



Endocrine Surgery Section

AHNS Endocrine Section Newsletter

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Vision: To provide an organizational home for all surgeons who have a special interest in endocrine surgery, under the umbrella of the American Head and Neck Society.

Mission: To advance education, research, and quality of care for the patient with thyroid and parathyroid diseases.

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

AHNS Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Association Award for Thyroid Cancer Research Grant -Candidates for this award should reside in the U.S. or Canada and be AHNS members in good standing. They may be medical students focusing in otolaryngology, otolaryngology residents, PhDs or faculty members in otolaryngology departments. Preference will be given to early-stage investigators (10 years or less from a terminal degree or fellowship training) or more experienced researchers pursuing a new line of inquiry for which pilot data are needed. Previous AHNS or AAO-HNS Foundation research grant recipients are eligible to compete for this grant. However, candidates who have successfully obtained funding from a private or federal funding agency for the same research are ineligible. Candidates who have applied for support of the same research from other funding sources, and who are notified of an award from both another agency and from AHNS must choose only one of the awards. Applications submitted by ineligible PIs will NOT be reviewed by the CORE Study Section.

The Letters of Intent (LOI) for the Grants are due by **11:59 EST on Friday, December 15, 2023**

Join THYCA and The AHNS Endocrine Section AHNS Chat

AHNS is continuing its social media collaboration with ThyCa, with its next Chat on Zoom on **Thursday December 14, 2023** – Zoom **(Preparing for Surgery, before**

& after). If interested as a panelist, please RSVP to **allen.ho@cshs.org**.

Coming Soon!


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"Preparing for surgery, before & after."

Thursday, December 14, 2023, 8pm Eastern

A session to help you prepare for neck surgery.
Learn about the recovery time and more!
Welcome all survivors, caregivers, other interested parties.

Get your questions answered!

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 THYCA: THYROID CANCER
SURVIVORS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
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Please Register here if you'd like to attend:

<https://thyca.pub/ThyCaAHNS14Dec23>

AHNS-ES engagement and advocacy for our specialty: FOCUSED PRACTICE DESIGNATION

The AHNS ES has worked extensively with leaders from many groups in the "house of medicine" to facilitate the terms and details of the Focus Practice Designation for Adult Complex Thyroid and Parathyroid Surgery.



The AHNS ES was well represented at FPD Group meeting, October 2023 in Philadelphia, PA. Section members participating included (from left to right): Drs. Zafereo, Malone, Shonka, Davies, Russ Smith, Cotrill, Armstrong, Singer, Chen, Stewart, Randolph, and Wong. They were joined by representatives from the American Board of Surgery.

An article on the FPD process was also published recently in ENTtoday.

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

AHNS-ES engagement and advocacy for our specialty: CPT CODES FOR ABLATION AND RUC VALUATION

The AHNS ES has worked with leaders from AAOHNS and joined by other organizations with an interest stake (Radiology, General Surgery, Endocrinology) to promote participation in the approved survey as well as providing estimates of standard equipment and supply costs for practices engaged in thyroid ablation. Thanks to section members who willingly provided anonymized data from their practices for this effort.

Dear AHNS Endocrine Surgery Section Member:

You have been selected to participate in an AMA RUC survey of the following new CPT codes related to Percutaneous Radiofrequency (RF) Thyroid Ablation.

6XX01 Ablation of 1 or more thyroid nodule(s), one lobe or the isthmus, percutaneous, including imaging guidance, radiofrequency

+6XX02 Ablation of 1 or more thyroid nodule(s), additional lobe, percutaneous, with imaging guidance, radiofrequency (List separately in addition to code for primary service)

As you may know, the Medicare payment schedule is based on physician work, practice expense, and professional liability insurance. Our society needs your help to assure relative values will be accurately and fairly presented to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. This survey is estimated to take 15-30 minutes. You may save your answers and access the survey at a later time so long as you utilize the same computer to login to the survey.

