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## SAVE THE DATE!

### AHNS Future Meetings Schedule

#### 2026

AHNS 12th International Conference on Head and Neck Cancer  
July 18-22, 2026  
Boston, Massachusetts

#### 2027

AHNS 2027 Annual Meeting at COSM  
April 7-11, 2027  
Sheraton Grand Hotel Seattle  
Seattle Washington

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## Official Language

The official language of the conference is English. Simultaneous translation will not be offered.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### The American Head and Neck Society's 2025 Annual Meeting

May 14-15, 2025 • Hyatt Regency New Orleans  
601 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70113

#### WiFi Access

Network: Hyatt\_Meetings | Password: COSM2025

## COSM Registration Hours

**Location:** Strand Foyer (Main Tower, 2nd Floor)

#### Registration Onsite Dates and Times:

Tuesday, May 13	12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Wednesday, May 14	6:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Thursday, May 15	6:30 AM - 6:00 PM
Friday, May 16	6:30 AM - 6:00 PM
Saturday, May 17	6:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Sunday, May 18	7:00 AM - 10:00 AM

## Tabletop Exhibits

**Location:** Celestin Foyer (Main Tower 3rd Floor)

#### Tabletop Exhibits Dates and Times:

Wednesday, May 14	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Sunday, May 18	7:00 AM - 12:00 PM

## COSM Exhibit Hall

**Location:** Elite Exhibit Hall (Main Tower 1st Floor)

Name badges are required to enter the Exhibit Hall. No Exceptions.

#### Exhibit Dates and Times:

Thursday, May 15	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Poster Reception (Optional Exhibit Hours)	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Friday, May 16	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Poster Reception (Optional Exhibit Hours)	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Saturday, May 17	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

#### Questions? Comments?

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

*Coffee breaks and lunch will be served in the Exhibit Hall  
(Wednesday and Sunday excluded)*

### Dates and Times:

Wednesday, May 14	9:45 AM - 10:15 AM 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM 2:45 PM - 3:15 PM
Thursday, May 15	9:45 AM - 10:15 AM 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM 2:45 PM - 3:15 PM
Friday, May 16	9:45 AM - 10:15 AM 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM 2:45 PM - 3:15 PM
Saturday, May 17	9:45 AM - 10:15 AM 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM 2:45 PM - 3:15 PM

## Speaker Ready Room

**Location:** Strand 2 (Main Tower, 2nd Floor)

### Dates and Times:

Tuesday, May 13	2:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Wednesday, May 14	6:30 AM - 6:00 PM
Thursday, May 15	6:30 AM - 6:00 PM
Friday, May 16	6:30 AM - 6:00 PM
Saturday, May 17	6:30 AM - 6:00 PM
Sunday, May 18	6:30 AM - 10:00 AM

## AHNS Centurion Club Lounge

**Location:** Foster 1 (Main Tower, 2nd Floor)

### Dates and Times:

Wednesday, May 14	7:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Thursday, May 15	7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

## Poster Hall

*All posters are displayed in Elite Exhibit Hall*

*View/search all posters via the App or COSM's Poster Archive via [www.cosm.md](http://www.cosm.md)*

### 1st Combined Poster Session: AAFPS, AHNS

#### Dates and Times:

Wednesday, May 14	1:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Thursday, May 15	9:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Poster Reception	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

### 2nd Combined Poster Session: ABEA, ALA, ANS, AOS, ARS, TRIO

#### Dates and Times:

Friday, May 16	9:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Poster Reception	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Saturday, May 17	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

### Meet the ENT:

*This event will occur near the Poster Reception in the Elite Exhibit Hall, 1st Floor.*

Thursday, May 15	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Friday, May 16	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

## AHNS 2025 CME Credit Claim Process

After the meeting, an email will be sent to Registered Attendees for the AHNS Conference with a link to the on-line survey and claim form. *For any questions, please contact [rebecca@ahns.info](mailto:rebecca@ahns.info).*



# GENERAL INFORMATION

## AHNS 2025 Annual Meeting Educational Objectives

- A. Assess and apply therapeutic options for the head and neck, salivary gland, and thyroid cancer patient in a multidisciplinary environment, with a focus on behavioral health, Artificial Intelligence, and informatics.
- B. Assess emerging research that leads to better understanding of the pathogenesis of head and neck cancer and its treatment.
- C. Assess and apply the process, outcomes, and quality of delivering care to head and neck cancer patients.
- D. Recognize the vital role of nurses, speech language pathologists, audiologists, nutritionists, social workers, pain specialists, mental health practitioners, physical therapists, dental oncologists in achieving maximal functional outcomes and increase interdisciplinary cooperation.

## American Head & Neck Society Statement of Professionalism and Ethics

The American Head and Neck Society is committed to promulgating and promoting professionalism and ethical behavior in its membership. As members, we value the trust placed in us by our patients, colleagues and society, and therefore willingly pledge to uphold the ethical and professional principles and virtues of medicine as outlined below.

We have a fundamental and sacred duty to our patients. Therefore, we will:

- Recognize that the welfare of our patients is the paramount priority.
- Serve as advisors to our patients to help them navigate complex medical decisions.
- Discuss the risks, benefits and alternatives of appropriate therapeutic options.
- Be respectful of our patients' viewpoints and beliefs.
- Support our patients physically, emotionally and spiritually.

- Care for and support our patients at the end of life.
- Offer support and care to our patients' families.
- Strive to enhance and maximize our clinical, surgical and interpersonal competence.
- Maintain a caring and respectful demeanor.
- Offer care without regard to gender, age, religion, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status or ethnicity.

We have a responsibility to our colleagues and teachers. Therefore, we will:

- Willingly acknowledge our skills and expertise to those wishing to learn.
- Honor our teachers for devoting their time and energy on our behalf.
- Assist our colleagues, technically, intellectually, emotionally and spiritually.
- Respect our colleagues from other disciplines and practice multidisciplinary care.
- Provide legal opinions based only on evidenced-based practice and standards of care.

We also have an obligation to the faith entrusted in us by society. Therefore, we will:

- Perform self regulation by developing and adhering to professional, ethical and evidence-based practice standards.
- Disclose and limit conflict of interest.
- Practice medicine honestly, compassionately and confidentially.
- Educate the public within the bounds of our expertise.

# AMERICAN HEAD AND NECK SOCIETY

## Our 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.

## The values that we have unanimity are:

- » Excellence
- » Innovation
- » Inclusion
- » Community

## 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.

## Why Join AHNS?

The American Head and Neck Society is the single largest organization in North America for the advancement of research and education in head and neck oncology - [www.ahns.info](http://www.ahns.info).

## Benefits of AHNS Membership

- » Annual online subscription to JAMA Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery
- » Discounts on Annual Meeting registration fees
- » Ability to create a Public Profile in the "Find-a-Physician Directory" accessible by patients and referring physicians
- » Opportunities to partake in educational offerings, including those planned by the society and those co-sponsored by the society

- » Access to the AHNS subspecialty Section online forums at no additional cost
- » Ability to apply for **research grant awards** offered yearly
- » Opportunity to post regional meetings and courses on the AHNS **Related Meetings** webpage
- » Ability to view the AHNS Job Board
- » Cutting-edge education and professional development programs



## About the American Head & Neck Society

### History of the Society

On May 13, 1998, The American Head and Neck Society (AHNS) became the single largest organization in North America for the advancement of research and education in head and neck oncology. The merger of two societies, the American Society for Head and Neck Surgery and the Society of Head and Neck Surgeons, formed the American Head and Neck Society.

The contributions made by the two societies forming the AHNS are significant in the history of surgery in the United States. Dr. Hayes Martin conceived the Society of Head and Neck Surgeons in 1954, a surgeon considered by many to be the "father of modern head and neck tumor surgery." The purpose of the society was to exchange and advance the scientific knowledge relevant to the surgery of head and neck tumors (exclusive of brain surgery) with an emphasis on cancer of the head and neck. Two years later, The American Society for Head and Neck Surgery was organized with the goal to "facilitate and advance knowledge relevant to surgical treatment of diseases of the head and neck, including reconstruction and rehabilitation; promote advancement of the highest professional and ethical standards as they pertain to the practice of major head and neck surgery; and to honor those who have made major contributions in the field of head and neck surgery, or have aided in its advancement".

The AHNS remains dedicated to the common goals of its parental organizations.

## AHNS PRESIDENT



### WILLIAM LYDIATT, MD

Bill Lydiatt is CEO of Clarkson Regional Health Services, Professor of Surgery at Creighton University, President of the American Head and Neck Society and Chair of the AJCC 9<sup>th</sup> Edition Head and Neck Staging panel. He received his BS from Stanford University, MD and Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery Residency from University of Nebraska, Omaha and fellowship in head and neck surgical oncology at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. A former Chief Medical Officer and Vice President of Medical Affairs, VP of Surgical Services and Chair of Surgery at Nebraska Methodist Hospital, Lydiatt received his EMBA from the University of Colorado. He has a long-standing interest in the prevention of depression in HNC patients. He has the privilege of leading the transformation of CRHS to improve access to high value care, particularly in behavioral health and perinatal women. He seeks to enhance quality care through leadership in local and national organizations. He is also interested in the use of the arts to enhance teaching and understanding the patient decision making process. He has over 150 publications, books and book chapters in the field.

## 2025 PROGRAM CHAIR



### SUSAN D. MCCAMMON, MD, PHD, FACS

Susan D. McCammon, MD, PhD, FACS, is the John W. Poynor Professor of Otolaryngology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Heersink School of Medicine and serves as the Program Service Chair for the 2025 American Head and Neck Society (AHNS) Annual Meeting at COSM. A leader within AHNS, she is currently in her second three-year term as AHNS Secretary. She has previously served as Chair of the AHNS Ethics and Professionalism Committee, Chair of the Patient and Public Education Service, and as a Fellow-at-Large in the Society's leadership.

At UAB, Dr. McCammon serves as Director of Head and Neck Surgical Oncology and leads the Head and Neck Cancer Survivorship Program, one of the few clinics nationwide to enroll patients at the time of diagnosis for comprehensive survivorship care. She also directs the fellowship program in Head and Neck Oncologic Surgery and Microvascular Reconstruction.

Clinically, she specializes in treating advanced and recurrent head and neck cancers, bringing particular expertise in decision support and predictive survivorship to guide patients through treatment and beyond. Dr. McCammon is dual board-certified in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery and in Hospice and Palliative Medicine, underscoring her commitment to compassionate, multidisciplinary care.

In addition to her clinical practice, Dr. McCammon is an active clinical ethicist. She serves as Associate Medical Director of the UAB Clinical Ethics Program and is an Adjunct Professor of Bioethics at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. Her academic interests include shared decision-making, narrative ethics, prognostication, and goal-concordant care, and she has pursued research in these areas to improve how high-stakes surgical decisions are made and to ensure care aligns with patients' values and quality-of-life goals.

## 2025 PROGRAM CO-CHAIRS



### ARU PANWAR, MD

Aru Panwar, MD is a Head and Neck Surgical Oncologist and an Associate Professor of Surgery, at Methodist Estabrook Cancer Center and Creighton University School of Medicine, Omaha, Nebraska. He chairs the AHNS behavioral health taskforce and serves as an Associate Editor for the journal Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. His research is focused on optimizing perioperative care pathways and enhancing survivorship experiences of patients with head and neck cancers with specific focus on behavioral health outcomes. He enjoys mentoring students and residents, and has won numerous teaching awards.



### ANDREW SHUMAN, MD

Andrew G. Shuman, MD, FACS, HEC-C, is an associate professor in the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Michigan Medical School. He serves as chief of the clinical ethics service in the Center for Bioethics and Social Sciences in Medicine (CBSSM).

Dr. Shuman is the Assistant Dean for Veterans Affairs, and the Associate Chief of Staff-Education at the VA Ann Arbor Health System, where he directs the educational experience for 1600 pre- and post-doctoral trainees and learners each year.

Dr. Shuman is internationally recognized as a thought leader in ethical issues arising within the field of otolaryngology and surgical oncology. His work involves defining the conceptual dimensions of "surgical ethics," applying his perspective as a practicing surgeon and clinical ethicist to normative and empirical bioethics research. He received extramural research funding for his work from NIH, the VA and societal grants, and has a portfolio of publications in leading journals in the fields of ethics, oncology and otolaryngology including The New England Journal of Medicine, JAMA and Nature Medicine.



# DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Wednesday, May 14, 2025 | 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM | Celestin D



## GREGORY W. RANDOLPH, MD, FACS, FACE, MAMSE, FEBS (ENDOCRINE)

Gregory W. Randolph, MD, FACS, FACE, MAMSE, FEBS (Endocrine) is a Professor of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery and the inaugural Claire and John Bertucci Endowed Chair in Thyroid Surgical Oncology at Harvard Medical School in the Department of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery and Surgeon at Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary. He trained at Cornell and Harvard Medical Schools. He founded and directed the Division of Thyroid and Parathyroid Endocrine Surgery. Dr. Randolph has a thyroid and parathyroid surgical practice focused on thyroid cancer, benign thyroid surgery and hyperparathyroidism exclusively and sees patients and operating at both Mass Eye and Ear Infirmary and Mass General Hospital. He has started the first otolaryngology head and neck surgery endocrine surgery fellowship through the American Head and Neck Society now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year.

