



Minutes
 AHNS-ES Business Meeting
 July 9, 2023
 Montreal, QC

Opening

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Vice-Chair called meeting to order.

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Committee Reports

Research

Nishant Agrawal and Julia Noel

Dr. Singer provided the update on behalf of the Research Committee. The section has produced a library of head and neck cancer white papers on the Endocrine Section webpage, which the committee continues to update. Beyond writing white papers, the committee would like to work on multi-institutional research/efforts. Members are encouraged to reach out to the committee chairs with any ideas.

The committee is currently working on these 2 multi-institutional projects/ research efforts:

Project Title:

Outcomes in Hurthle (oncocytic) cell carcinoma

Purpose: To describe outcomes in patients with Hurthle cell carcinoma and the efficacy of treatment with surgery, radioactive iodine, external beam radiation, chemotherapy, and immunotherapy

Pi: Dan Roche

Co-Pis: Ashley Mays, Beth Cottrill

Status: Duke IRB approved, initial multi-I meeting held late March 2023, currently on individual institutional IRB and data collection

Project Title: Mode of Detection in Surgical Primary Hyperparathyroidism

Purpose: To assess the pathways by which patients with primary hyperparathyroidism are referred for surgical evaluation and management

PI: Noemie Villemure-Poliquin

Co-Pis: Tony Eskander, Mirabelle Sajesevi

Status: Proposal submitted, initial institutional IRB pending

Action Item:

Solicit volunteers as these projects become more formalized.

Patient Care/Education

Miriam Lango and Beth Cottrill

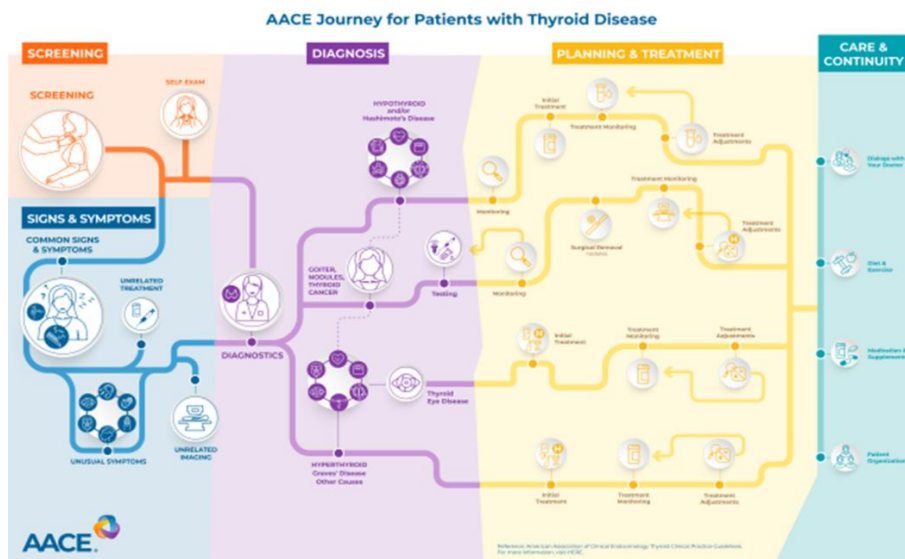
The committee has published one paper on JAMA OTO titled:

Analysis of Unmet information needs among patients with Thyroid Cancer

Future directions for the committee:

60-second FAQs on various topics such as “what are thyroid nodules, thyroid surgery, risks during thyroid surgery, types of cancers in the thyroid”. These FAQ videos would be posted on YouTube, Reddit, any other platform the society wants to use.

The committee would like to incorporate a similar flow chart/ infograph (see below) as a way to inform patients. (<https://www.aace.com/patient-journey/thyroid/planning-and-treatment>)



Research Project Ideas:

Multi-institutional prospective study to evaluate the interaction between preoperative patient expectations and postoperative quality of life outcomes in patients with thyroid malignancies.

Action Item:

If interested in making a FAQ video please reach out to committee chairs.

Social Media

Allen Ho and David Shonka

The committee has established a social media presence and deepened their collaboration with Thyca via the AHNS Twitter chats. The AHNS ES twitter chats were very successful, and the committee is exploring the use of different platforms for the the AHNS ES Chats. Thus far, the committee has coordinated/hosted 11 ahns chats with impressions exceeding 1 million per chat and has had high engagement from organizations such as; ATA, ThyCa, AAES. The committee has hosted 2 AHNS-ThyCa chats on Zoom in 2023 and have also gotten a lot of engagement. These Zoom chats are recorded and posted online. The committee would like to explore the use of different platforms such as Threads and Instagram.

The following questions/points were raised regarding social media:

- Does the ahns have a social media strategy?
- Determine what the section would like to accomplish via social media?
- How can the section improve their social media presence?
- Determine the kind of content the section would like to share via social media i.e sharing relevant and new information to patients, patient outreach

International

Mark Zafereo and Claudio Cernea

Dr. Cernea and several section members attended the Brazilian head and neck society meeting. Section members also attended the LATS meeting which was also held in Brazil in April. APTS meeting in India: Some member attended virtually and Dr. Shonka represented the section in person. Dr. Volpi was named American head and neck society international advisory service chair.

Innovation Technology committee

Jon Russell and David Shonka

The Robotics tent Expo in Montreal was well attended – which was an idea suggested by the committee.

The committee is currently collaborating with 5 organisations/societies to draft an international position statement on remote access thyroid surgery.

Future direction for the committee:

- How to vet new technologies/How to define their role within the thyroid/parathyroid space.
- Opportunities for multi institutional trials?
- Cost effectiveness analysis and which technologies are worth it?
- There is an imbalance on when some technologies should be used: hard cases vs all cases ?

Pediatric

Ken Kazahaya and Jeff Rastatter

The committee was able to draft a statement on pediatric FPD.

Professional Education

Joseph Scharpf and Marika Russell

The committee shared their activities for 2022 and 2023. In 2022, the committee offered 4 webinars. In april 2022 the committee hosted a Resident/Fellow Endocrine Surgery Pre- Course at COSM.

Webinar Activities for 2023:

- Focused Practice Designation: February 2023
- AHNS Endocrine Surgical Skills: How I do it Part I– Parathyroid: September 2023
- AHNS Endocrine Surgical Skills: How I do it-Part II- Thyroid: November 2023

Committee members were involved in Trainee Session at World Congress on Thyroid Cancer, London, in LATS Annual Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil.

Committee members will be involved on Endocrine Section Education Day at AHNS International Meeting, Montreal.

Future Directions:

1.Continued Integration of Education Mission with International Outreach to Expand our Interests Globally

- BAETS
- LATS
- AHNS International Meeting
- Reach out to Asia Pacific Thyroid Society, further Societies (Black Sea and Balkan etc) for joint efforts

2.Continued emphasis on creation of Webinar Activities with a diverse speaking panel, including speakers at varying career stages.

3.Increased Effort on collaborating with other Sections

- Work with Social Media Committee to Market our Webinars and other activities

Action Item:

Members are encouraged to submit ideas for webinars in 2024-2025 to committee chairs.

Upcoming activities/Other Section News**Singer**

Thyroid, Parathyroid, and Neck Ultrasound Course preceding the AAO-HNSF Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, September 30, 2023, at the Music Center in Nashville, Tennessee.

Webinars

September 13th – Part I

November 29th – Part II

AHNS ES Chat:

September 14th AHNS ES Chat

New Business/Ideas:

- What else can the section do/ should be doing?
- Designated Slack channel for endocrine section
- Updating the Endocrine Section Webpage
- Dedicated webpage for endocrine patients

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