Committee Activities:

We need new Membership for our section committees. Please consider joining one of more below. You can send your request to the committee chairs and copy

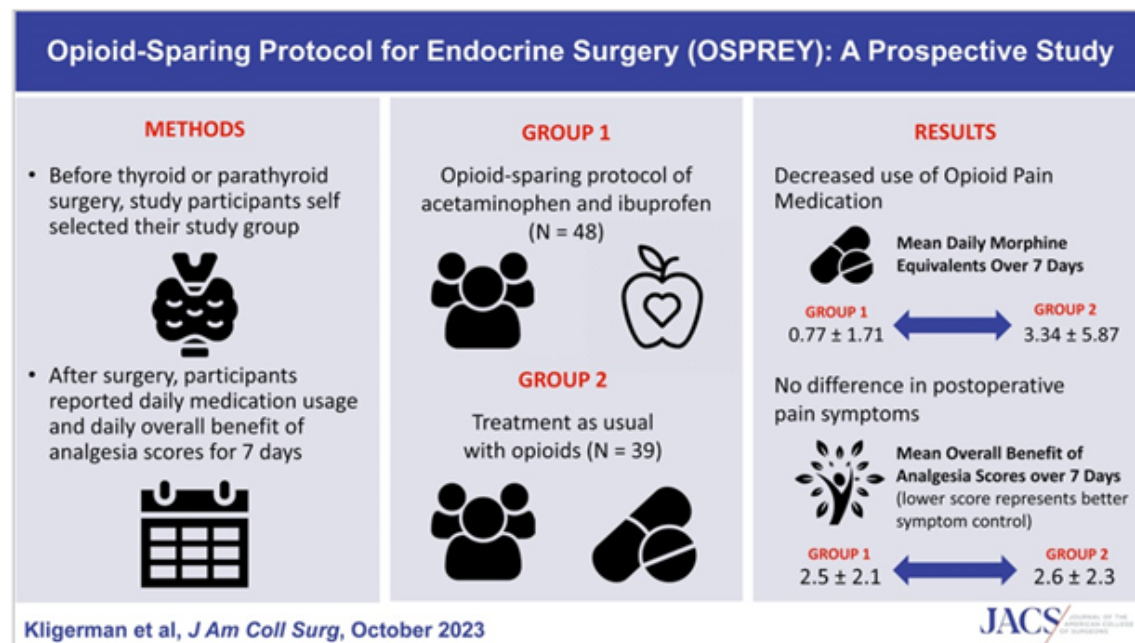
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Committees	Names	Email Address
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Other endocrine surgery related activities from our section members:

Opioid-Sparing Protocol for Endocrine Surgery (OSPREDY): A Prospective Study

Kligerman, Maxwell P MD, MPH; Austerlitz, Joaquin BA; Orloff, Lisa A MD,FACS; Noel, Julia E MD, FACS



Papazian MR, Chow M, Weed D, Liu JC, Bewley AF, Moore MG, Givi B. Virtual Tumor Boards for Remote Learning in Head and Neck Surgical Oncology. *JAMA Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg*. 2023 Oct 1;149(10):899-903. doi: 10.1001/jamaoto.2023.2332. PMID: 37615974; PMCID: PMC10450583.

Table. Disciplines Covered In 42 American Head and Neck Society Virtual Tumor Board Sessions

