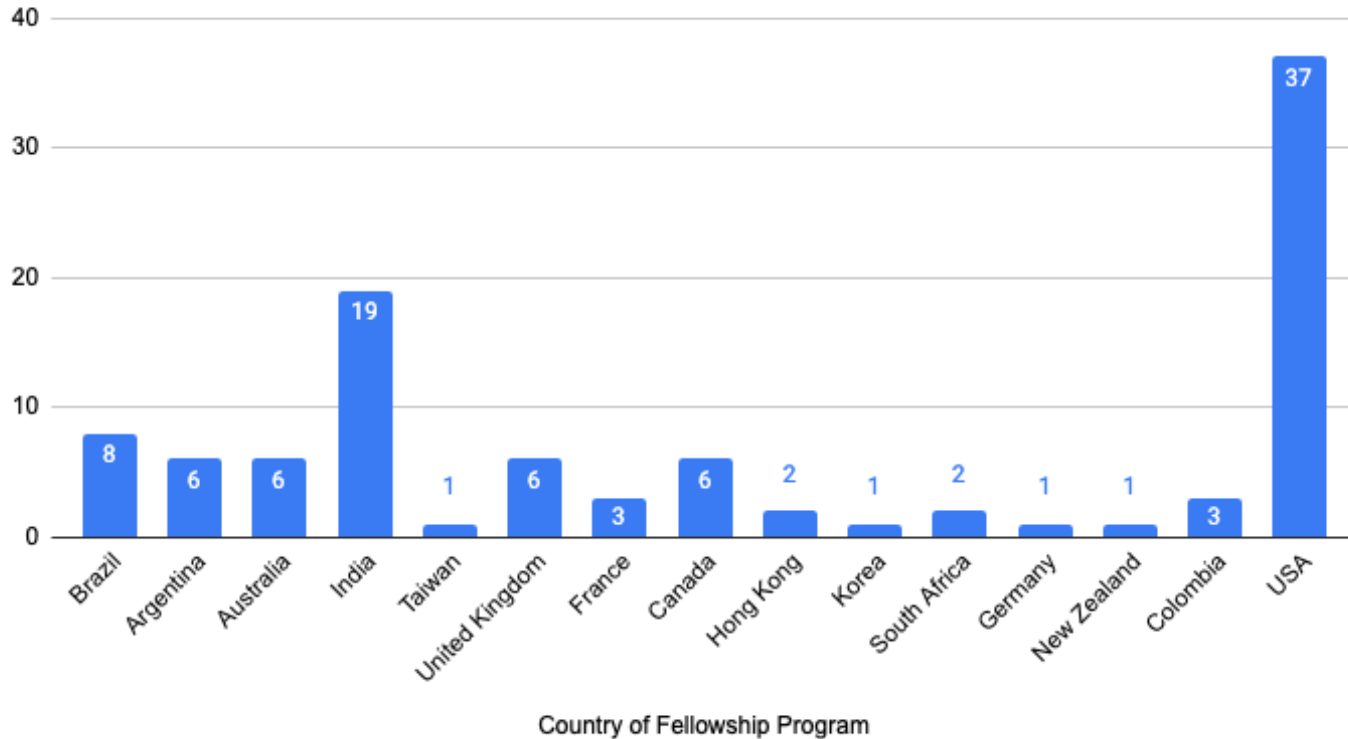




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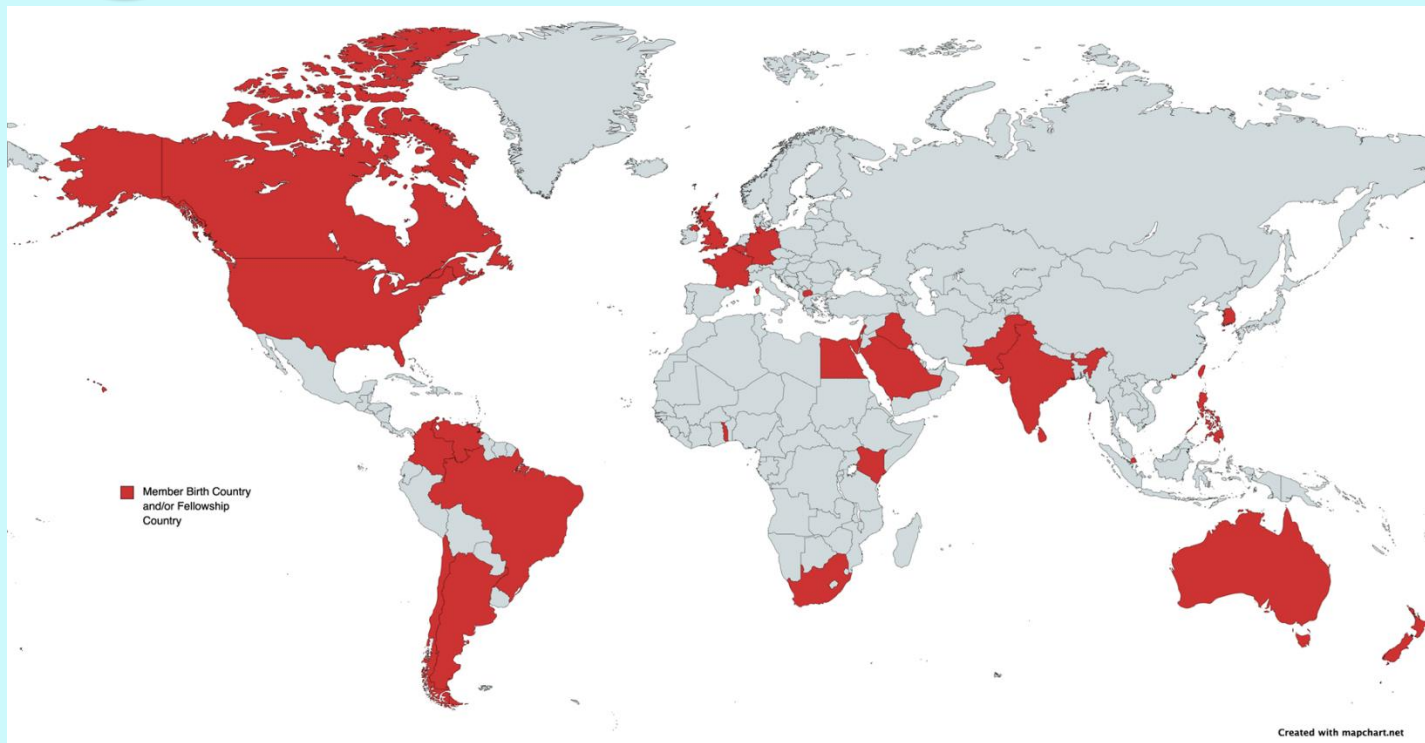