Dr. Randolph has focused the bulk of his research on recurrent laryngeal nerve anatomy, preservation, and monitoring during thyroid cancer surgery with focus on the importance of laryngeal exams, recognition of lymph node metastasis and revision cancer surgery with over 300 peer reviewed publications, 170 chapters and 10 books. He has lead thyroid surgical missions to thyroid surgical units in St. Petersburg, Russia, Guangzhou, China, Kenya, rural India and in the Chernobyl region of the Ukraine. He founded and directs the Harvard Thyroid and Parathyroid Surgery Course for surgeons and has directed international surgical courses in Italy, Germany, Switzerland, London, Turkey and Russia. He has received board certification from the European Union's Board of Surgery in Neck Endocrine Surgery. He has published an endocrine surgical text: *"Surgery of the Thyroid and Parathyroid Glands"* published by Elsevier Saunders now in its third edition as well as a text centered on surgery of the recurrent laryngeal nerve *"The Recurrent and Superior Laryngeal Nerves"* published by Springer Publishers now anticipating its second edition. He is currently the PI on a funded clinical trial studying the use of neoadjuvant Lenvatinib in surgery for advanced thyroid cancer (NCT04321954).

He served as President and Director of International Affairs for the American Academy of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery. As of 2024 Dr. Randolph has received the highest honor from the American Academy of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery- he was inducted into the Hall of Distinction and as such is designated by the Academy as a "living legend" of otolaryngology head and neck surgery. He has served as Treasurer and on the executive board of the American Thyroid Association. He has served as chair of the Endocrine Surgery Section of the American Head and Neck Society and currently is the Chair of the Administration Division of the American Head and Neck Society and has served on the Board of Directors, Surgical Liaison for the American Association of Clinical Endocrinology. He has been inducted into the ACS Master Surgeon Educators Academy (MAMSE designation). Currently he is otolaryngology chair of the American Board of Otolaryngology Focus Practice Designation for thyroid surgery Work group and also the President of the International Thyroid Oncology Group, an advanced cancer clinical trials group of endocrinologists, medical oncologists, and surgeons.

## Past Distinguished Service Award Recipients

Jonas T. Johnson, MD 2024  
Donald T. Weed, MD 2023  
Paul Friedlander, MD 2022  
Terry Day, MD 2021  
William Lydiatt, MD 2019  
Brian P. Burkey, MD, MEd 2018  
Dennis H. Kraus, MD 2017  
Ehab Hanna, MD 2016  
Carol R. Bradford, MD 2015  
Jesus E. Medina, MD 2014

Dennis H. Kraus, MD 2013  
Ashok R. Shaha, MD 2012  
Randal S. Weber 2011  
Mark K. Wax, MD 2010  
Keith S. Heller, MD 2009  
Helmuth Goepfert, MD 2008  
Ernest A. Weymuller, Jr., MD 2007  
John A. Ridge, MD, PhD 2006  
Wayne Koch, MD 2005  
Marc D. Coltrera, MD 2004

Helmuth Goepfert, MD 2003  
Jonas T. Johnson, MD 2001  
Harold J. Wanebo, MD 1999  
David L. Larson, MD 1999  
John J. Coleman, III MD 1999  
Elliot W. Strong, MD 1995  
Ashok R. Shaha, MD 1991  
Stephan Ariyan, MD 1990  
Jatin P. Shah, MD 1989

## Past Special Recognition Award Recipients

Paul B. Chretien, MD 1984  
John M. Lore, Jr., MD 1985  
William S. MacComb, MD 1986

Calvin T. Klopp, MD 1987  
Edgar L. Fazell, MD 1988  
Harvey W. Baker, MD 1989

Vahram Y. Bakamjian, MD 1991  
Jean-Louis Lefevbre, MD 1995

## DISTINGUISHED KEYNOTE ADDRESS

**Wednesday, May 14, 2025 | 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM | Celestin D**

*Mind, Machine, Medicine-And You: The Psychology of Sustainable Success*



### **DR. BRETT HASKELL, PHD, LP, CMPC**

Dr. Brett Haskell, PhD, LP, CMPC, is an accomplished sport psychologist and leader in the field of mental performance and well-being in elite sport. She currently serves as the Clinical Director of Mental Health and Performance for the National Women's Soccer League and is a consulting sport psychologist for a Major League Baseball organization. With over 15 years of experience, Dr. Haskell is nationally recognized for developing integrated sport psychology programs that align performance, mental health, and leadership across professional and collegiate sport systems.

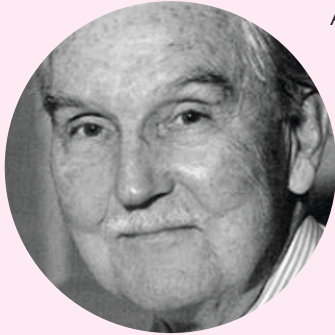
In addition to her work in sport, Dr. Haskell provides executive coaching and organizational consulting to Fortune 500 companies, helping business leaders cultivate resilience, emotional intelligence, and purpose-driven performance. She also conducts psychological profiling for NFL teams in preparation for the draft, offering insights into athlete mindset, leadership potential, and cultural fit.

Prior to her work in professional sport, Dr. Haskell served nearly a decade as Director of Sport Psychology at the University of Nebraska, building one of the nation's most respected collegiate sport psychology programs. A licensed psychologist and Certified Mental Performance Consultant (CMPC), she earned her PhD in Counseling Psychology from the University of Kansas.

Dr. Haskell is also co-founder of Momentum Labs, a company that helps young athletes build mental skills for sport and life. Rooted in her background as a former collegiate volleyball player and the daughter of a wrestling coach, she brings authenticity, clinical expertise, and deep commitment to human development and high performance in every setting she serves.



# JOHN J. CONLEY BIOGRAPHY



Although he looked and sounded like an English nobleman, Dr. John Conley was born in Carnegie, Pennsylvania, a small steel mill town just outside of Pittsburgh. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh and later its school of medicine. He interned at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh. During that year, the nuns who ran the hospital suggested that Dr. Conley take a residency in cardiology and come back to Mercy as their cardiologist.

He went to Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn, a very busy city hospital with a huge patient population. Shortly after he began his training, he had an arrhythmia diagnosed as paroxysmal atrial tachycardia. Little was known about this benign condition at that time. Dr. Conley was told that cardiology was too stressful and that he should go into an easier, less-stressful field with better working hours, like ENT. He did an otolaryngology residency at Kings County Hospital. This was followed by four years of military service during World War II, which included experience in otolaryngology and plastic and reconstructive and maxillofacial surgery in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, both in this country and in the South Pacific theater. Exposure to the construction of war wounds would prove invaluable to him later on in applying these principles to reconstruction following ablative head and neck surgery.

Dr. Conley returned to New York City after the war. He became an assistant and then an associate of Dr. George T. Pack, a technically superb general oncologic surgeon at Memorial Hospital who taught Dr. Conley major ablative surgery of the head and neck. They worked day and night catching up with the backlog of surgery that was neglected during the war years. The combination of his training in otolaryngology, the exposure to ablative surgery, and the World War II experience in reconstructive surgery set the stage for Dr. Conley to evolve his unique approach to head and neck surgery.

Ironically, despite the admonition of the cardiologists about hard work, Dr. Conley did a prodigious amount of major head and neck reconstructive surgery. This proved to be more than ample to provide training to many fellows. His commitment to education is further attested to by the position he held for many years as Clinical Professor of Otolaryngology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University. He loved his appointment at Columbia and particularly his involvement in teaching the residents.

Dr. Conley's vast surgical experience, together with active research interests, led to the authorship of almost 300 contributions to the scientific literature, and eight books. As a result of his productivity and rhetorical eloquence, he was very much in demand as a speaker in this country and abroad. He gave many prestigious eponymous lectures in our field and received many awards for his work, including the Philip H. Hench Award as the Distinguished Alumnus of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, and the DeRoaldes and Newcomb Awards of the American Laryngological Association.

Dr. Conley's contributions to the scientific literature, many technical innovations and surgical experience placed him in the position to receive many honors and important leadership positions, such as President of the American Academy of Otolaryngology and Ophthalmology, member of the Board of Governors of the American College of Surgeons, founding member of the Society of Head and Neck Surgeons, and founding member and first President of the American Society for Head and Neck Surgery. During those years, Dr. Conley used, to the great benefit of us all, his wisdom and diplomacy in carrying out such high-level responsibilities.

## Past John J. Conley Lecturers

Marty Makary, MD (2024)  
Tim Chan, MD, PhD (2023)  
Robert L. Ferris, MD, PhD (2022)  
Rebekah Gee, MD (2021)  
Michael Porter, MBA, PhD (2019)  
Brian O'Sullivan, MD, FRCPC, FRCPI, FASTRO (2018)  
Johannes Fagan, MBChB, MMed, FCORL (2017)  
Robert S. Bell, CM, MSc, MD, FRCSC (2016)  
Jonathan Irish, MD, MSc, FRCSC (2015)  
Antonio Fojo, MD, PhD (2014)  
Patrick J. Gullane, MB, FRCSC, FRACS (2013)  
Julie A. Freischlag, MD (2012)

Benjamin S. Carson, Sr., MD (2011)  
Robert L. Comis, MD (2010)  
James D. Smith, MD (2009)  
Carolyn Dresler, MD (2008)  
Kenneth I. Shine, MD (2007)  
John Stone, MD, MACP (2006)  
James F. Battey Jr., MD (2005)  
David C. Leach, MD (2004)  
Jonathan D. Moreno, MD (2003)  
Rabbi David Saperstein (2002)  
Edward Hughes, MD (2001)

# JOHN J. CONLEY LECTURE

**Wednesday, May 14, 2025 | 10:15 AM - 11:15 AM | Celestin D**

*Impacting the Mental Health Crisis as Non-psychiatric Specialists*



## DAVID RUBIN, MD

Dr. Rubin is the Director of the Division of Professional and Public Education within the Department of Psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH). He also serves as the Executive Director of the MGH Psychiatry Academy and is the founding director of MGH *Visiting*—an innovative program that mobilizes MGH faculty to provide on-site and virtual clinical services, advisory support, and interim leadership to external organizations.

Previously, Dr. Rubin directed the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Residency Training Program at MGH and McLean Hospital. He is currently an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Rubin completed his internship in Internal Medicine and residency in General Psychiatry at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, followed by a fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at MGH and McLean. He later joined the faculty at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell

Medical Center, where he held multiple leadership roles—including Director of Inpatient Services, Director of the Day Hospital, Site Training Director, and ultimately Service Chief—before returning to MGH.

His research in biological psychiatry focuses on the genotypic and phenotypic traits of social withdrawal in youth, particularly as they relate to severe depression and anxiety. He also leads studies in medical education, with an emphasis on innovation, design, implementation, dissemination, and outcome measurement.

Clinically, Dr. Rubin specializes in treating severe forms of psychopathology in children and adolescents, particularly depression, anxiety, and neuropsychiatric disorders. His experience spans inpatient, residential, day hospital, and emergency psychiatric care. He frequently consults at the institutional level to enhance clinical practices and improve patient outcomes.

A nationally recognized speaker, Dr. Rubin presents on topics including social withdrawal in youth, pediatric depression, and psychiatric training. He also regularly contributes to the media and has been featured in documentaries such as *The Passage of Time* (Horizon Films) and *Still Human* (Little Bear Media).



# HAYES MARTIN BIOGRAPHY



## HAYES MARTIN, MD

Hayes Martin was born in Dayton, a small town in north central Iowa. He attended the University of Iowa at Iowa Falls before being accepted to the medical school in 1913 on the same campus, finishing 4 years later in a class of 20.

World War I began in April 1917 while Hayes was in his final year of medical school. Many of his classmates at the medical school were in the Army ROTC units; however, Dr. Martin opted for the Navy, which he joined on the day America entered the war. He traveled to Europe on the USS Arkansas and was assigned to his permanent duty station at the U.S. Navy Air Station, La Trinite Sur Mer, France – a small seaside village on the southern coast of Brittany. The purpose of this base was antisubmarine warfare using blimps and kite balloons. Dr. Martin was made commanding officer of the air station for a brief period of time when the line officer in charge had become ill; it was a unique position for a medical officer in the Navy to take command during wartime.

After the war, Dr. Martin returned to the U.S and sought out an internship at the old Poly Clinic Hospital in New York City, which was temporarily made into a Veteran's Administration hospital. Part of his internship was spent at Bellevue in the fourth surgical division, where he felt he would have the best possible training in general surgery. The chief of the second division was John A. Hartwell, MD, the distinguished surgeon memorialized by the Fellow's Room in the library of the New York Academy of Medicine. Dr. Hartwell suggested that Dr. Martin go to Memorial Hospital to learn about cancer.