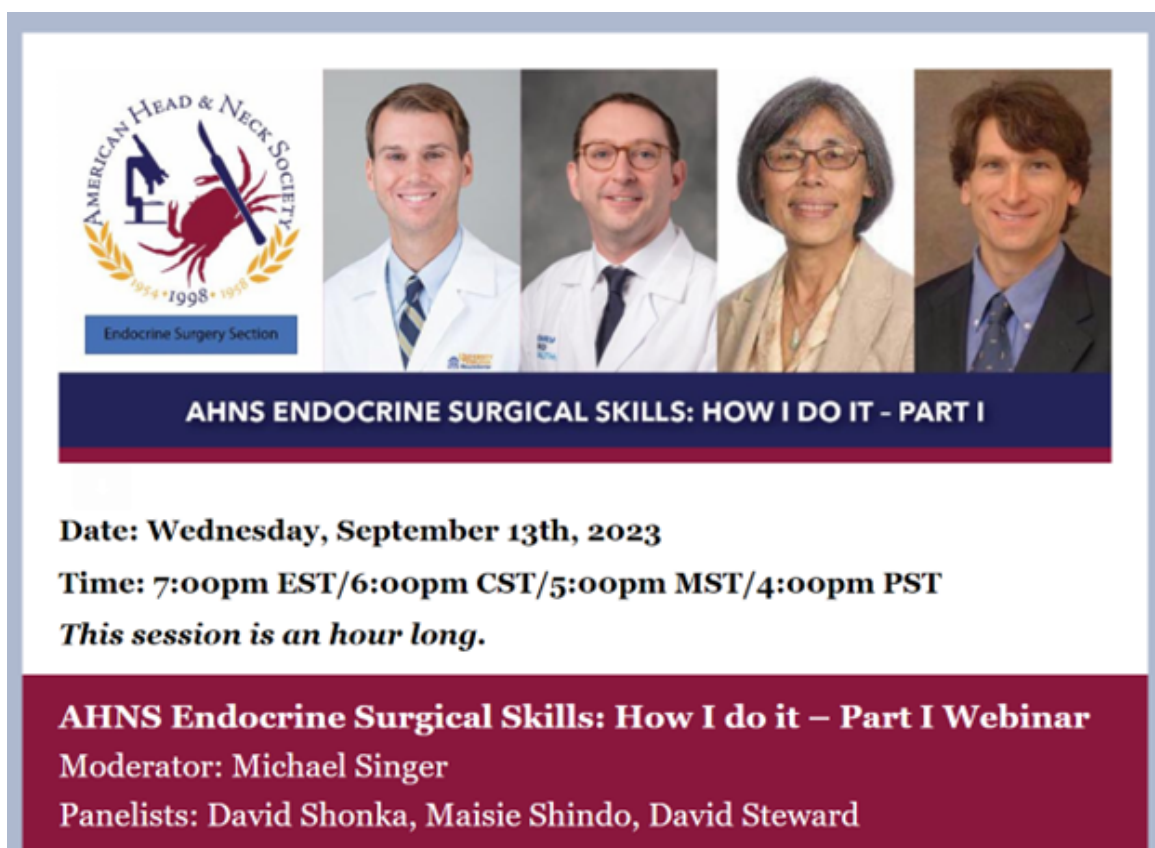
Discipline	Sessions, No. (%)
Endocrine surgery	6 (14)
Oral cavity and oropharynx	6 (14)
Reconstruction	6 (14)
Cutaneous cancer	5 (12)
General head and neck	5 (12)
Rhinology or skull base	4 (10)
Laryngeal cancer	4 (10)
Salivary gland	3 (7)
General fellowship information and orientation	2 (5)
Ethics	1 (2)

Another in a long series of the AHNS Endocrine section members leading the way within the ATA for rendering guidelines...

Sinclair CF, Baek JH, Hands KE, Hodak SP, Huber TC, Hussain I, Lang BH, **Noel JE**, Papaleontiou M, Patel KN, Russ G, **Russell J**, Spiezia S, Kuo JH. General Principles for

the Safe Performance, Training, and Adoption of Ablation Techniques for Benign Thyroid Nodules: An American Thyroid Association Statement. *Thyroid*. 2023 Oct;33(10):1150-1170. doi: 10.1089/thy.2023.0281. Epub 2023 Sep 14. PMID: 37642289; PMCID: PMC10611977.

AHNS ES Events from the past quarter:

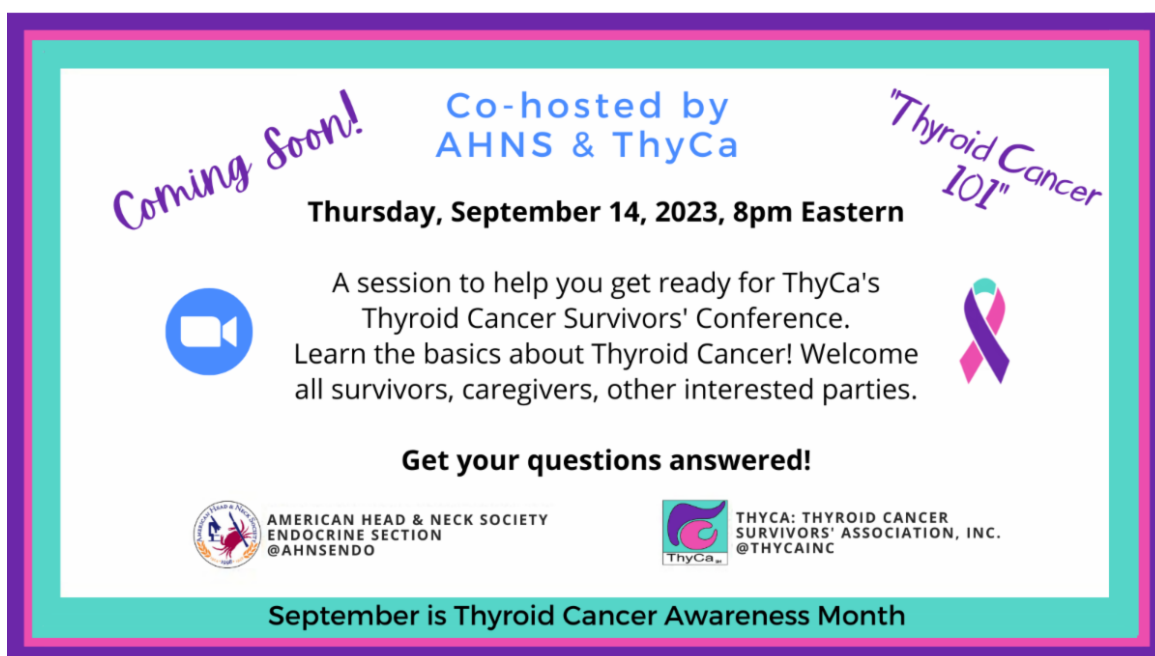


The poster features the American Head & Neck Society (AHNS) logo on the left, which includes a crab and the text "AMERICAN HEAD & NECK SOCIETY" and "1954 • 1998 • 1958". Below the logo is a blue box labeled "Endocrine Surgery Section". To the right of the logo are four headshots of the speakers: David Shonka, Maisie Shindo, David Steward, and Michael Singer. Below the photos is a dark blue banner with the text "AHNS ENDOCRINE SURGICAL SKILLS: HOW I DO IT - PART I".

Date: Wednesday, September 13th, 2023
Time: 7:00pm EST/6:00pm CST/5:00pm MST/4:00pm PST
This session is an hour long.

AHNS Endocrine Surgical Skills: How I do it – Part I Webinar
Moderator: Michael Singer
Panelists: David Shonka, Maisie Shindo, David Steward

AHNS Endocrine Section/ThyCa patient outreach event:



The poster has a purple and teal border. It features the text "Coming Soon!" in a purple script font on the left. In the center, it says "Co-hosted by AHNS & ThyCa" in blue. Below this, the date and time are listed: "Thursday, September 14, 2023, 8pm Eastern". A blue video camera icon is on the left, and a purple and teal thyroid cancer awareness ribbon is on the right. The text describes the session as a help for getting ready for the ThyCa's Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Conference, learning basics about thyroid cancer, and welcoming survivors, caregivers, and others. It encourages getting questions answered. At the bottom, it states "September is Thyroid Cancer Awareness Month". Logos for the American Head & Neck Society Endocrine Section (@AHNSENDO) and ThyCa: Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Association, Inc. (@THYCAINC) are at the bottom.

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"Thyroid Cancer 101"

Thursday, September 14, 2023, 8pm Eastern

A session to help you get ready for ThyCa's
Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Conference.
Learn the basics about Thyroid Cancer! Welcome
all survivors, caregivers, other interested parties.