## Head and Neck Fellowship Programs





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# 2023 AHNS Council Meeting



## International Meeting Development Snapshot 2023 vs. 2016

### July 2023 International Meeting

Fundraising goal = **\$620,000\***  
Educational Grants = \$146,000  
Visibility & Marketing = \$345,700  
**Total Funds Received = \$491,700**

**Exhibit goal = \$140,000**

**38 applications received**

**Total Exhibit Income = \$151,200**

### July 2016 International Meeting

Fundraising goal = **\$235,000**  
Educational Grants = \$110,000  
Visibility & Marketing =  
**Total Funds Received = \$541,130**

**Exhibit goal = \$120,000**

**45 applications received**

**Total Exhibit Income = \$129,300**



# AHNS Peer Support Program

<https://www.ahns.info/ahns-peer-support-program-referral/>



The AHNS offers a support service for members who are facing professional or personal challenges impacting their performance or wellbeing.

If you are an AHNS member who would benefit from connecting with a head and neck surgeon trained in supporting others or wish to refer an AHNS member you know, please see below for instructions on how to submit a referral form.

Referrals are confidential; you may choose to remain anonymous or provide your contact information.

Disclaimer: The AHNS Peer Support program does not offer mental health, medical or legal advice. We are strongly committed to maintaining a participant's confidentiality, however, an exception arises when a participant discloses risk of harming themselves or others. If such a disclosure is made, then the AHNS peer counselor is required to advise the appropriate authorities. We encourage those who are struggling to engage mental health resources such as the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (call or text 988) or emergency medical services.





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## History Service

Chair: Melonie Nance, MD

Vice-Chair: Joseph F. Goodman, MD

- **AHNS Distinguished Leadership Interviews completed 2 new ones:**

- [Interview with Dr. Jonas T. Johnson view here](#) – Dr. Melonie Nance Interview with Dr. Jonas T. Johnson
- [Interview with Dr. Jatin P. Shah view here](#) - Dr. Richard Wong Interview with Dr. Jatin P. Shah)

- **Session at 12<sup>th</sup> International Meeting** – 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM Room 517 BC ,  
“The Origin of AHNS: 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Forum”, Moderator: Melonie Nance

and We will present a narrative history of the merger of the SHNS and ASHNS in 1998  
how this resulted in the current AHNS.

- **25<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary History Quiz**

*History Service select several key interviews and incorporate Quiz highlighting contributions from senior leaders to our society over the years. At the end of the meeting, winners will be identified and sent signed textbooks by the same senior leaders featured in the interviews.*



## 2023 AHNS Business Meeting



# Publication and Awards Service

2023 International Meeting Awards: 68 manuscript submissions

### Reviewers

Raymond Chai

Tony Eskander-Vice Chair

Miriam Lango-Chair

Bob Medina

Nagashree Seetharamu

Patrick Pipkorn

Sid Puram

Warren Swegal

Thank you for your service!



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## Publication and Awards Service

**Chair: Miriam Lango**

**Vice-Chair: Antoine (Tony) Eskander**

### **Basic Science**

*Diffusion MRI-based detection of immunotherapy response in a preclinical model of head and neck cancer*

Robert Saddawi-Konefka, UC San Diego School of Medicine, USA

### **Best Prevention and Early Detection**

*Performance Metrics of TTMV-HPV DNA Serologic Testing for the Diagnosis and Surveillance of Human*

*Papillomavirus-Associated Oropharyngeal Cancer*

Rocco M. Ferrandino, MD, MSCR Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, USA

### **Best resident clinical paper**

*Oncologic Significance of Therapeutic Delays in Oral Cavity Cancer: A Multi-Center Study of the Canadian*

*Head & Neck Collaborative Research Initiative*

Gabriel S Dayan, Centre Hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal, CA

### **Randal Weber, MD Award for Quality, Safety and Value in Head and Neck Oncology**

*Recurrence in Resection Specimen Versus Tumor Bed Sampling Margin Assessment Strategies in Oral Cavity SCC*

Shannon S. Wu. And Eric D. Lamarre, MD Cleveland Clinic, USA

### **Robert Maxwell Byers Award**

*Combining "Off the shelf" Natural Killer (NK) cells enhances tumor suppression with cisplatin chemotherapy in NPC*

Qian hui Poh and Chwee Ming Lim National University of Singapore Medical School, Singapore



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## Ethics and Professionalism Service

- Peer Support Network pilot go-live
- AHNS Journal Club: Aug 2022
- Webinar: “HPV Liquid Biopsies: Ethical and Practical Considerations”
- Cancer drug shortages



## Social Media/Website Service

-Leadership: Chair/ViceChair- Arvind Badhey, Baran Sumer

Website Updates: Find a Doc platform improved, Main Domains changed (Patients, Trainees, Sections, Member Central.