Dr. Martin received an internship at Memorial in the summer of 1922 and stayed on as a resident until 1923. He then had two years at the second surgical service at Bellevue, where he operated to his heart's content and got the surgical education he so strongly desired. Once he finished his residency, Dr. Martin returned to Memorial where he joined as clinical assistant surgeon on the staff.

Dr. Martin made the use of aspiration biopsy on all solid tumors popular throughout Memorial. Now, this procedure is done throughout the world. Dr. Martin co-authored the first report on the subject published in the Annals of Surgery. Numerous other articles followed, including Dr. Martin's two most famous publications, "Cancer of the Head and Neck," published in two issues of the Journal of the American Medical Association in 1948, and "Neck Dissection," appearing in Cancer in 1951. These two papers were so extensively requested that the American Cancer Society made reprints by the thousands available to those who requested them as many as 20 years after publication. Dr. Martin's bibliography encompasses more than 160 articles.

In 1934, Dr. Martin was appointed Chief of the Head and Neck Service at Memorial Hospital. It wasn't until 1940 that surgery began to take over as the treatment of choice for the majority of cancers of the head and neck. In that year, the beginnings of improved anesthesia permitted advances in surgery. Later, during World War II, antibiotics became available and surgery began to dominate much of head and neck cancer management. Dr. Martin wrote extensively on many subjects, most within the realm of head and neck surgery. His ideal was to be the complete head and neck surgeon and he treated a wide variety of head and neck abnormalities. His book, Surgery of the Head and Neck Tumors, was published in 1957.

Dr. Martin retired from active practice in 1957 at the age of 65. He performed his last operation at Memorial Hospital, assisted by Dr. Elliot Strong, in October 1959, but continued to see patients in his office until he passed away in 1977.

## Past Hayes Martin Lecturers

Douglas R. Lowy, MD (2024)  
 Ted Teknos, MD (2023)  
 Gregory Weinstein, MD (2022)  
 James Netterville, MD (2021)  
 Admiral William H. McRaven (2019)  
 Adalsteinn D. Brown, PhD (2018)  
 Mark K. Wax, MD (2017)  
 Ashok R. Shaha, MD (2016)  
 John A. Ridge, MD, PhD (2015)  
 Patrick J. Gullane, MD (2014)  
 Jonas T. Johnson, MD (2013)  
 Gregory T. Wolf, MD (2012)  
 Randal S. Weber, MD (2011)  
 Adel El-Naggar, MD (2010)  
 Charles W. Cummings, MD (2009)  
 Waun Ki Hong, MD (2008)  
 Jesus E. Medina, MD (2007)  
 Keith S. Heller, MD (2006)

Richard K. Reznick, MD, MEd (2005)  
 Christopher J. O'Brien, MD (2004)  
 Michael Johns, MD (2003)  
 Eugene Myers, MD (2002)  
 William Wei, MS (2001)  
 Robert M. Byers, MD (2000)  
 Jean-Louis H. LeFebvre, MD (1999)  
 Jatin P. Shah, MD (1998)  
 Blake Cady, MD (1997)  
 Joseph N. Attie, MD (1996)  
 Helmuth Goepfert, MD (1995)  
 John G. Batsakis, MD (1994)  
 Ronald H. Spiro, MD (1993)  
 John M. Lore, MD (1992)  
 Ian Thomas Jackson, MD (1991)  
 Alando J. Ballantyne, MD (1990)  
 George A. Sisson, MD (1989)  
 M.J. Jurkiewicz, MD (1988)

Elliot W. Strong, MD (1987)  
 Donald P. Shedd, MD (1986)  
 Alfred S. Ketcham, MD (1985)  
 William A. Maddox, MD (1984)  
 John J. Conley, MD (1983)  
 Milton Edgerton, MD (1982)  
 Richard H. Jesse, MD (1981)  
 Condict Moore, MD (1980)  
 Edward F. Scanlon, MD (1979)  
 Harvey W. Baker, MD (1978)  
 Harry W. Southwick, MD (1977)  
 Edgar L. Frazell, MD (1976)  
 Charles C. Harrold, MD (1975)  
 Arthur G. James, MD (1974)  
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 William S. MacComb, MD (1972)

# HAYES MARTIN LECTURER

**Thursday, May 15, 2025 | 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM | Celestin D**

*The Future of Artificial Intelligence in Medicine: The Example of Medical Imaging*



## **CURTIS P. LANGLOTZ, MD, PHD**

Dr. Langlotz is a Professor of Radiology, Medicine, and Biomedical Data Science, and Senior Associate Vice Provost for Research at Stanford University. He also serves as a Senior Fellow at the Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence (HAI), and Director of the Center for Artificial Intelligence in Medicine and Imaging (AIMI Center) at Stanford. The AIMI Center supports over 200 affiliated faculty from across Stanford who develop machine learning systems aimed at clinical deployment. The AIMI Center's open data program has released more than 20 AI-ready data sets, including a joint release of the largest-ever public dataset comprising over 200,000 chest radiographs and the associated reports.

Dr. Langlotz's has published over 200 scholarly articles and is the author of the book "The Radiology Report: A Guide to Thoughtful Communication for Radiologists and Other Medical Professionals," a collection of best practices for radiology reporting. His NIH-funded laboratory develops novel machine learning methods to detect disease and eliminate diagnostic imaging errors.

He has led many recent national and international efforts to improve the quality of medical imaging, including the RadLex™ terminology standard, the Radiology Playbook of exam codes, and the Medical Imaging and Data Resource Center, a federally funded imaging research repository.

He is a founder and past president of the Radiology Alliance for Health Services Research (RAHSR) and has served as president of the Society for Imaging Informatics in Medicine (SIIM), and the College of SIIM Fellows. He is a fellow of the American College of Medical Informatics, the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering, and the Society of Imaging Informatics in Medicine. He is a former board member of the Association of University Radiologists (AUR), the American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) and the Society for Medical Decision Making (SMDM). He is Past President of the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA).

Dr. Langlotz is a recipient of the Lee B. Lusted Research Prize from the Society of Medical Decision Making and the Career Achievement Award from the Radiology Alliance for Health Services Research. He and his trainees have received numerous scientific awards, including seven best paper awards and five research career development grants. He has founded three healthcare IT companies, including Montage Healthcare Solutions, which was acquired by Nuance Communications in 2016.

Raised in St. Paul, Minnesota, Dr. Langlotz received his undergraduate degree in Human Biology, Master's in Computer Science, MD in Medicine, and PhD in Medical Information Science, all from Stanford University.



# JATIN P. SHAH BIOGRAPHY



Professor Jatin P. Shah graduated from the Medical College of Maharaja Sayajirao University in Baroda, India, where he received his basic training in General Surgery. He completed a Fellowship in Surgical Oncology and Head and Neck Surgery at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, (MSKCC) and joined its full-time faculty in 1975. He was Chief of the Head and Neck Service and Leader of the Head and Neck Disease Management Team at MSKCC for 23 years. He is Professor of Surgery at the Weil Medical College of Cornell University and holds The Elliott W. Strong Chair in Head and Neck Oncology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City.

Dr Shah is a national and international leader in the field of Head and Neck Surgery, having served as President of The New York Cancer Society, The New York Head and Neck Society, The Society of Head and Neck Surgeons, The North American Skull Base Society and the International Academy of Oral Oncology. He is Founder of The International Federation of Head and Neck Oncologic Societies, (IFHNOS) and serves as it's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) . He was

Chairman of the AJCC task force on Head and Neck for 20 years, and serves on the Head and Neck and Thyroid committees of the NCCN. He has served in varying capacities for The American Board of Surgery and The American College of Surgeons.

Professor Shah has been the recipient of numerous awards from various parts of the world, including Honorary Fellowships and Doctorates from the UK, Scotland, Ireland, Belgium, Greece, Australia and India. He is the recipient of the Blokhin Gold medal, and Pirogov Medal from Russia, the Gunnar Holmgren medal from Sweden, and the "Ellis Island Medal of Honor" from the United States. He was named the Most Distinguished Physician in the USA by the American Association of Physicians from India in 2011, and received the Life Time Achievement award from the Global Association of Physicians of Indian Origin. He has been listed in the "Best Doctors in America" directories 60 times for the past two decades. Dr. Shah is also an honorary member of several head and neck societies in Europe, Asia, Australia, Africa and South America.

He serves on the Editorial and Review Boards of 18 scientific journals and has published over 650 peer-reviewed articles, which have been cited over 60,000 times according to Google scholar. His h index is 142. In addition he has published 73 book chapters and 14 books. His textbook of Head and Neck Surgery and Oncology, now in its 5th Edition, has won numerous prizes for the best published book in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. He developed and led the "IFHNOS World Tour Program", a global CME program in Head and Neck Surgery and Oncology, offered in 26 countries over the last six years. He has established the Global On Line Fellowship (GOLF) program in Head and Neck Surgery and oncology in collaboration with IFHNOS and MSKCC, and has also initiated an International fellowship program in Clinical surgery at various head and neck centers around the world.

As a physician, scientist and educator , Dr. Shah is a much sought after speaker who has delivered over 1,800 scientific presentations including, 80 eponymous lectures and keynote addresses, and visiting professorships in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Scotland, Sweden, Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, Italy, Spain, Poland, Czech Republic, Estonia, Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Armenia, Croatia, Albania, Romania, Greece, Turkey, Egypt, UAE, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, India, Pakistan, China, South Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Panama, and Mexico.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions and international leadership in Head and Neck Surgery, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, has established The "Jatin Shah Chair in Head and Neck Surgery and Oncology" and the "Jatin Shah Annual Lectureship". The International Federation of Head and Neck Oncologic Societies has established "The Jatin Shah Lecture" at its world congresses, and the American Head and Neck Society has established the "Jatin Shah Symposium" at its annual meeting.

# JATIN P. SHAH SYMPOSIUM: THE ERA OF NEOADJUVANT IMMUNOTHERAPY FOR CUTANEOUS MALIGNANCIES IS HERE

**Thursday, May 15, 2025 | 10:15 AM - 12:00 PM | Celestin E**

*Moderators: Thomas Ow, MD & Trevor Hackman, MD*

Dedicated lectures will review the current role for neoadjuvant immunotherapy approaches for cutaneous melanoma and cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma, as well as biomarkers for response. We will provide context and highlight controversies for these approaches using targeted vignettes, discussed by expert panelists.

**At the conclusion of this session participants will be able to:**

- Identify patients with cutaneous melanoma and squamous cell carcinoma who would be eligible for neoadjuvant immunotherapy.
- Appraise the current status of predictive biomarkers for response to neoadjuvant immunotherapy for cutaneous melanoma and cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma.
- Formulate appropriate surgical and adjuvant therapeutic plans based on response to neoadjuvant immunotherapy for cutaneous melanoma and cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma.

10:15 AM	Introduction - Melanoma <i>Thomas Ow, MD</i>
10:17 AM	Current Status of Neoadjuvant Immunotherapy for Cutaneous Melanoma <i>Kelly Malloy, MD</i>
10:29 AM	Melanoma - Vignettes <i>Francisco Civantos, Leslie Fecher, Kelly Malloy</i>
10:39 AM	Q&A
10:49 AM	Introduction - Cutaneous Squamous Cell Carcinoma <i>Trevor Hackman</i>
10:51 AM	Current Status of Neoadjuvant Immunotherapy for Cutaneous Squamous Cell Carcinoma <i>Neil Gross</i>
11:03 AM	Cutaneous SCC - Vignettes <i>Shlomo Koyfman, Neil Gross, Caitlin McMullen</i>
11:13 AM	Q&A
11:23 AM	Introduction - Biomarkers <i>Thomas Ow</i>
11:25 AM	Biomarkers for Response to Neoadjuvant Immunotherapy Approaches for Melanoma and Cutaneous SCC <i>Leslie Fecher</i>
11:37 AM	Biomarkers - Vignettes <i>All Panelists</i>
11:47 AM	Q&A
11:57 AM	Closing Remarks <i>Thomas Ow, Trevor Hackman</i>

# PRESIDENTIAL CITATIONS



## GREGORY W. RANDOLPH, MD, FACS, FACE, MAMSE, FEBS (ENDOCRINE)

Gregory W. Randolph MD FACS FACE MAMSE FEBS (Endocrine) is a Professor of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery and the inaugural Claire and John Bertucci Endowed Chair in Thyroid Surgical Oncology at Harvard Medical School in the Department of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery and Surgeon at Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary. He trained at Cornell and Harvard Medical Schools. He founded and directed the Division of Thyroid and Parathyroid Endocrine Surgery. Dr. Randolph has a thyroid and parathyroid surgical practice focused on thyroid cancer, benign thyroid surgery and hyperparathyroidism exclusively and sees patients and operating at both Mass Eye and Ear Infirmary and Mass General Hospital. He has started the first otolaryngology head and neck surgery endocrine surgery fellowship through the American Head and Neck Society now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year.