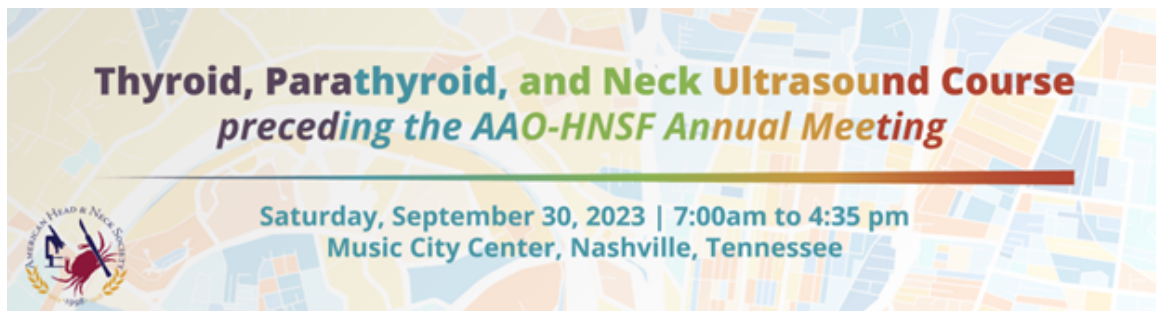
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September is Thyroid Cancer Awareness Month

AHNS/ACS Ultrasound Course directed by Drs. Lisa Orloff and Russel Smith.



AHNS/AAOHNS Resident and Fellows Symposium, Nashville 2023.

The **American Head and Neck Society** in conjunction with the **American Academy of Otolaryngology** will offer its annual head & neck surgery symposium for residents and fellows. This day-long symposium takes place on Saturday, September 30, 2023 prior to the opening of the AAO-HNSF Annual Meeting & OTO Expo taking place in Nashville, Tennessee, 11:30am - 6:00pm (with reception to follow) at the Omni Nashville Hotel
250 Rep. John Lewis S, Legends Ballroom E/F.

Lunch & Welcome	Kelly Malloy & Ben Judson
Laryngeal Cancer	Diana Kirke, MD
Non-melanoma cutaneous malignancies	Cecelia Schmalbach, MD
Neck Dissection & Nodal Staging	Cherie Ann Nathan, MD
Oral Cavity SCC	Stephen Lai, MD
Thyroid Surgery	Sarah Rohde, MD
Transoral surgery for Head & Neck cancers	Uma Duvvuri, MD
BREAK	BREAK
Salivary Tumors	Rod Rezaee, MD
Melanoma	TJ Ow, MD
Oropharyngeal Cancer and HPV	Karthik Rajasekaran, MD
Parathyroid Surgery	Vaninder K Dhillon, MD
Head and Neck Reconstruction Surgery	Stephen Kang, MD
Fellowship Opportunities	Don Weed, MD
AHNS Membership Introduction	Andres Bur, MD

AHNS VIRTUAL TUMOR BOARD

Presented by the AHNS Curriculum Development & Maintenance Service



Thyroid Cancers: The Good, The Bad & The Ugly

(Hosted by the AHNS Endocrine Section)

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

7:00pm Eastern/6:00pm Central/5:00pm Mountain/4:00pm Pacific

Presenters:

Caitlin McMullen, MD – Moffitt Cancer Center

Case: Oncocytic Thyroid Carcinoma

Alessandra Colaianni, MD – Oregon Health & Sciences University

Case: PTC with Tracheal Invasion

Anastasios Maniakas, MD PhD FRCSC – MD Anderson Cancer Center

Case: Medullary Thyroid Carcinoma

Discussants:

Amanda Silver Karcioğlu, MD – Northshore University Health System

Jon Russell, MD – Johns Hopkins Medicine



AHNS ENDOCRINE SURGICAL SKILLS: HOW I DO IT - PART II

Date: Wednesday, November 29th, 2023

Time: 7:00pm EST/6:00pm CST/5:00pm MST/4:00pm PST

This session is an hour long.

AHNS Endocrine Surgical Skills: How I do it – Part II Webinar

Moderator: Whitney Liddy

Panelists: Joe Scharpf, Mark Zafereo, Lisa Orloff

ATTENTION:

The ATA is accepting nominations for the 2024 ATA Awards. Please help us spread the word and share the nomination forms. Please nominate!