Formalized Content

Instagram Live

Facebook/Emails/Virtual Tumor Boards/Webinars/Instagram all communicating

Multi-service Panel: Instructional Course at International Meeting

Instagram Liasons

# Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Division

Chair: Amy Chen, MD

Vice Chair: Melonie Nance, MD





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## Women in HNS

- Margaret Butler Award: (Amy Lassig, MD & Karen Choi, MD)
  - Congratulations to the Margaret Butler Awardee: Dr. Anna Pou -Reception immediately following Panel 7.9.23.
    - 2022: Amy Chen, MD
    - 2021 Margaret Butler Awardee: Lisa Orloff, MD
    - 2020: Cherie Ann Nathan, MD; 2019: Marion Couch, MD PhD MBA
- Panels: Equity, Inclusion, and the Challenges facing Underrepresented Surgeons: From Fairness to Effectiveness
  - Dr. Ellie Maghami, Dr. Greg Krempf, Dr. Anna Pou, and Dr. Francisco Civantos
- Future initiatives:
  - We would like to partner with Diversity Committee and begin a Lectureship or scholarship in honor of Dr. Giovanna Thomas (U of Miami)
  - Will need permission from family.
- Chair transition: Shirley Su, MD



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## Diversity Service

Chair: Gina Jefferson, MD

Vice-Chair: Tammara Watts, MD

- **AHNS Dr. Eddie Méndez Fellowship Award launched.**
  - **AHNS Members Sign Up to be a Mentor Here Now!**, 6 AHNS Members have made a submission. All AHNS members are encouraged to mentor.
  - Twitter, Meta and IG social media content are uniformed and created by Dr. Gina Jefferson
- **AHNS Myers' Family Summer Travel Fellowship in Otolaryngology - RFA for Diversity Summer Travel Fellowship in Otolaryngology for under-represented minority medical students**, 2023 had largest number of applicants thus far for one cycle (41).
  - **2022 Recipient: Priya Arya** (Emailing us the name of her mentor and research proposal).  
Mercer University School of Medicine in Savannah, GA  
MD Candidate, Class of 2025
  - **2023 Recipient: Laura Jackson, PhD** - will work with Dr. Lisa Shnyder and HN group at Univ. of Kansas  
MD Candidate, Class of 2026  
M1 Diversity & Inclusion MSA Rep., University of Kansas School of Medicine  
The student is M1 and has a M.S. in Neuroscience and Ph.D. in Sports Psych.
  - **Database Post Match can be viewed here.**



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## Young Members Service

Chair: Vivian Wu, MD

Vice- Chair: Andrés Bur, MD

- **Qualitative study on career guidance during Fellowship collaboration with the Curriculum Development Maintenance Service and Advanced Training Council,** Project Lead Dr. Karen Choi, “*Exploratory Analysis of Head and Neck Surgical Oncology Fellow Perspectives of American Head and Neck Society Fellowship Training Program*”. Multi-institutional funding from Penn State Health, University of Massachusetts, Indiana University and AHNS Operations.
- **Podcast, AHNS Young Members Corner, has 3 Episodes, listen here,** A Podcast featuring interviews with leaders in head and neck surgery. Now available through at [ahns.info](http://ahns.info) and on Spotify or iTunes. Cover issues of general interest to the head and neck surgery community and topics related to career development for early-career members.
- **Established Social Networking Event**  
For Young Members Service members and Recent Fellowship Grads last 3 years to current, sponsored by **an unrestricted from KLS Martin who support we will acknowledge at the event**, Project Leads, Dr. Orly Coblens AND Dr. Andrés Bur. Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm – 37 people completed RSVP. Limit 40
- **Practice Building Session during International Conference,** Instructional Course 11: “*Challenges and Considerations for Building a Practice for the Young Head and Neck Surgeon*”, 11:00 AM EST – 11: 36 AM, Room 510 AC, Dr. Caitlin McMullen, Practice Building followed by Career Advancement Opportunities, Dr. Andrés Bur
- **Collaboration with International Fellows Initiative**



# 2023 AHNS Business Meeting



## Global Outreach Service

- **Proposal for AHNS supported fellowship in Ethiopia submitted to AHNS council**
  - Proposal includes a combination of fellow training within Africa (surgical) and virtual speech therapy via the U.S.
- **Funds remaining for AfHNS travel scholarship are \$5,000**
  - Generally \$2,000 per scholarship
- **We continue to leverage social media to highlight global outreach activities**
  - Surgical team visits
  - International webinars
  - Africa tumor board



# 2023 AHNS Business Meeting



## International Advisory Service

- Chair
  - Johan Fagan steps down after completing 2yr term in July 2023
  - New Chair and Chair-Elect to be elected in Montreal
- Reengineered IAS
  - International Regional Directors from 10 regions to ensure global representation
  - Paired with 10 North American Vice Regional Directors
- International Fellows Group
  - N American fellows-in-training, Fellows-in-training outside N. America; Early career HN surgeons
  - Inaugural co-chairs: Max Kligerman and Samih Abudinen
  - >100 international fellows recruited
  - First Zoom international meeting: June 2023: Attended by ~50 fellows
  - Social get-together in Montreal
  - Potential to build global community of young HN surgeons, share educational material, tumor boards, invited lectures, mentorship, fellowship exchanges, awareness of global diversity of challenges and practices, communication channel with AHNS leadership through IAS
- Personal appreciation for
  - Opportunity to serve AHNS
  - Support from Greg Randolph, Don Weed

# Education Division

Chair: Chris Gourin, MD

Vice Chair: Babak Givi, MD



# 2023 AHNS Business Meeting



## AHNS CME Compliance Service

In 2022-2023, the CME Compliance Service supported the accreditation for:

- International Conference
- 1 accredited webinar





## AHNS CME Compliance Service

In 2023-2024, the CME Compliance Service will:

- Support the 2024 COSM meeting accreditation
- Support CME accreditation for appropriate webinars
- Incorporate the ACCME's Commendation Criteria into our education planning process with a goal of achieving Commendation at our next review
- Continue to implement the ACCME's new Standards for Integrity and Independence





# 2023 AHNS Business Meeting



## Advanced Training Council

- 2 new Head and Neck Fellowships approved - University of Arkansas, University of Utah, 1 (Baylor) pending EC vote
- 2 new fellowship applications to be site visited – Tulane University (Endocrine) and Sarah Cannon (Head and Neck)
- 12 Re-reaccreditation Site Visits this year
- 7 Programs Re-Accredited (+ 5 pending EC vote)
- 5 new Program Directors approved - Washington University, Case Western, UT Southwestern, University of Iowa, University of Oklahoma
- MUSC update
- BSC building a new case log system for AHNS – T-Res terminated
- ATC program guidelines updated with input from Fellowship Working Group of ATC and CDMS and approval of final version by vote of ATC



# 2023 AHNS Business Meeting



## Advanced Training Council

Site visits being scheduled

Program	Re-Accred year
Tulane- Endocrine	NEW
Sarah Cannon	NEW
MEEI Endocrine	2020
Washington University	2020
Wayne State University	2021
Emory University	2022
Vanderbilt University	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	2023



# 2023 AHNS Business Meeting



## Advanced Training Council

### Head and Neck Fellowship Program Guideline Update 2023

1. Creation of an “International Track” certificate for international trainees in Oto, Surg, PS exclusive of Canada. ATC will verify documentation of residency training and ECFMG certification for application distribution, program directors must decide adequacy of training for their program and verify capacity of their sponsoring institution for Visa sponsorship and fulfillment of any other local or state training requirements prior to ranking an International Track applicant
2. Composition and terms for ATC members and chair updated
3. Educational requirements specified in greater detail
4. Key indicator procedures and minimum numbers will be posted annually by ATC
5. Enhancement of certification process for all fellows, requiring documentation of fellow interim and summative evaluations and the fellow’s completed case log to be submitted by PD to ATC at the conclusion of the training year, with award of AHNS certificate contingent on ATC review and approval of the fellow’s evaluation portfolio
6. Expectations of ATC, Program Directors, and Fellows outlined



# Curriculum Development and Maintenance Service

**Virtual Tumor Board Series schedule for 2023-2024  
established with first session held on July 5, 2023,  
providing curriculum overview and "How to find a job"**

**-Recorded sessions are available at [ahns.info](http://ahns.info)  
under "For Trainees" tab**

**-Partnering with the ARS on a skull base webinar  
for both the AHNS and ARS fellows**



# Curriculum Development and Maintenance Service

Revisions are on-going to the standardized fellowship curriculum → “Curriculum 3.0” along with the associated reading list

Working to create a centralized place to access videos on head and neck surgical operative techniques

Graduating fellows and current PDs surveyed on the current curriculum resources to evaluate for best way to incorporate into training

# Patient Care Division

Chair: Greg Farwell, MD

Vice Chair: Carole Fakhry, MD



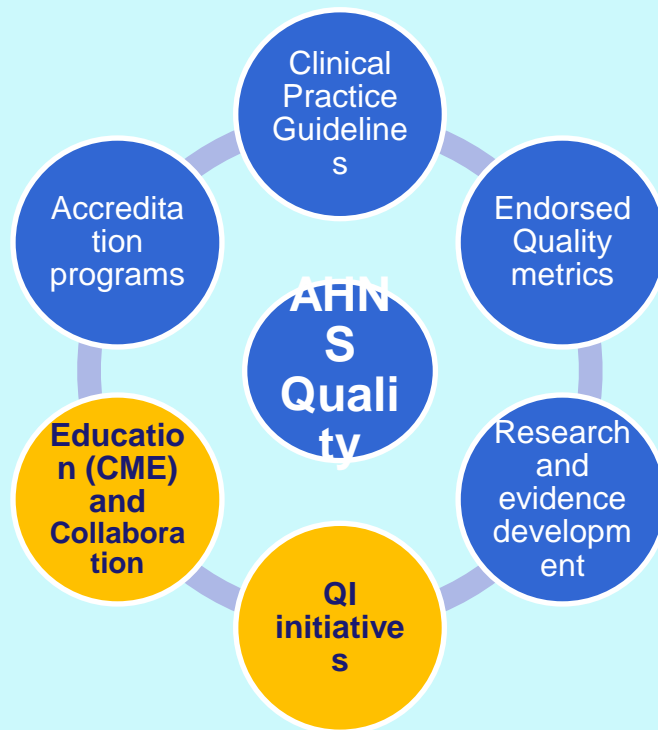
## Value and Quality of Care Service

### 2023 Goals

- Make more direct impact on patient care
- Develop infrastructure for future QI work
- Foster leaders and build community

Lead national QI initiative to address delays in PORT following ablative surgery (CoC metric)

- Quarterly Zoom meetings for collaboration and training





## Value and Quality of Care Service

### Results:

- 45 programs initially involved; ~10 completed projects
- Numerous challenges to timely care identified and addressed
  - Increased access to pre-surgical dental care
  - Earlier referrals to Rad Onc
  - Improved pathology result reporting
  - Improved care coordination and transparency

### Next steps:

- Focus on areas of common challenges (dental, Rad Onc collab)
- Define / promote “best practices”





# Cancer Prevention and Early Detection Service

**Oral Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Week (OHANCAW) –**  
Five community service awards were provided to support community based events nationwide in April, co-sponsored by the AHNS and Head and Neck Cancer Alliance.