Dr. Randolph has focused the bulk of his research on recurrent laryngeal nerve anatomy, preservation, and monitoring during thyroid cancer surgery with focus on the importance of laryngeal exams, recognition of lymph node metastasis and revision cancer surgery with over 300 peer reviewed publications, 170 chapters and 10 books. He has lead thyroid surgical missions to thyroid surgical units in St. Petersburg, Russia, Guangzhou, China, Kenya, rural India and in the Chernobyl region of the Ukraine. He founded and directs the Harvard Thyroid and Parathyroid Surgery Course for surgeons and has directed international surgical courses in Italy, Germany, Switzerland, London, Turkey and Russia. He has received board certification from the European Union's Board of Surgery in Neck Endocrine Surgery. He has published an endocrine surgical text: *"Surgery of the Thyroid and Parathyroid Glands"* published by Elsevier Saunders now in its third edition as well as a text centered on surgery of the recurrent laryngeal nerve *"The Recurrent and Superior Laryngeal Nerves"* published by Springer Publishers now anticipating its second edition. He is currently the PI on a funded clinical trial studying the use of neoadjuvant Lenvatinib in surgery for advanced thyroid cancer (NCT04321954).

He served as President and Director of International Affairs for the American Academy of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery. As of 2024 Dr. Randolph has received the highest honor from the American Academy of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery- he was inducted into the Hall of Distinction and as such is designated by the Academy as a "living legend" of otolaryngology head and neck surgery. He has served as Treasurer and on the executive board of the American Thyroid Association. He has served as chair of the Endocrine Surgery Section of the American Head and Neck Society and currently is the Chair of the Administration Division of the American Head and Neck Society and has served on the Board of Directors, Surgical Liaison for the American Association of Clinical Endocrinology. He has been inducted into the ACS Master Surgeon Educators Academy (MAMSE designation). Currently he is otolaryngology chair of the American Board of Otolaryngology Focus Practice Designation for thyroid surgery Work group and also the President of the International Thyroid Oncology Group, an advanced cancer clinical trials group of endocrinologists, medical oncologists, and surgeons.



## WILLIAM J. BURKE, M.D.

William J. Burke, M.D. (retired), was formerly Director of the Stead Family Memory Center at the Banner Alzheimer's Institute and Research Professor of Psychiatry, University of Arizona College of Medicine, Phoenix, AZ. Prior to this he was the Anna O. Stake Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Nebraska Medical Center where he was a faculty member for 27 years. In that role, he directed the Psychopharmacology Research Center and had extensive experience in clinical trials. His primary research interest focused on developing preventative treatments for a variety of illnesses.

He had the honor of working with Dr Lydiatt on a NIH-funded study testing the hypothesis that antidepressants could prevent depression in patients about to undergo treatment for head and neck cancer. "The original idea for the study was completely Dr. Lydiatt but after our grant was funded we quickly formed a well-integrated research team to address the question. We were delighted with the positive results of the study and believe it provides rationale for a change in the complete treatment plan for these patients."

Dr. Burke received his medical degree from the University of Nebraska where he also completed an internship in Internal Medicine. He completed his residency in Psychiatry at Barnes Hospital and Washington University Medical School in St. Louis. He received additional post-graduate training at the Alzheimer Disease Research Center at Washington University in St. Louis while also studying psychiatric epidemiology. Dr. Burke was board-certified as a geriatric psychiatrist.

# PRESIDENTIAL CITATIONS



## TED KOOSER

Ted Kooser was born in Ames, Iowa, on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 1939, to a storekeeper and a traditional postwar homemaker, and was educated in the Ames public schools and at Iowa State College, from which he graduated in 1962 with a degree in English Education. He taught high school English for a year in Madrid, Iowa, and then, with his new wife, moved to Nebraska, where he enrolled in the graduate program in English at The University of Nebraska, studying with Pulitzer Prize winning poet, Karl Shapiro. By 1964, though, he'd had enough of higher education, and he dropped out of the university and took a desk job at a life insurance company, the first of two such companies that he worked for until his retirement as a vice president. Divorced in 1970, he remarried in 1977, to Kathleen Rutledge, who would go through a number of glass ceilings to become the editor of the Lincoln, Nebraska, daily Journal-Star.

From the time he'd been a teenager, Kooser had written and published poetry, his first book coming out in 1969, to be followed by fifteen other collections of poetry, five books of nonfiction, and six books for children. In 2004, his collection of poems, *Delights & Shadows* was awarded the Pulitzer Prize, and Kooser was named U. S. Poet Laureate, serving two terms.

Kooser was found to have cancer of the tongue in 1998, and was referred to Dr. Bill Lydiatt, who excised the tumor and did a neck dissection to determine whether the cancer had spread, which it had, and Kooser underwent six weeks of radiation and was followed by Dr. Lydiatt during the ensuing years. In early 2021, Kooser was found to have a small squamous cell tumor of the lower lip, treated by surgery, and in 2022 he had a mandibulectomy, again for squamous cell carcinoma, done by Dr. Lydiatt with the assistance of his partner, Dr Angela Osmolak. One more small tumor was excised from the inside of Kooser's cheek in 2023 and he sees Dr. Lydiatt quarterly for routine followups.

Kooser has continued to write, publishing both in literary journals and in books, and he has credited Dr. Lydiatt both for saving his life multiple times and for standing by him and offering good counsel when his spirits were low. He feels that his poetry has reached the level of success that it has partly due to the lessons he learned from his cancer journey, that is, by taking life one day at a time, and using each day to its fullest.



# PRESIDENTIAL CITATIONS



## DR. ASHOK SHAHA, M.D., F.A.C.S

Dr. Ashok Shaha, M.D., F.A.C.S. is an Attending Surgeon on the Head and Neck Service at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, Allan H. Selig Chair in Head and Neck Surgery, and Professor of Surgery at Cornell University Medical College, New York. Dr. Shaha completed his surgical training in Baroda, India and worked as a House Surgeon at Tata Memorial Hospital, where he developed an interest in head and neck surgical oncology. After his arrival at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in 1975, Dr. Shaha did a surgical oncology fellowship and subsequently completed his surgical training at Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York. He returned to Memorial Hospital in 1981 as a Fellow in Head and Neck Surgery and subsequently joined the Department of Surgery at Downstate Medical Center in 1982 as a Head and Neck Surgeon, rising to the rank of Professor of Surgery in 1992. During this period, Dr. Shaha was also Chief of Head and Neck Surgery at King's County, Brooklyn VA Hospital and University Hospital. In August of 1993, he moved to Sloan Kettering.

During his post-graduate training, Dr. Shaha secured several gold medals and was awarded the Golden Apple Teaching Award at Downstate Medical Center. Other awards he has received include: Faculty Member of the AOA Honor Medical Society, the Outstanding Teacher Award at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in 1996, the Honor Award from the American Academy of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery, and was named Visiting Professor of the Society of Head and Neck Surgeons in 1997 and 1998.

Dr. Shaha has been actively involved in local and national head and neck societies, as well as having been President of the New York Head and Neck Society, the American Society for Surgeons of Indian Origin, and the Brooklyn Surgical Society. He was Co-President of the American Head and Neck Society, 1998-1999, was President of the New York Cancer Society, 1999-2000 and President of the New York Surgical Society, 2004-2005. He is a member of many scientific organizations and serves on the editorial board of several Head and Neck journals. He was the Program Chairman for the Fifth International Head and Neck Oncology Meeting in San Francisco (2000) and served as the Conference Chairman for the Sixth International Head and Neck Meeting in 2004. Dr. Shaha was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award by the American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery on two occasions. He was President of the American Association of Endocrine Surgeons. He was elected to the American Surgical Association. In July 2016, he delivered the Hayes Martin Lecture. He has been on the steering committee for World Congress in Thyroid Cancer. He has been the recipient of Distinguished Service Award by American Head and Neck Society twice. Recently he received the Cope Meritorious Award from AAES.

Dr. Shaha has been academically active at national and international meetings, with approximately 825 papers, 700 of which are peer-reviewed (PubMed and Scopus). His Curriculum Vitae includes 150 published abstracts, 63 posters and 45 scientific exhibits. He has delivered more than 2,000 presentations nationally and internationally, visiting more than 50 countries. His research interests include tracheal reconstruction and an experimental model of tracheomalacia and thyroid cancer. He has been actively involved in the training of head and neck fellows nationally and was chairman of the Advanced Training Council for head and neck fellowship in the United States for 10 years.

He has been extremely active in the International Federation of Head and Neck Oncologic Society and was secretary for four years and Director for four years. He has gone on five world tours, training head and neck surgeons around the world.

Dr. Shaha has dedicated his professional career to the training of medical students and residents and has developed a preceptorship program at Cornell University Medical College in head and neck training for medical students. He continues his commitment to MSKCC and head and neck service and dedicates his time and efforts for the best patient care and training of the residents and fellows.

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## DANIEL G. DESCHLER, MD, FACS

Daniel G. Deschler, MD, FACS is the Vice-Chair for Academic Affairs for the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. For a decade, he served as the Director of the Division of Head and Neck Surgery in the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary (MEEI), as well as Director of Head and Neck Oncologic Surgery at the Massachusetts General Hospital. He currently co-directs the Michael Dingman Fellowship in Head and Neck/Microvascular surgery which he founded in 2006. He was Secretary/Treasurer and President of the Society for University Otolaryngologists and President of the New England Otolaryngology Society. He also served on the Executive Council of the AHNS as the Chair of the Patient Care Service and served as Program Chair for the AHNS 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Head and Neck Cancer in Montreal.

Dr. Deschler received his BA at Creighton University and received an Honors degree in Medicine from Harvard Medical School. After concluding his Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery residency at the University of California, San Francisco, he then completed an advanced fellowship in head and neck surgical oncology and microvascular reconstruction with Richard Hayden, MD in 1996. Dr. Deschler joined the Staff of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary in 2000 and is currently a Professor of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at Harvard Medical School and he is honored to be the Inaugural Dr. Eugene N. and Barbara L. Myers Chair in Head and Neck Surgery at the Mass Eye and Ear. He and his wife, Eileen Reynolds, MD are Faculty Deans for Leverett House at Harvard University.

He has authored over 240 peer-reviewed publications, as well as numerous books, book chapters and education reviews. He serves on the editorial boards of the *Annals of Otolaryngology, Rhinology and Laryngology*, *Head & Neck*, *Laryngoscope* and *UpToDate*. He has served as the Otolaryngology Section Editor for *UpToDate* since 2002 and chairs the Thesis Committee of Triological Society. Dr. Deschler's clinical interests cover the breadth of head and neck oncologic and reconstructive surgery including, advanced malignancies of the upper aerodigestive tract, salivary gland diseases, microvascular reconstruction and general head and neck reconstruction. His research interests overlap the breadth of these areas including speech following pharyngeal/Laryngeal surgery and reconstruction as well as management issues in the treatment of advanced head and neck malignancies.



## ED MILLER, BS, MS

Ed Miller was born and raised in Carpenter, Wyoming. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Northern Colorado in 1965, the same year he married his high school sweetheart, Susan. He later completed a Master's degree, also from the University of Northern Colorado.

In 1969, Ed and Susan moved to Chappell, Nebraska, where Ed embarked on a teaching career spanning over 45 years. He taught science, biology, and advanced science, inspiring students not only in academics but also in unique fields such as parasitology, photography, and model rocketry.

Beyond teaching, Ed pursued diverse interests. He was an active sheep shearer into his 60s—a physically demanding endeavor—and spent his life exploring the hills of Wyoming and western Nebraska in search of arrowheads. His extensive collection reflected his lifelong passion for history and archaeology.

Ed and Susan have four sons and ten grandchildren. They continue to reside in Chappell, leaving behind a legacy of dedication to education and community.

# PRESIDENTIAL CITATIONS



## JOSIE ABBLOUD, FACHE

Josie Abboud, FACHE, serves as President & CEO of Methodist Hospital and Methodist Women's Hospital. She also serves as Executive Vice President of Methodist Health System with oversight of four hospitals, more than 30 clinic locations, an accredited nursing and healthcare professions college, a medical/surgical supply distributorship, and nearly 9,000 employees.

Abboud's career at Methodist began as a critical care staff nurse, and she's previously held a variety of leadership roles including service executive, vice president, executive vice president and chief operating officer.