<https://www.thyroid.org/professionals/award-nominations/>

The deadline for nominations is February 2, 2024 so there is time for the ATA membership to plan ahead.

Upcoming from our section members:

Drs. Amy Y. Chen and Michael C. Singer will co-edit an edition of Otolaryngologic Clinics of North America on "Thyroid and Parathyroid Disease". This will be released February 2024.

Congratulations.

Congratulations to Lisa Orloff, MD for "Women in Thyroidology, Woman of the Year" and **Mark Zafereo, MD** the "Van Meter Award" from the **American Thyroid Association**, September 2023.

Dr. David Stewart, Professor and Chair, Otolaryngology-HNS, University of Cincinnati, has been elected at the HNS member of the ATA Board of Directors (2023-2027).

Have you updated your member profile?!? Check out the *AHNS Find-A-Physician Page*

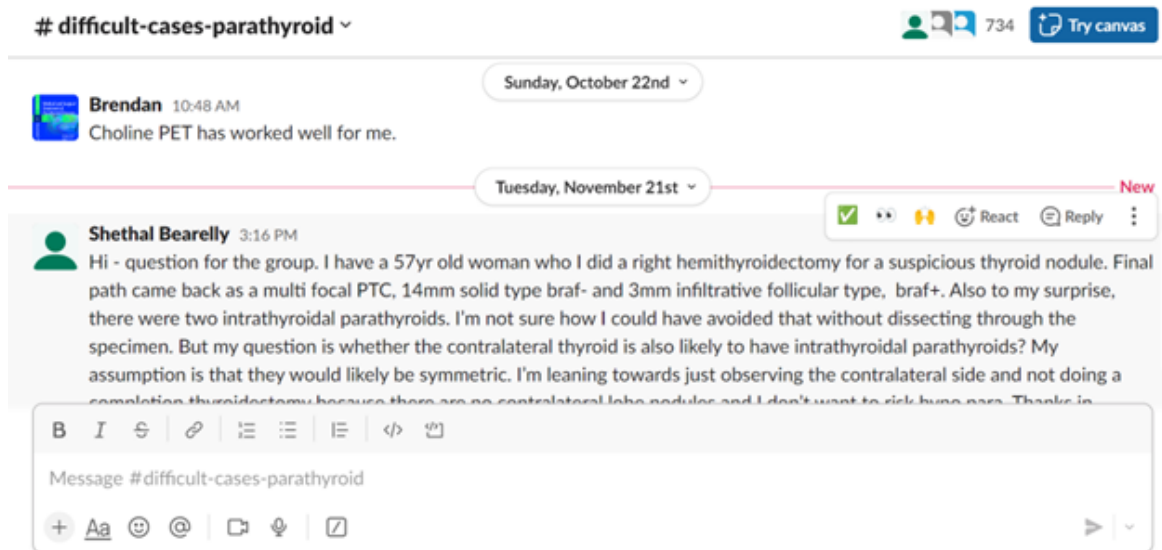
The Find A Physician feature is now available for viewing AHNS member profiles and specialties. To search and review existing profiles, click the Find-A-Physician tab on the AHNS home page.

To create your profile, or to modify your existing profile:

- Log in to the AHNS website.
- In the Member Panel, click #5 to create a new profile, and click #6 if you already have a profile and wish to update it.
- Members are encouraged to add their social media handles in order to be tagged on AHNS Instagram and Twitter pages. Both AHNS members and non members can view profiles.

If you are having trouble accessing your account click here

Join our slack channel! 700+ already have !



Join the section's Slack Channel: ***AHNS Endocrine Section Slack Channel***

(if this link expires, contact Allen Ho at Allen.Ho@cshs.org)

Save the Date:

AHNS Annual Meeting at COSM 2024, May 15-19, 2024 | Hyatt Regency Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. More info at: <https://www.ahns.info/meetings>

Stay tuned for more specific section related updates in the upcoming section newsletters.

News relevant to the section and its members is always welcomed and desired. Please forward these items to Brendan C. Stack, Jr., MD, section chair and newsletter editor, at bcstackjr@gmail.com

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