### HPV prevention/detection

- Patient-facing slide deck being created to aid in public education of risk factors, detection and vaccination
- Exploring survey study on use of HPV ctDNA among AHNS members, collaboration with mucosal service task force



# Cancer Prevention and Early Detection Service

Head and neck self-exam website – Mobile-friendly website created with assistance of Jason Levine, AHNS web designer team. Will be available to public soon, will guide patients in self-examination and give examples of abnormal and normal findings, guidance for contacting health care providers.

### Tobacco Cessation

- Task force assigned to developing content to aid AHNS members in managing tobacco use disorder for tertiary prevention
- Survey study to identify obstacles in practice etc, expert training being pursued by task force members

### Oral Leukoplakia

- Survey study on practice patterns in diagnosis published
- Follow-up study on management in development



# 2023 AHNS Business Meeting



## Practice Guidelines & Position Statements Service now AHNS Guidelines Advisory Board (AGAB)

### 1. New Structure

1. Have added external methodological leaders
2. Expanded membership- new members with methodologic experience based on polling AHNS members
3. Methodologist for adhere to Institute of Medicine (IOM) standards
4. Education Division Representative and EC liaisons.
5. Administrative Support for balanced scorecard on efficiency, educational development, member satisfaction and ROI
6. Budget tentatively approved

### 2. Developed algorithm for developing the 4 types of AHNS White Papers

1. Application forms for CPG and CCS (higher category of white papers)
2. Fast track pathway for developing narrative review and position statements

### 3. Goals for coming year

1. Discuss new structure with AHNS Clinical Sections
2. Solicit proposals to initiate development of one CPG or CCS
3. Participate in Guidelines International Network (GIN) meeting

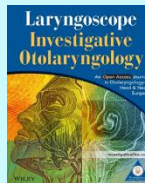


# Survivorship, Supportive Care, & Rehabilitation Service

- Survivorship webinar series (partnership with HNCA)
  - 2022 (~ 300 attendees): Mind/Body, Tobacco Cessation, How to Talk About HPV with Your Loved Ones (partnership with HPV Cancer Alliance)
  - 2023 (~500 attendees; ~ 900 web views): Sharing Your Diagnosis with Loves Ones & Managing Ongoing Communications, Navigating Clinical Trials, What to Expect in the First Year, Oral Cancer: Its Treatments & Side Effects, Caregivers (August)
- Survivorship symposium (partnership with HNCA)
  - 2022 (~ 500 attendees; ~ 2,000 web views): Nutrition and Swallowing, Rehabilitation, Survivorship, Financial Toxicity, Managing Stress and Anxiety, Dental Care
  - 2023: Hybrid Program on October 7 in Indy
- Survivorship statement 2022

**Congratulations!**

Your work is a top downloaded article.



# Clinical Guideline Development: current landscape and Changes to AHNS Guidelines Advisory Board (AGAB)

Greg Randolph, MD

# Summary

Society	Membership	# Clinical Practice Guidelines
AAO-HNS	~12,000	28
ASCO	~45,000	109
ASTRO	~10,000	33
ATA	~1,700	10
AAES	~600	4
AAOMS	~11,000	0
AHNS	~1,800	0



# AHNS White paper landscape

~1&2 allow current expression

- 3&4 aspirational ~ 2yrs

-Vetted by ~ 15 EBM experts and JAMAOTO and Head and Neck Ed staff

Categories:	I.) Narrative Review endorsed by AHNS	II.) Position Paper endorsed by AHNS	III.) Clinical Consensus Statement (current state) endorsed by AHNS	IV.) Clinical Practice Guidelines (future state) endorsed by AHNS
<b>1.) Objective</b>	To present an up-to-date review for clinicians on a topic of general common interest from the perspective if internationally recognized experts in these disciplines. Focus should be an update on the current understanding of the physiology of the disease or condition, diagnostic and treatment issues.	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



# AHNS Guideline Advisory Board (AGAB)

Organizational Chart and Process Flow  
First meeting 4/22



# AGAB Advisory Board – Organizational Chart

Gregory Farwell  
**Patient Care Division Chair, EC Liason**

Gregory Randolph  
**Administration Division Chair, EC Liason**

## **AGAB Leadership**

Jennifer Shin, Stacey Ishman, Seth Schwartz Methodology Leads, Baran Sumer Administrative Lead

## **Education Division Chair**

Christine Gourin/Babek Givi

## **New Methodologic Expertise AHNS Volunteers**

Steven Chang, John Cramer, Antoine Eskander, Matthew Geltzeiler, Babak Givi, Zhen Gooi, Cirian Lane, Rosemary Martino Leandro Matos, Aru Panwar, Karthik Rajasekaran, Alvaro Sanbria Kerstin, Stenson, Varun Vendra, Mary Xu, Mark Zafareo

## **Methodologist**

Roger Chou

## **Existing Guideline Service Members**

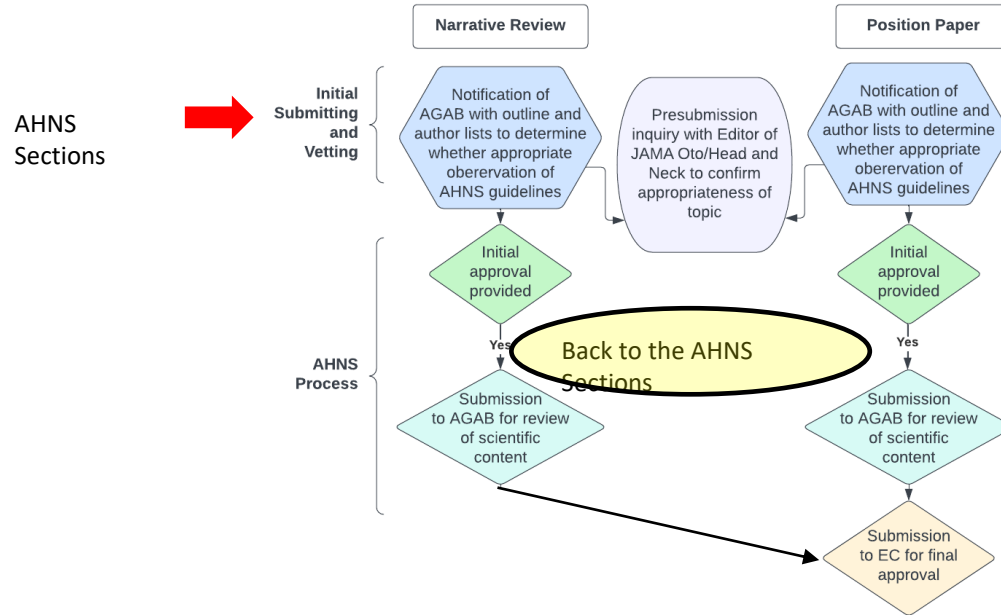
Ernest Gomez, Miriam O'Leary, Ofer Azoulay, Raymond Chai, John de Almeida, Nicole Fowler, Tiffany Glazer, Greg Kempl, Salem Noureldine, Samip Patel, Guy Petruzzelli, Scott Roof, Michael Sim