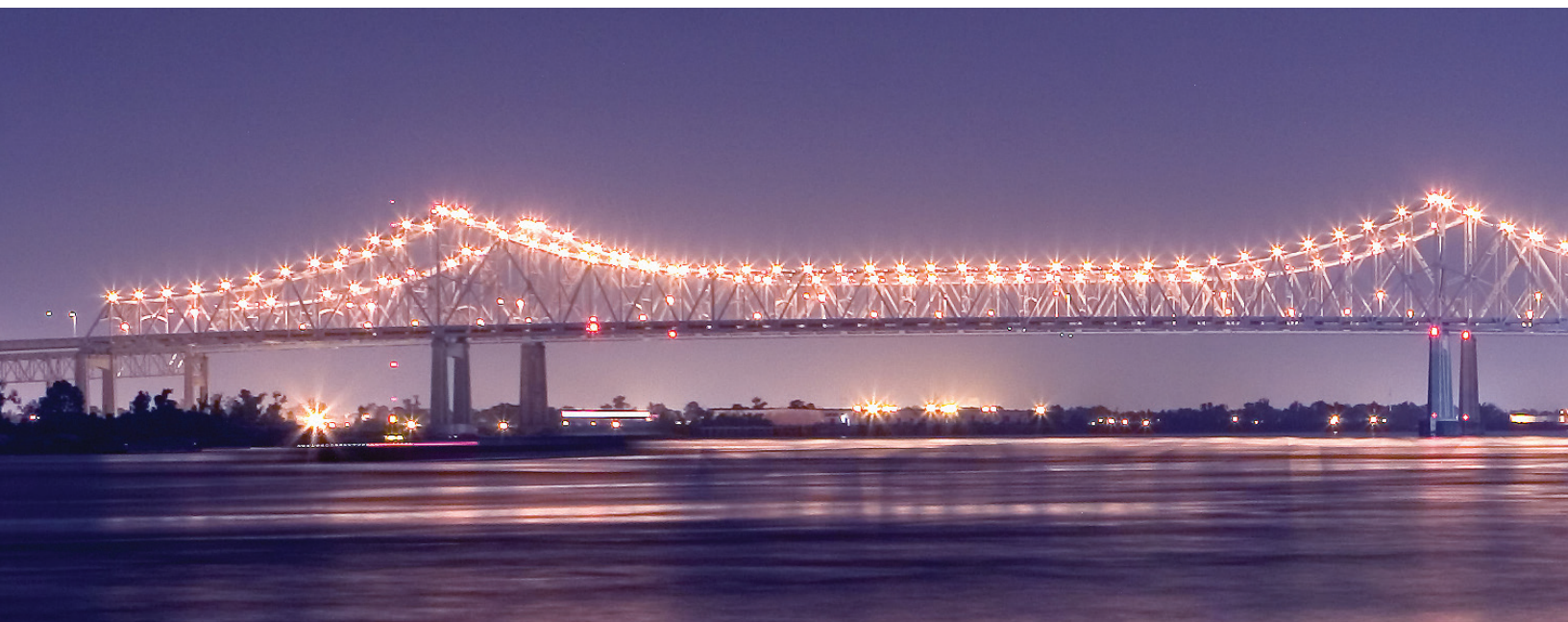
She believes strongly in creating a culture of collaboration and engagement and has been recognized numerous times. She was awarded with Modern Healthcare's Top Women Leaders and Creighton University's Believe & Achieve Leadership Award for her leadership and service to the community and healthcare. She also received the prestigious ICAN Leadership Award recognizing her efforts leading her organization through the pandemic. She has been featured in Healthcare Executive Magazine's cover story on Women in Leadership. She has been recognized by Becker's Hospital Review as a top woman hospital and health system leader, named as the ACHE Senior-Level Healthcare Executive Award recipient and the American Cancer Society's National St. George Award winner. She was also named as one of Midlands Business Journal's "Women of Distinction" and a "40 Under 40" honoree.

She is an active community and corporate leader and has served on the boards of Creighton University's Board of Trustees, Mutual of Omaha, Nebraska Hospital Association, Hospice House, Creighton Prep Board of Trustees, Marian High School Board of Directors, Creighton University's College of Nursing Advisory Board and Jaybackers Executive Committee, American Cancer Society, Christ the King's Education Steering Board, Archbishop's Committee for Development, Visiting Nurses Association, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 6-state High Plains Division Board of the American Cancer Society, United Way's Campaign, Community Health Charities and Child Saving Institute.

Abboud is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives and a member of the Medical Group Management Association.

Abboud earned her bachelor's degree in nursing at Creighton University and her master's degree in business administration and health care management from Regis University in Denver. She was also awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters by Midland University.

Abboud is married and enjoys family time with her husband, Jason, son, Xavier (21), daughter, Brielle (20), and silver Labrador, Coco.



# PRESIDENTIAL CITATIONS



## **SOPHIE (SHAO HUI) HUANG, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, MD, M.R.T (T), MSC.**

*Department of Radiation Oncology & Department of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery | The Princess Margaret Cancer Centre / University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada*

Shao Hui (Sophie) Huang is an Associate Professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, and Department of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Toronto. She is an MD graduate from Shanghai, China, with a Master Degree in Medicine from Shanghai and completed an Hons BSc in Radiation Therapy at the University of Toronto / Michener Institute in 2003. Since graduation, she has worked as a radiation therapist at The Princess Margaret Cancer Centre. In addition to her clinical duties, she also divides her time among stewarding the Head-and-Neck Cancer Anthology of Outcomes System at her institution, coordinating the multidisciplinary Head-and-Neck Cancer Conference, clinical and translational research, and delivering radiation treatment for head and neck cancers. She has been the principal investigator in many research projects and has published more than 200 peer-reviewed journal articles and more than 10 textbook chapters. She is an editor of the UICC Manual of Clinical Oncology 9th edition, an Associate Editor of the International Journal of Radiation Oncology, Biology, and Physics, Frontiers in Oncology, the Annals of Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma, and Guest editor for the Journal of Medical Imaging and Radiation Science. She serves as: Member of the Head and Neck Core Committee for the AJCC Version 9 TNM Classification; Section Editor of the UICC TNM 9th edition; and Member of Expert Panel of CSCO/ASCO Treatment of Nasopharyngeal Cancer Guidelines Committee. She is an internationally recognized thought leader in head and neck outcomes research and has influenced stage and prognostic factors classification that have impacted the management of patients throughout the world. She has received many international and Canadian awards for her research work including Best of ASTRO, Best Poster in ESTRO and Best Research in CARO, and the CAMRT Welsh Memorial Lectureship Award. She has appeared in several Canadian National Television and News Outlet education interview representing the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre head and neck site group for public awareness relating to head and neck cancer.



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### MARK GILBERT, PHD

Mark Gilbert, PhD serves as an Associate Professor of Art and Art History within the School of the Arts at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He is actively engaged in UNO's medical humanities program, integrating his research and artistic practice with this interdisciplinary field. A native of Glasgow, Scotland, Gilbert graduated from the Glasgow School of Art in 1991 and has showcased his work at various esteemed venues across Europe and North America.

A pivotal moment in his career occurred in 1997 when he accepted a position as artist-in-residence at The Royal London Hospital. During this residency, he collaborated closely with Prof. Iain Hutchison, a maxillofacial surgeon, and his patients to develop a series of artworks that vividly depicted the patients' experiences throughout their illness, surgical procedures, and subsequent recovery. The resulting exhibition, titled "Saving Faces," debuted at the National Portrait Gallery in London before touring extensively throughout both the UK and North America.

Following this project, Gilbert undertook a two-year residency at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC), where he focused on creating images that portrayed patients and caregivers. This investigation utilized portraiture to delve into themes of care and caregiving at the intersection of art and medicine, culminating in the exhibition "Here I am and Nowhere Else: Portraits of Care," which was showcased at the Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts in Omaha in 2008.

In 2014, under the mentorship of Dr. Bill Lydiatt, Gilbert obtained his PhD from The University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC). His dissertation examining the experience of portraiture in clinical settings, particularly as it pertained to both the artist and a select group of head and neck cancer patients. He further pursued the exploration of art and medicine as a Research Associate with the Medical Humanities Program at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Most recently, Gilbert has engaged in a two-year collaboration with Dr. Kenneth Rockwood, a geriatrician, conducting research that employs portraiture to investigate the interaction between patients living with dementia and their caregivers. Additionally, he led the project "Portrait of Covid-19," which explored the experiences of healthcare workers during the pandemic, recruiting participants from diverse locations including Omaha, New York, Houston, and Washington. The resulting collection is now permanently displayed at the headquarters of the American Medical Association in Chicago.

Gilbert has authored numerous peer-reviewed manuscripts and has been extensively interviewed by both medical and lay publications regarding the intersection of art and medicine. Furthermore, he has been invited to serve as guest editor for two issues of the American Medical Association's Journal of Ethics.



### DANIEL D. LYDIATT, D.D.S., M.D., M.S., M.A., F.A.C.S.

Daniel D. Lydiatt, D.D.S., M.D., M.S., M.A., F.A.C.S. received his D.D.S. from the University of Nebraska, College of Dentistry in 1977 and an MD from the University of Nebraska Medical Center, (UNMC), in 1983. He then completed residencies in oral and maxillofacial surgery and otolaryngology/head and neck surgery and is board certified in both specialties. He completed a head and neck surgical oncology fellowship from M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, University of Texas in July, 1991. His entire career was dedicated to the practice of head and neck surgical oncology which he established at UNMC and Methodist Estabrook Cancer Center.

He rose to Professor, Division of Head and Neck Surgical Oncology, Department of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery at UNMC, Professor of Surgery at Creighton University Medical Center and Medical Director of Methodist Estabrook Cancer Center.

His research interests are litigation and head and neck oncology, and a historical interest in Latin and head and neck anatomy. He retired in January 2022, and spends his time, woodworking, caring for an acreage, but especially being with his grandchildren.

# MARGARET F. BUTLER OUTSTANDING MENTOR OF WOMEN IN HEAD AND NECK SURGERY AWARD



Dr. Margaret Butler was the first female Otolaryngology chair in the United States. In 1906, she was appointed Chair of Ear, Nose and Throat at Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania. As a respected otolaryngologist and an ambassador of the specialty, Dr. Butler provided a blueprint for future generations of female otolaryngologists.

The purpose of the Margaret F. Butler, MD Champion of Women in Head and Neck Surgery Award is to recognize individuals who have demonstrated leadership in promoting gender diversity in the field of Head and Neck Surgery and its related endeavors. Awardees have demonstrated leadership and consistent track record of promoting gender diversity and equity in head and neck surgery, and its related fields; have consistently supported and promoted women in head and neck surgery and its related endeavors, as well as mentoring individuals through merit-based career advancements and promotions; and have measurable impact in the promotion of women in head and neck surgery and its related fields, i.e. career advancement of mentees, mentorship in publications and research.

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Lisa Orloff, MD, FACS (2021)  
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# MARGARET F. BUTLER OUTSTANDING MENTOR OF WOMEN IN HEAD AND NECK SURGERY AWARD

## 2025 Awardee:



### **MAIE A. ST. JOHN, M.D., PH.D., FACS**

*Thomas C. Calcaterra, M.D., Chair in Head and Neck Surgery  
Chair and Executive Medical Director, Department of Head & Neck Surgery  
Professor, Head & Neck Surgery and Bioengineering  
Co-Director, UCLA Head and Neck Cancer Program  
Associate Director Cancer Research and Education, Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center  
David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA*

A highly renowned surgeon, scientist and educator, Dr. St. John is Professor and the Chair of Department of Head and Neck Surgery and Professor of Bioengineering at UCLA. She also holds the Thomas C. Calcaterra, M.D., Chair in Head and Neck Surgery and is Co-Director of the UCLA Head and Neck Cancer Program. Dr. St. John's laboratory studies the mechanisms of tumor progression and metastasis in head and neck cancer and seeks to identify and study novel genes and pathways for future targeted therapies, while actively incorporating the results of their laboratory-based research into the development of novel therapeutics. Her extramurally-funded research portfolio includes multiple NIH grants bridging basic science with clinical research and service. Dr. St. John is an outstanding educator who has provided mentorship to numerous trainees, and serves as a member of several prestigious organizations including the Executive Council of the American Head and Neck Society, the Triological Society, American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery, American College of Surgeons Board of Governors Advisory Council, American Laryngological Association, and Collegium Oto-RhinoLaryngologicum Amicitiae Sacrum. She is a senior examiner for the American Board of Otolaryngology and a reviewer for the American Academy of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery CORE grants, and NIH/NIDCR, NCI and NIBIB study sections. She has been the recipient of multiple awards for teaching and research.

Dr. St. John received her B.S. from Stanford University and M.D. and Ph.D. degrees from Yale University. She completed residency and postdoctoral training at UCLA and served previously as Chief of Head and Neck Surgery at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center.

Dr. St. John's clinical expertise is in intraoperative tumor margin delineation in the resection and treatment of head and neck cancers to allow for precision surgery. Her laboratory research is translational with a focus on improving therapies and outcomes for patients with head and neck cancer. Her efforts have helped in the development of strong interdepartmental research programs in Head & Neck Surgery and Bioengineering. This work has led to clinical trials and patent applications, and has been consistently funded by the NIH, charitable foundations, and industry.

In addition to maintaining a busy surgical practice, Dr. St. John is active in clinical research and is closely involved in training young physician-scientists in her role as Executive Director of Cancer Research and Education at the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center. She is a prolific author in head and neck medicine and a sought-after lecturer both nationally and internationally. Dr. St. John has a deep passion for International collaboration in clinical care, research and education and has set up partnerships in Central America, India, China and the Middle East. She has served on numerous editorial boards of several international journals, including Cancer, Clinical Cancer Research, Head & Neck and The Laryngoscope. Dr. St. John has consistently been named one of America's Top Doctors by the Castle Connolly Guide.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AHNS 2025 MANUSCRIPT AWARD WINNERS!