## **AHNS BSC Admin**

Ochun Farlice, Christina Kasendorf



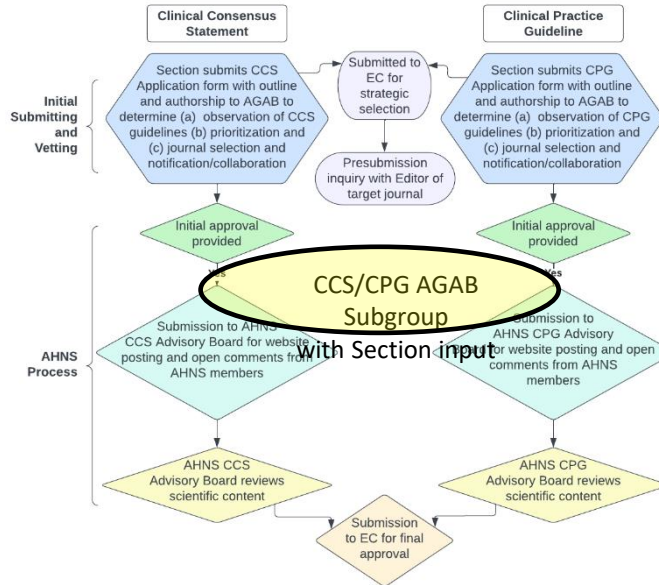
# AGAB Process Flow – Narrative Reviews & Position Papers



# AGAB Process Flow – CCS and CPG

N=1 paper/2 yrs

AHNS  
Sections



# Research Division

Chair: Jim Rocco, MD

Vice Chair: Dell Yarbrough, MD



## Basic Science Translational Service

**Continued population and access of AHNS Data repository**

**Developed multiple infographics AHNS twitter release**

e.g. infographic on circulating tumor DNA and p16 in HN Cancers

**Multiple BST members promoted and accepted to serve on HN Core grant review**



## Grants Service

- Successful funding of three previously established RFAs
- Proposal under development for a new grant mechanism focused on innovation and entrepreneurship by head and neck surgeons
- Developed a proposal for new annual symposium focused on innovation and entrepreneurship



# 2023 AHNS Business Meeting



## **Population Health and Clinical Research** **Barry Wenig, MD, Joseph Curry, MD**

- 1. Infographs of latest head and neck subjects of interest**
- 2. COVID 19 Cancer Data Collection**
- 3. Webinar – Population Health Challenges, Disparities and Inequities in Research**
- 4. Upcoming Webinar on understanding and use of large datasets**
- 5. Journal Club focusing on Clinical Trials**
- 6. AAO-HNS (2022) – Cancer Disparities Seminar**
- 7. Education session - AHNS**

# Section Updates





# 2023 AHNS Business Meeting



## Cutaneous Cancer Section

### **Leadership:**

Steven Wang (chair), TJ Ow (vice chair)

Karen Choi (Education Chair), Alice Lin (CDMS rep)

Caitlin McMullen (Social Media Chair)

Neil Gross (Program Liaison), Daniel Knott & Brian Moore (Program Co-Chairs)

Vivian Wu (Membership), Kevin Emerick (ATC rep, Research)

Jessica Yesensky (Cancer Prevention rep)

### **Education Highlights:**

Webinar – Updates on Melanoma, May 17

Two CDMS tumor boards (Dec and May)

May Journal Club

Updated AHNS Fellow Curriculum and reading list, for cutaneous cancer



# 2023 AHNS Business Meeting



## Cutaneous Cancer Section

### **Social Media and Website:**

Regular postings on Instagram, Monthly blog posts

### **Research Update:**

Position paper on Cemiplimab in cSCC published in H&N

Ongoing projects – multi-institutional review of slnbnx for cSCC, multi-disciplinary collaboration to develop systemic pathology reporting for NMSCs—goal is to publish white paper

### **Membership:**

Membership drive and content expert listing

### **Montreal Meeting:**

4 instructional courses, 2 panels; General Section meeting, (7/10/23) Mon 6:30am



# 2023 AHNS Business Meeting



## Endocrine Surgical Section Annual Update

Video at:

<https://vimeo.com/799653048>

Text at: [ENTtoday](#) June 12, 2023, pp. 22-23.

<https://www.enttoday.org/article/complex-thyroid-parathyroid-surgery-certification-means-better-education-for-surgeons/>



### AHNS ES TOWNHALL ON FOCUSED PRACTICE DESIGNATION FOR ADULT COMPLEX THYROID/PARATHYROID SURGERY

Wednesday, February 8th at 7pm EST

- AHNS-ES/ThyCa Zoom webinar, Thursday June 15, 2023. 9/14/23 and 12/14/23 – **Reddit** (Topics: TBD).
- AHNS-ES has webinars scheduled: **September 13th and November 29th, 2023.**
- AHNS-ES engagement and advocacy for our specialty, especially in ATA.
- AHNS-ES Research: Multi-Institutional Hurthle Cell Ca led By Dr. Dan Rocke, Duke University.
- Section Speaker Outreach:
  - **North American Society for Invasive Thyroidology (NASIT), Drs. Kandil, Tufano, and Russell.**
  - **Asia Pacific Thyroid Society, Drs. Stack, Randolph, and Shonka.**
  - **The XIX Latin American Thyroid Society Congress, Drs. Scharpf, Banuchi, and Singer.**
  - **World Congress on Thyroid Cancer led by our former Chair Greg Randolph and involved many section members as speakers and panelists**
- **11th International Conference on Head and Neck Cancer.** Our current program consists of three, 2 hour sessions dedicated to **thyroid ablation, parathyroid autofluorescence, and advanced thyroid cancers.** The 3 sessions will be followed by a new surgery technology event featuring over 10 vendors with hand on experience for participants.
- **AHNS Endocrine Section Annual Meeting, Sunday, July 9, 2023, 1:45 - 3:15 PM, Room 512 ABEF, Palais Des Congres, Montreal, QC, CA**



# 2023 AHNS Business Meeting



## Mucosal Malignancy Section

- AHNS International Meeting 2023: 3 instructional Course proposals, 8 panel proposals and 2 keynote speaker proposals submitted
- Journal Clubs: Volume 44, June 2022
- Virtual Tumor Boards:
  - August 3, 2022: Challenges in Oral Cavity Cancers
  - October 5, 2022: Management of Early Laryngeal Cancer
  - April 5, 2023 TORS vs. RT Oropharynx dilemmas

**AHNS VIRTUAL TUMOR BOARD**  
Presented by the AHNS Curriculum Development & Maintenance Service



**TORS vs RT? Oropharynx Dilemmas**  
(hosted by the AHNS Mucosal Malignancy Section)


**Faculty/Cases:**  
Brittany Barber, MD MSc FRCSC - University of Washington  
Burton Wood, MD - University of Tennessee  
Nolan Seim, MD - The Ohio State University

**Discussants:**  
Wade Thurston, MD - Washington University  
Scott Magnuson, MD - Advent Health

**Moderator:**  
Ryan Jackson, MD - Washington University

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**AHNS VIRTUAL TUMOR BOARD**  
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**Management of Early Laryngeal Cancer**  
(hosted by the AHNS Mucosal Malignancy Section)

**Faculty/Cases:**  
Diana Kink MD, Icahn School of Medicine at Mt. Sinai  
Open Partial Laryngectomy  
Laurens Gratzel, MD, University of Puerto Rico  
Endoscopic Resection Early Glottic Cancer  
Samer Al Khudari, MD, Rush University  
TORS: Supraglottic Cancer Resection

**Discussants:**  
Kendra Harris MD, Tulane University  
Andrew McHorney MD, Louisiana State University Voice Center  
Miriam Lange, MD, MD Anderson Cancer Center

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**AHNS VIRTUAL TUMOR BOARD**  
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**Challenges in Oral Cavity Cancers**  
(hosted by the AHNS Mucosal Malignancy Section)

**Presenters:**  
St. Furum, MD PhD - Washington University  
Akash Nalk, MD - Indiana University  
Marian Townsend, MD - University of Louisville Health

**Discussants:**  
Marla Tong, MD - Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai  
Stephen Lai, MD - MD Anderson Cancer Center  
Ali Rosenberg, MD - University of Chicago

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**Journal Club**

**AHNS Mucosal Malignancy Section Issue**

This Issue of the AHNS Journal Club has been compiled and reviewed by members of the AHNS Mucosal Malignancy Section Edition

**Contributing Members:**  
Elizabeth Blair, MD, Robert Brody, MD, Andrés M. Bur, MD, Peter Dziogilewski, MD, Ryan Jackson, MD, Andrew Larson, MD, Matthew Mifsud, MD

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## Mucosal Malignancy Section

- Webinars: HPV Liquid biopsies: Rescheduled for July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Contributed members to the Larynx Staging Panel of the AJCC Core Group to work on the 9<sup>th</sup> Edition of the AJCC/UICC staging of cancer
- Contemporary Reviews:
  - “Oral cavity margins” published June 2023
  - “Nodal management” approved, in final stage of submission
- Two New Task Forces formed
- within Mucosal Section:
  - Liquid Biopsy Task Force
  - Transoral Surgery Task Force

### AHNS VIRTUAL EDUCATION SERIES

*Presented by the AHNS Mucosal Malignancy Section*



**“HPV Liquid Biopsies: Ethical and Practical Considerations”**  
May 31, 2023 at 7:00 PM Eastern Time

JAMA Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery | Review | FROM THE AMERICAN HEAD AND NECK SOCIETY

#### Margins in Stage I and II Oral Cavity Squamous Cell Carcinoma A Review From the American Head and Neck Society

Sidharth V. Puram, MD, PhD; Ashley C. Mays, MD; Rodrigo Bayon, MD; Diana Bell, MD; Jefferson Chung, MD; Christopher E. Fundudis, MD; Bradley T. Johnson, MD; Sean T. Massa, MD; Arun Sharma, MD, MS; Mark A. Vanvare, MD

**IMPORTANCE** The assessment and management of surgical margins in stage I and II oral cavity squamous cell carcinoma is one of the most important perioperative aspects of oncologic care, with profound implications for patient outcomes and adjuvant therapy. Understanding and critically reviewing the existing data surrounding margins in this context is necessary to rigorously care for this challenging group of patients and minimize patient morbidity and mortality.