## **Robert Maxwell Byers Award:**

Abdullah A Memon

Entitled Work: *Cancer-Testis Antigens as Novel Precision Immuno-oncologic Targets in HPV-negative Head and Neck Cancer*

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

Nana-Hawwa Abdul-Rahman, MS

Entitled Work: *Improving Prediction of Postoperative Pulmonary Complications Following Oncologic Head and Neck Surgery with Microvascular Free Flap Reconstruction*

## **Best Resident Basic Science Research Paper:**

Tolani Olonisakin, MD, PhD

Entitled Work: *scRNA-seq and genomics analyses reveal key mechanisms of inverted papilloma-associated sinonasal squamous cell carcinoma malignant transformation*

## **Best Resident Clinical Paper:**

Traeden D Wilson, MD

Entitled Work: *The Epigenetic link between Psychosocial Stress and Survival of Oral Squamous Cell Carcinoma*

## **Best Prevention and Early Detection Papers 1<sup>st</sup> Place:**

Mr. Robin Baudouin

Entitled Work: *Machine Learning to Differentiate Mucosal Lesions from Laryngeal Immobility Using Voice Recordings*

## **Best Prevention and Early Detection Papers 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:**

Helena Kim

Entitled Work: *Associations of Food Environment with Oropharyngeal Cancer Prognosis among Younger Adults in the United States*



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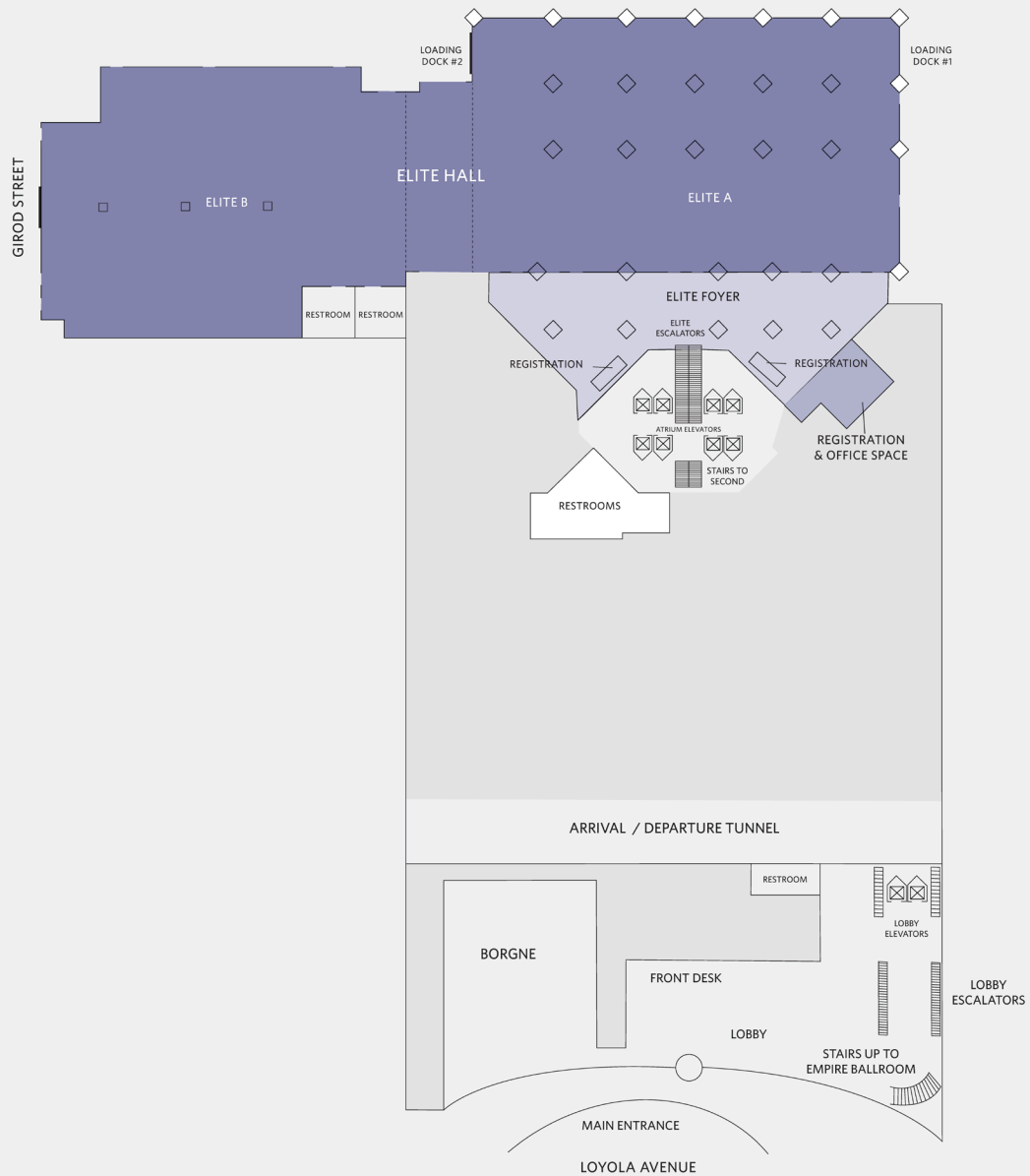
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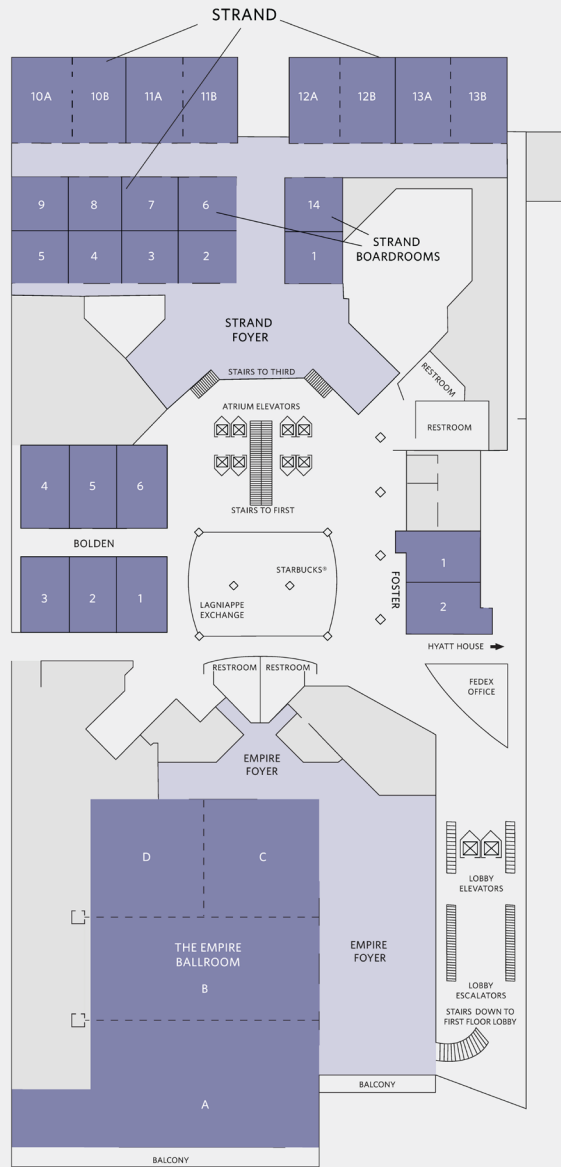
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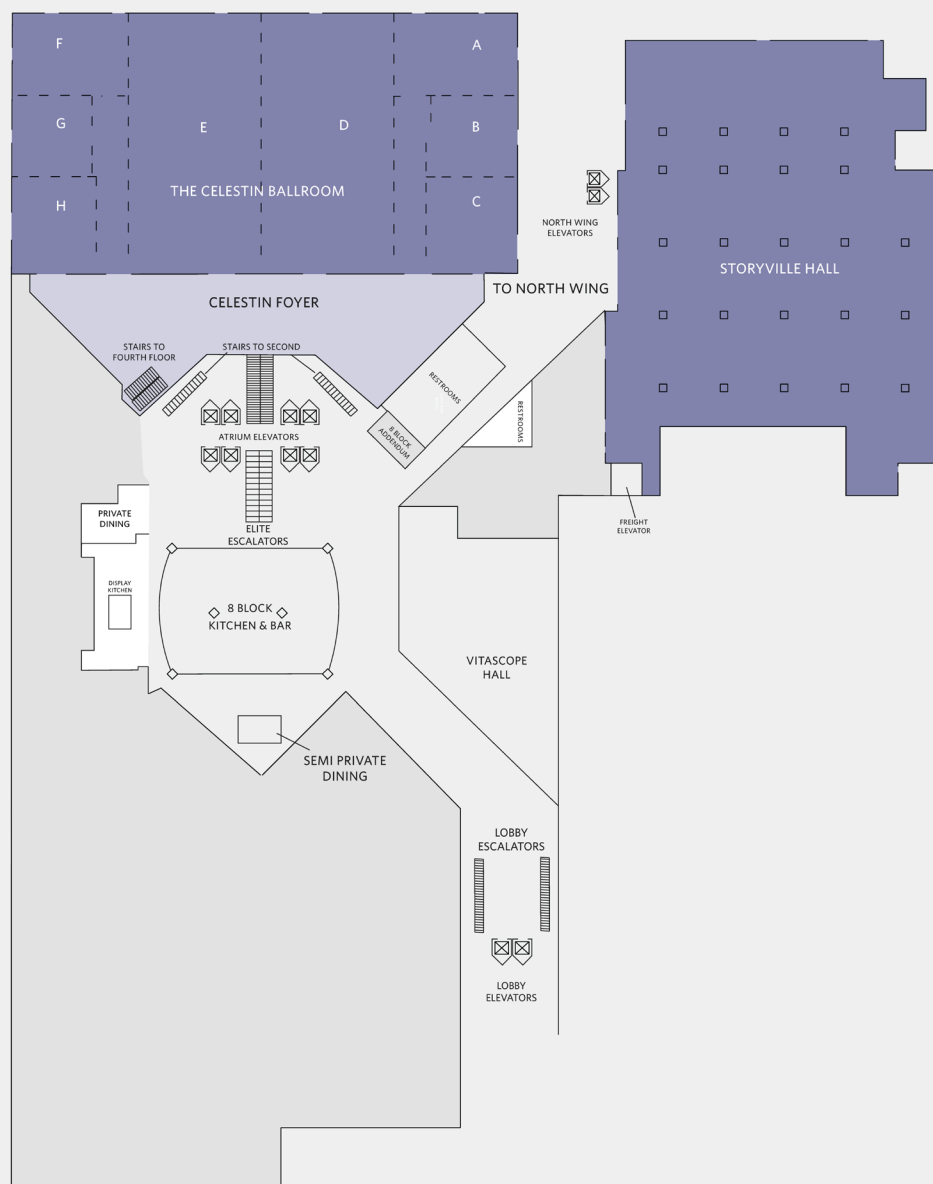
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# SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

## Tuesday, May 13, 2025 (Pre-Meeting Courses)

7:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Bolden 6

### **The AHNS Head & Neck Surgery Symposium for Residents & Fellows (non-CME)**

*Course Co-Directors: Kelly Malloy, MD, and Ben Judson, MD, MBA*

This half-day symposium presents several informative lectures on head and neck surgical procedures and treatments, presented by leading head and neck surgeons.

7:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Strand 10

### **Thyroid, Parathyroid, and Neck Ultrasound Course Didactic Session**

*Course Co-Directors: Russell Smith, MD, and Lisa Orloff, MD, FACS, FACE*

The objective of this course is to introduce the practicing surgeon to office-based ultrasound examination of the thyroid and parathyroid glands and related pathology. The distinction of normal from malignant lymphadenopathy is emphasized with a demonstration of the comprehensive examination of lymph node basins in cervical zones I-VI. The process of ultrasound guided FNA of thyroid nodules and enlarged lymph nodes is demonstrated in didactic lecture format. In addition, skill sessions allow the surgeon to learn varied techniques of FNA of lesions in phantom models.

*The AHNS gratefully acknowledges contributions in-kind in support of this course from:  
GE HealthCare, RGS Healthcare, & Samsung*

8:30 AM - 5:05 PM

Strand 13B

### **2025 AHNS Innovation and Entrepreneurial Symposium (non-CME)**

*Course Director: Jose P. Zevallos, MD, MPH*

*Course Co-Director: Baran Sumer, MD*

The symposium will be an introductory, all-day course designed for surgeons and academic physicians. It offers insights into entrepreneurship, covering key aspects such as intellectual property protection, capital raising, balancing clinical responsibilities, navigating technology transfer offices, patenting, commercialization, manufacturing, regulatory compliance, and conflict of interest management.

12:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Strand 10

### **Thyroid, Parathyroid, and Neck Ultrasound Course Hands-on Session**

*Course Co-Directors: Russell Smith, MD, and Lisa Orloff, MD, FACS, FACE*

The use of patient volunteers with thyroid and parathyroid pathology and lymphadenopathy will allow supervised hands-on experience with transverse and longitudinal ultrasound methods. Participants will be instructed in the practical details and hurdles in developing office-based ultrasound.