**OBSERVATIONS** This review discusses the data related to the definitions related to surgical margins, methods for assessment, specimen vs tumor bed margin evaluation, and re-resection of positive margins. The observations presented emphasize notable controversy within the field about margin assessment, with early data coalescing around several key aspects of management, although studies are limited by their design.

**CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE** Stage I and II oral cavity cancer requires surgical resection with negative margins to obtain optimal oncologic outcomes, but controversy persists over margin assessment. Future studies with improved, well-controlled study designs are required to more definitively guide margin assessment and management.

JAMA Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg. doi:10.1001/jamaoto.2023.1201  
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Check out our new video,  
“Techniques in Oral Cavity  
Malignancy Frozen Sections”

#### Specimen vs Tumor Bed



AHNS Mucosal Section

<https://www.ahns.info/sections/mucosal-csi/surgical-videos/>



# 2023 AHNS Business Meeting



## Reconstructive Section

-Chairs: Jeremy Richmon and Matt Old

Date	Recon 'Round the World Web Series	Attendees	Views
9/29/2022	Recon 'Round the World: AUSTRALIA "Skin Cancer Reconstruction"	149	119
1/12/2023	Recon 'Round the World: ASIA "Hypopharyngeal and Nasopharyngeal Reconstruction"	224	62
4/20/2023	AHNS Recon 'Round the World: Europe Edition: "Challenges in Oropharyngeal Reconstruction"	93	9
6/1/2023	Recon 'Round the World: INDIA "Management of Complex Oral Cavity Reconstruction"	91	43

-Slack Channel remains active: multiple sub-channels created: difficult cases, general, job posting, journal club, etc.

-Microvascular Fellowship Boot Camp: Oct 13-15, Columbus, OH

### Committees

-Quality:

- Patient Recon Handouts: We have 16 hand-outs completed.
- ERAS protocol summaries: Pre/Intra/Post op guidelines completed

-Mentorship:

- Recon Section Social in Montreal
- submitted grant proposal to AHNS for URM med students from programs w/o OHNS programs to rotate w HN surgeons
- manuscript on text-group based mentorship to be published
- mentorship award development

-Education:

- 6 educational pamphlets completed, submitted Ed Section

-Research:

- FF recon for MRONJ accepted for a podium presentation at the international meeting (manuscript under review)
- FF for IFS accepted for a podium presentation at the international meeting (manuscript under review)
- ORN midface accepted for a poster to the international meeting (manuscript in progress)



# 2023 AHNS Business Meeting



## Salivary Section

**Chair: Danny J. Enepekides**

**Vice-Chair: Kiran Kakarala**

- **Research Committee Chair & Co-Chair: William Ryan & Mirabelle Sajisevi**
- **Outreach Committee Chair & Co-Chair: Alexandra Kejner & Chris Rassekh**
- **Education Committee Chair & Co-Chairs: David Cognetti & Trevor Hackman, Ameya Asarkar**

### Research

Completed international, multicenter study on adjuvant radiation for low and intermediate grade salivary cancer, 41 institutions participating (US, Canada, Brazil, Switzerland) 865 patients. Key finding: observation is likely safe for patients with close margins.

### Outreach

Website in progress, patient education materials (parotidectomy handout, salivary tumors website), video library ongoing

Increase connections with international members/organizations: MSGS

Member engagement in ongoing research/education efforts, possible Slack channel

### Education

Half day course at Montreal meeting: Management of Salivary Neoplasia

AHNS Fellows Virtual Tumor Board Jan 2023

2 AHNS Journal Clubs led by Salivary Section



# 2023 AHNS Business Meeting



## Skull Base Surgery Section

- **Education events**
  - **Skull Base Oncology Case Series - 10 cases uploaded** (Dr. Geltzeiler)
  - **Themed Journal Club** (Editors Drs. Turner and Jeyarajan)
  - **Virtual Tumor Board – Sinonasal & Skull Base Malignancies - February 1, 2023**
  - **AHNS Fellowship Reading Curriculum Guidelines – Updated 2021. Plan for further updates** (Drs. de Almeida and Snyderman)
- **Tri-Society collaboration - Sinonasal Tumor Alliance**
  - **AHNS, ARS and NASBS, next multi-society webinar – August 16, 2023**
- **Section meeting July 10, 2023**
- **Current projects:**
  - **Reinvigorating committees**
  - **Membership recruitment including international**
  - **Research projects**
  - **Newsletter**





# 2023 AHNS Business Meeting



## Call For New Business



# 2023 AHNS Business Meeting



- **Council Members Rotating Off Council:**
- Ehab Hanna, MD – Past President
- Dennis Kraus, MD – Foundation President

# Your New AHNS President



Robert Ferris MD, PhD

Hillman Professor of Oncology and Director at UPMC Hillman  
Cancer Center

Professor of Otolaryngology, of Immunology, and of Radiation  
Oncology

# Robert Ferris MD, PhD

- BA with honors and distinction from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1990
- At Johns Hopkins University, he completed his medical training (MD) and graduate (PhD) degree in immunology, and completed his residency in OHNS
- Joined faculty at University of Pittsburgh in 2001, to the present
- NIH-funded laboratory is focused on cancer immunotherapy using monoclonal antibodies and vaccines, leading randomized phase II-III trials of cancer immunotherapy, including CheckMate-141 and ECOG 3311
- Principal Investigator of two R01 grants, as well as the University of Pittsburgh Specialized Program of Research Excellence (SPORE) program
- Married to Laura K. Ferris, MD, PhD, Professor of Dermatology and Clinical/Translational Science for 25 years. They have 3 children, Rachel (21), Anna (19) and Adam (17).

# Robert Ferris MD, PhD

- Dedicated and innovative clinician
- Productive translational researcher
- Esteemed teacher and mentor to students, residents and fellows
- Thoughtful and provocative leader
- Down to earth demeanor and engaging speaker
- Your President!