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1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Bolden 6

### **Head & Neck Microvascular Reconstructive Course (non-CME)**

*Course Director: Jamie Ku, MD, BS, and Course Co-Director: Steven Chinn, MD, MPH, BS*

In this workshop, a group of experts will provide insights and pearls of wisdom as they provide a variety of defect-oriented solutions to some of the most challenging head and neck reconstructive defects. In the second part of the workshop, the expert panelists will face each other off in mini debates on the latest controversial topics in head and neck reconstruction. This workshop is designed to be interactive with opportunities to participate and ask questions.

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Plates Restaurant and Bar

### **Young Members Service Chairs Reception**

# SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Foster 1

## **Drawn to Uncertainty: An Interactive Workshop for Medical Educators (non-CME)**

*Course Director: Mark Gilbert, PhD*

For medical and especially surgical teaching careful observation, tolerance to uncertainty and the need for empathy either side of the healthcare interaction is critical. The visual arts are increasingly recognized as providing powerful resources to effectively address competencies related to a more patient-centered, empathic, and holistic approach to care.

This interactive workshop draws upon the role the artistic medium of portraiture to develop emotional responses, provide alternative forms of representation, and promote dialogue in ways that parallel the relational and diagnostic challenges experienced in clinical interactions.

The workshop will be facilitated by Dr. Mark Gilbert who has worked on a number of high-profile art projects, illuminating patient and caregiver experience of illness. The resulting collections were exhibited in venues around the world, including the National Portrait Gallery, London.



# SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Foster 1
<b>Centurion Lounge</b>	
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Celestin D
<b>New Member Induction and Research Awards Ceremony</b>	
8:00 AM - 8:15 AM	Celestin D
<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>	
8:15 AM - 9:00 AM	Celestin D
<b>Presidential Address and Presidential Awards</b>	
<i>William Lydiatt, MD</i>	
9:00 AM - 9:05 AM	Celestin D
<b>Introduction</b>	
9:05 AM - 9:45 AM	Celestin D
<b>Distinguished Keynote Lecture: Mind, Machine - And You: The Psychology of Sustainable Success</b>	
<i>Keynote Speaker: Brett Haskell, PhD, LP, CMPC</i>	
9:45 AM - 10:15 AM	<b>Break with Exhibitors</b>
10:15 AM - 11:15 AM	Celestin D
<b>John Conley Lecture - Impacting the Mental Health Crisis as Non-psychiatric Specialists</b>	
<i>Keynote Speaker: David Rubin, MD</i>	
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM	Celestin D
<b>Scientific Session 1: HPV-positive Oropharyngeal Disease</b>	
<i>Moderators: Sidharth Puram, MD, PhD and Eleni Rettig, MD</i>	
<i>Expert Introduction: Sidharth Puram, MD, PhD</i>	
1. HPV+ OPSCC recurrence risk after TORS is associated with a smaller fraction of tumor cells containing detectable E6/E7 RNA - <i>Jean-Nicolas Gallant, MD, PhD</i>	
2. The Performance of Tumor Tissue Modified Viral-Human Papillomavirus, An Institutional Update - <i>Peter Cook</i>	
3. Neoadjuvant chemotherapy and transoral robotic surgery as definitive treatment in p16+ve oropharyngeal cancer: Outcomes of NECTORS trial - <i>Nadar Sadeghi</i>	
4. Circulating tumor HPV-DNA and Chemotherapy Response in HPV-Associated Oropharyngeal Cancer - <i>Augustin G. Vannier</i>	
5. Postoperative Circulating Tumor HPV DNA Kinetics in Surgically Managed Patients with HPV(+)OPSCC - <i>Cecelia M. Hidalgo, BA</i>	
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM	Celestin E
<b>Emerging and Evolving Technologies in Endocrine Surgery</b>	
<i>Moderator: Allen Ho, MD</i>	
<i>Faculty: Victoria Banuchi Crespo, MD, MPH, BA, Diana Kirke, MBBS, MPhil, and David Shonka, MD</i>	
We will review emerging tools in parathyroid and thyroid surgery with illustrative case examples. Controversies regarding practical value and utility of these tools will be emphasized.	

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At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- » Demonstrate key indications and contraindications for radiofrequency ablation and other ablation technologies.
- » Articulate new approaches to nerve monitoring to protect against nerve paralysis.
- » Evaluate the key uses for parathyroid autofluorescence in thyroid and parathyroid surgery.

11:15 AM	Introduction - <i>Allen Ho, MD</i>
11:17 AM	Ablation Technologies - <i>Victoria B. Crespo, MD, MPH, BA</i>
11:27 AM	Nerve Monitoring Advances - <i>Diana Kirke, MBBS, MPhil</i>
11:37 AM	Parathyroid Autofluorescence - <i>David Shonka, MD</i>
11:47 AM	Case Discussion

## 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Lunch with Exhibitors

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Celestin D

### Patient Care Controversies: ctDNA Ready for Primetime?

*Moderator: Eleni Rettig, MD*

*Faculty: Chris Holsinger, MD, Eleni Rettig, MD, Scott Roof, MD, BS and Melina Windon, MD*

This panel will explore emerging applications and controversies surrounding the use of circulating tumor DNA (ctDNA) in head and neck cancer, with discussions on its role in underserved populations, HPV-positive and negative cancers, and ongoing clinical trials. The session will feature presentations by published experts in the field, followed by a debate addressing key questions about ctDNA's readiness for clinical implementation and its potential to guide post-operative treatment strategies.

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- » Describe the role for use of ctDNA in surveillance for HPV-mediated SCC of the oropharynx.
- » Better understand the role of ctDNA for patients with HPV-negative SCC of the head and neck.
- » Discuss the role of ctDNA as a non-invasive tool for early diagnosis, surveillance, and assessing response to treatment.

1:00 PM	Introduction - <i>Eleni Rettig, MD</i>
1:03 PM	The Role of ctDNA in Underserved Populations - <i>Melina Windon, MD</i>
1:11 PM	Use of ctHPV DNA as a Tool for Clinical Monitoring and Long-term Cancer Surveillance - <i>Scott Roof, MD, BS</i>
1:19 PM	The Role of ctDNA and its Relevance in HPV-negative Cancers - <i>Eleni Rettig, MD</i>
1:27 PM	The Role of ctDNA in Ongoing Clinical Trials and Future Roles in Post-op Adjuvant Therapy - <i>Chris Holsinger, MD</i>
1:35 PM	Controversies (Discussion and Debate)

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Celestin E

### Horror Stories in Head and Neck Reconstruction: A Thing of the Past?

*Moderators: Alice Lin, MD and Elizabeth Anne Nicolli, MD*

*Faculty: Alexandra Kejner, MD, Brett Miles, DDS, MD, and Mark Wax, MD*

We will start with a case management format for a few strategies that can be used for "horror story" cases and follow with a short session on tips and tricks that the panelists have adopted over the years.

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- » Recognize several factors that can lead to failure of head and neck reconstruction.
- » Manage stressful and complicated reconstructive situations using skills learned during this session.
- » Plan to prevent many complications that can arise in head and neck reconstruction.

1:00 PM	Introduction - <i>Alice Lin, MD</i>
1:05 PM	Potions and Tinctures - Evidence Based Tricks - <i>Alexandra Kejner, MD</i>
1:25 PM	When is It Time to Call It a Day, Use the Flap as a Biological Dressing and Come Back Another Day? - <i>Mark Wax, MD</i>
1:35 PM	When You Do Everything Right, Accepting Failures Supporting Yourself and Your Patients - <i>Brett Miles, DDS, MD</i>
1:45 PM	Q&A

# SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

2:00 PM – 2:45 PM

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## Parotid Tumor Garden: When to Watch and When to Prune

Moderator: Alexandra Kejner, MD

Faculty: Heather Edwards, MD, William Ryan, MD, Jessica Maxwell, MD, MPH

This panel addresses tumors of the parotid and when it is appropriate to observe/monitor them and when observation is not an option. We will go over imaging characteristics, diagnostic dilemmas, approach to patient counseling, and will go over specific cases with audience participation.

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- » Classify parotid tumors into those that can be observed and those which need immediate surgical attention.
- » Identify solutions and strategies with difficult to diagnose tumors.
- » Demonstrate appropriate and evidence-based counseling for patients who are surgery-averse and prepare a surveillance plan for these.

2:00 PM	Introduction to Parotid Tumors – Alexandra Kejner, MD
2:05 PM	Monsters of the Deep (Lobe) – Jessica Maxwell, MD, MPH
2:15 PM	Lost in (Parapharyngeal) Space – William Ryan, MD
2:25 PM	Handle with Care (Frailty and Parotid Surgery – Surveillance) – Heather Edwards, MD
2:35 PM	Audience Poll/Panel Discussion

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## Scientific Session 2: Quality of Life & Health Behaviors

Moderators: Neerav Goyal, MD, MPH, Katherine Hutchenson, PhD

Expert Introduction: Neerav Goyal, MD, MPH

1. Post-Diagnosis Smoking Cessation and Its Effect on Survival Outcomes in Head and Neck Cancer Patients: Findings from a Prospective Cohort Study – Alham Mohebbi, MD
2. Beyond aspiration: revisiting residue rates and MBS swallow profiles from the ECOG-ACRIN E3311 trial – Beatrice Manduchi, PhD
3. Efficacy of a Brief Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Head and Neck Cancer Survivors Across Domains of Body Image Distress: Secondary Outcomes from the BRIGHT Pilot Randomized Clinical Trial – Haley Hullfish, MD
4. Variations in clinical presentation and physician decision-making between frail and not-frail head and neck cancer patients – Eoin F. Cleere, MD
5. Clinical and sociodemographic determinants of sustained head and neck cancer survivorship clinic attendance – Maryanna S. Owoc, MD, PhD

3:15 PM – 4:00 PM

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## Scientific Session 3: Immunotherapy

Moderators: Mirabelle Sajjvesi, MD, and Nyal London, MD, PhD

Expert Introduction: Nyal London, MD, PhD

1. Five-year OS and DFS in HPV-associated HNSCC following neoadjuvant immunotherapy + GTV-only SBRT from the Providence NIRT-1 study – Robert H. Hermann, MD
2. Investigating the Role of Regulatory T Cells in Pathologic Response to Different Neoadjuvant Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor (ICI) Combinations in HNSCC – Matthias Brand, MD
3. A Phase 2, Open-Label Study of Intratumoral Vidutolimod in Combination With Intravenous Pembrolizumab in Patients With Recurrent or Metastatic Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma – Deborah J. Wong, MD
4. Chemo-Immunotherapy in Locally Advanced Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma: The MD Anderson Experience – Shorook Naara, MD, PhD
5. Validation of a Peripheral Blood Prognostic Signature for Overall Survival in Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma Treated With Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors and Comparison to the Systemic Inflammatory Response Index (SIRI) – Sina Dadafarin, MD

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## More than Skin Deep - 'Resectability' for Cutaneous Malignancies

*Moderator: Karen Choi, MD*

*Faculty: Christopher Barker, MD, Steven Chinn MD, MPH, BS, Antoinette Esce, MD, and Cecilia Schmalbach, MD, MSc, FACS*

In a new era where there are now several new options that can offer potential cures for advanced cutaneous malignancies, there are changing perspectives on the role for surgical resection that requires an in-depth review of technical, medical, and ethical considerations for surgical limitations. Specific clinical challenges will be presented via clinical vignettes that pose common dilemmas that arise including technical limits of resection, alternative treatment strategies, and ethical considerations.

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- » Evaluate the evidence surrounding response-adapted surgery, the role of definitive radiation in unresectable skin cancers and compare the nuances in defining “resectability” from the perspective of surgeons and radiation oncologists.
- » Appraise the role of immunotherapy in the management of high-risk cutaneous malignancies and articulate the challenges unique to the immunosuppressed population.
- » Define affective forecasting and apply shared decision-making techniques to complex conversations about locally advanced cutaneous malignancies.

3:15 PM	Where to Draw the Line: Resectability and Response Adapted Surgery – <i>Steven Chinn, MD, MPH, BS</i>
3:25 PM	Staying In (and Straying From) My Lane: Unresectable Skin Cancer and Radiation Therapy – <i>Christopher Barker, MD</i>
3:35 PM	Immunotherapy for High-risk Cutaneous Malignancies – <i>Cecelia Schmalbach, MD, MSc, FACS</i>
3:45 PM	The Ethics of Resectability and Shared Decision Making – <i>Antoinette Esce, MD</i>
3:55 PM	Q&A

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## Women's Panel: The 7-year Itch - Exploring Leadership and Alternative Career Pathways to Academic Medicine

*Moderator: Shirley Su, MBBS & Amy Anne Lassig, MD, BA, MS*

*Faculty: Bevan Yueh, MD, Dennis Kraus, MD, FACS, Cherie Ann Nathan, MD, FACS, and Bert O'Malley, MD*

Mid-career is a time of change and needs careful planning. Many pathways exist outside of traditional academia. We present strategies from AHSN members who have made the leap and been successful in their alternative career pathways.

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- » Identify leadership opportunities outside of traditional academia.
- » Understand the strategies for developing and fostering a strong and productive team.
- » Discuss the pros and cons of career pathways including medical schools, hospital executive leadership and working with business.

4:00 PM	Introduction – <i>Shirley Su, MBBS</i>
4:03 PM	How Do You Develop and Foster a Strong Productive Team Dynamic? – <i>Cherie Ann Nathan, MD, FACS</i>
4:13 PM	Charting a Path Through Executive Hospital Leadership – <i>Bert O'Malley, MD</i>
4:23 PM	Medical School Leadership Pathways – <i>Bevan Yueh, MD</i>
4:33 PM	Business Leadership and Working with Industry – <i>Dennis Kraus, MD, FACS</i>
4:43 PM	Q&A

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## 20 Years After Katrina: Reflections on Practicing Medicine with Limited Resources

*Moderator: Andrew Shuman, MD*

*Faculty: Peter DeBlieux, MD, and Anna Pou, MD*

Hurricane Katrina led to devastation that tested clinicians in unprecedented ways. Two clinicians who experienced this disaster first-hand will reflect on how clinicians and institutions can respond to hurricanes, pandemics, and other unexpected resource constraints.

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- » Describe how natural disasters can create unprecedented constraints on the practice of medicine and surgery.
- » Explain how institutional preparation and proactive policies can mitigate the burden of resource allocation on clinicians and patients.
- » Apply principles of scarce resource allocation to varied challenges from natural disasters, to pandemics, to more mundane challenges such as limited OR time.

4:00 PM Ethical Principles of Scarce Resource Allocation – *Andrew Shuman, MD*

4:08 PM Caring for Patients in the Midst of Chaos – *Anna Pou, MD*

4:23 PM Transitioning From a Sprint to a Marathon – *Peter DeBlieux, MD*

4:38 PM Q&A

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

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## AHNS Business Meeting

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## Women in H&N Service Reception - 2025 Margaret Butler Award for Outstanding Mentor of Women in Head and Neck Surgery

6:00 PM – 6:45 PM

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## MCLA-158-CL02 Clinical Trial Update (non-CME)

*Presented by: Alexa Boykin, PharmD, Senior Medical Science Liaison, Merus.*

MCLA-158-CL02 is a phase 3, open-label, randomized, controlled, multicenter study comparing petosemtamab versus investigator's choice monotherapy in HNSCC patients for the second- and third-line treatment of incurable metastatic/recurrent disease, with a focus on patients who have progressed after anti-PD-1 therapy and platinum-containing therapy.

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## NRG-HN014 Clinical Trial Update (non-CME)

*Presented by: Neil Gross, MD, FACS*

NRG-HN014 is a clinical study testing if adding "Cemiplimab" (REGN2810) prior to surgery can extend the length of time without cancer recurrence for patients with advanced skin cancer.

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## NRG-HN006 Clinical Trial Update (non-CME)

*Presented by: Stephen Lai, MD, PhD*

Randomized Phase II/III Trial of Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy Versus Elective Neck Dissection for Early-Stage Oral Cavity Cancer Update.

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**Centurion Lounge**

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**Fellowship Information Session**

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

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**Hayes Martin Lecture - The Future of Artificial Intelligence in Medicine: The Example of Medical Imaging**

*Keynote Speaker: Curtis Langlotz, MD, PhD*

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

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**Precision Surgery: The Future of Artificial Intelligence in Head and Neck Oncology**

*Moderator: Andres Bur, MD*

*Faculty: Janice Farlow, MD, PhD, Chris Holsinger, MD, and Melina Windon, MD*

This panel will explore the transformative impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on head and neck oncology, focusing on its growing role in cancer care and addressing the associated ethical challenges. Discussions will emphasize advances in precision oncology and the potential of large language models (LLMs) to improve clinical efficiency, providing actionable insights for integrating AI into surgical practice.

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- » Assess the potential of artificial intelligence (AI)-based tools in precision medicine for head and neck cancer, focusing on their capabilities, applications, and limitations.
- » Identify and address key ethical considerations in integrating AI into clinical workflows, including mitigating bias, safeguarding data privacy, and ensuring transparency in decision-making.
- » Utilize advancements in large language models (LLMs) to enhance clinical efficiency by streamlining documentation, improving patient communication, and supporting evidence-based practice.

9:00 AM Introduction to Artificial Intelligence - *Andres Bur, MD*

9:10 AM Diagnostic and Prognostic Tools in Head and Neck Oncology - *Christopher Holsinger, MD*

9:20 AM Ethical Considerations in the Use of AI in Head and Neck Oncology - *Melina Windon, MD*

9:30 AM Practical Uses of AI in Clinical Practice - *Janice Farlow - MD, PhD*

9:40 AM Q&A

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**Scientific Session 4: Cancer Biology**

*Moderators: Carissa Thomas, MD, PhD, FACS, and Michael Topf, MD*

*Expert Introduction: Carissa Thomas, MD, PhD, FACS*

1. scRNA-seq and genomics analyses reveal key mechanisms of inverted papilloma-associated sinonasal squamous cell carcinoma malignant transformation - *Tolani Olonisakin, MD, PhD*
2. Establishing a Patient-Derived Xenograft Library for Head and Neck Cancer: Unveiling Mechanisms of Adaptive Chemotherapy Resistance - *Chikako Yagi, MD*
3. The Epigenetic link between Psychosocial Stress and Survival of Oral Squamous Cell Carcinoma - *Traeden Wilson, MD*
4. Intratumoral Chemokine Priming Enhances Immune Surveillance and Potentiates Checkpoint Inhibition in Head and Neck Cancer - *Robert Saddawi-Konefka, MD*
5. Epigenomic features and vulnerabilities of head and neck squamous cell carcinoma metastasis - *Wesley L. Cai, MD, PhD*

9:45 AM - 10:15 AM

**Break with Exhibitors**

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## Scientific Session 5: Technology & Education

Moderators: Michael Moore, MD, and David Forner, MD, MSc

Expert Introduction: David Forner, MD, MSc

1. Virtual Surgical Planning as an Educational and Reconstructive Tool in Head and Neck Outreach: A Collaborative Mission in Uganda - *Alexander Karabachev, MD*
2. Virtual Reality Simulation for Fibula Free Flap Planning among an Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery Resident Cohort - *Hannah L. Kenny, MD*
3. Benchmarking the Competency, Credibility and Consistency of ChatGPT-4o - *Yash V. Shroff, BA*
4. Evaluating the Impact of Multimedia on Patient Comprehension and Decision-Making in Thyroid Surgery: A Randomized Controlled Trial of the Thyroid Informed Surgical Consent Augmenting Video (TISCAV) - *Hani Samarah, BS*
5. Development and Pilot Testing of a High-Fidelity Transoral Robotic Surgery Simulator - *Brett Campbell, MD*

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## Jatin Shah Symposium: The Era of Neoadjuvant Immunotherapy for Cutaneous Malignancies is Here

Moderator: Thomas Ow, MD and Trevor Hackman, MD

Faculty: Neil Gross, MD, FACS, Kelly Malloy, MD, Francisco Civantos, MD, Shlomo Koyfman, MD, Carol Lewis, MD, MPH, FACS, Caitlin McMullen, MD, Leslie Fecher, MD

Dedicated lectures will review the current role for neoadjuvant immunotherapy approaches for cutaneous melanoma and cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma, as well as biomarkers for response. We will provide context and highlight controversies for these approaches using targeted vignettes, discussed by expert panelists.

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- » Identify patients with cutaneous melanoma and squamous cell carcinoma who would be eligible for neoadjuvant immunotherapy.
- » Appraise the current status of predictive biomarkers for response to neoadjuvant immunotherapy for cutaneous melanoma and cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma.
- » Formulate appropriate surgical and adjuvant therapeutic plans based on response to neoadjuvant immunotherapy for cutaneous melanoma and cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma.

10:15 AM	Introduction - Melanoma - <i>Thomas Ow, MD</i>
10:17 AM	Current Status of Neoadjuvant Immunotherapy for Cutaneous Melanoma - <i>Kelly Malloy, MD</i>
10:29 AM	Melanoma - Vignettes - <i>Francisco Civantos, MD, Leslie Fecher, MD, Kelly Malloy, MD, Carol Lewis, MD, MPH, FACS</i>
10:39 AM	Q&A
10:49 AM	Introduction - Cutaneous Squamous Cell Carcinoma - <i>Trevor Hackman, MD</i>
10:51 AM	Current Status of Neoadjuvant Immunotherapy for Cutaneous Squamous Cell Carcinoma - <i>Neil Gross, MD, FACS</i>
11:03 AM	Cutaneous SCC - Vignettes - <i>Shlomo Koyfman, MD, Neil Gross, MD, FACS, Caitlin McMullen, MD</i>
11:13 AM	Q&A
11:23 AM	Introduction - Biomarkers - <i>Thomas Ow, MD</i>
11:25 AM	Biomarkers for Response to Neoadjuvant Immunotherapy Approaches for Melanoma and Cutaneous SCC - <i>Leslie Fecher, MD</i>
11:37 AM	Biomarkers - Vignettes - <i>All Panelists</i>
11:47 AM	Q&A
11:57 AM	Closing Remarks - <i>Thomas Ow, MD, Trevor Hackman, MD</i>

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## Enhanced Recovery and Perioperative Protocols for Head and Neck Reconstruction

*Moderators: Kiran Kakarala, MD and Marianne Abouyared, MD*

*Faculty: Peter Dziegielewski, MD, FRCSC, Catherine Haring, MD, and Larissa Sweeny, MD*

Head and neck reconstruction comprises complex procedures, often performed on patients with multiple comorbidities, resulting in a high risk of complications and adverse outcomes. This session will explore how enhanced recovery after surgery (ERAS) protocols have the potential to address issues including mental health and substance abuse, malnutrition and medical comorbidities, and operative/post-operative care variation to improve outcomes and optimally support the head and neck cancer patient.

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- » Identify patients at risk for depression and substance abuse, provide a framework for screening opportunities, and understand available interventions.
- » Understand updates in prehabilitation and nutritional recommendations pre-operatively and perioperatively within ERAS protocols.
- » Recognize how optimization and standardization of intra-operative and postoperative management can improve outcomes.

11:00 AM	Introduction to ERAS in Head and Neck Surgery – <i>Marianne Abouyared, MD</i>
11:05 AM	Screening and Intervention for Depression and Substance Abuse – <i>Larissa Sweeny, MD</i>
11:20 AM	Prehabilitation and Nutrition – <i>Catherine Haring, MD</i>
11:35 AM	Evidence Based Intraoperative and Post-Operative Care – <i>Peter Dziegielewski, MD, FRCSC</i>
11:50 AM	Discussion/Q&A

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

**Lunch with Exhibitors**

1:00 PM – 1:45 PM

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## Scientific Session 6: Endocrine

*Moderators: Allen Ho, MD, and Elizabeth Cottrill, MD*

*Expert Introduction: Elizabeth Cottrill, MD*

1. Neoadjuvant BRAF/MEK inhibitor therapy and immunotherapy for BRAFV600E-mutated anaplastic thyroid cancers – *Isabelle Fournier, MD, FRCSC*
2. Utilization of Immunotherapy in Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer: Impact on Survival and Disparities in Access – *Josef Madrigal, MD*
3. Association of Socioeconomic, Neighborhood, and Institutional Factors with Presentation in Differentiated Thyroid Cancer: A Population-Based Study of California from 1988 to 2020 – *Nazineen Kandahari, MD, MS*
4. Hypoparathyroidism After Total Thyroidectomy: A Quality of Life Randomized Controlled Trial Comparing Two Treatment Strategies – *Catherine Beaumont, MD, MSc*
5. Is thyroid lobectomy plus neck dissection an effective treatment option in select patients with N1b papillary thyroid carcinoma? – *Daniel W. Scholfield, MD*

1:00 PM – 1:45 PM

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## Innovation and Entrepreneurship Session

*Moderators: Jose P. Zevallos, MD, MPH, Baran Sumer, MD*

*Faculty: Alexander Langerman, MD, and Peter Santa Maria, MD*

This session will provide an introduction to entrepreneurship for head and neck surgeon innovators. It will cover the conceptualization of a new idea, the process of disclosing and protecting your intellectual property, putting together a compelling pitch deck, and decision-making around licensing your technology vs. launching a start-up company.

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- » Broadly discuss the innovation process, from developing and protecting an idea to decision-making around commercialization.
- » Discuss the essential elements of creating a compelling pitch deck, and how this differs from a typical scientific presentation.
- » Discuss the process of protecting intellectual property and leveraging university resources to support your innovation.

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1:00 PM	Introduction – Jose P. Zevallos, MD, MPH
1:05 PM	Understanding the Disclosure and Intellectual Property Process – Alexander Langerman, MD
1:15 PM	Creating a Compelling Pitch Deck – Peter Santa Maria, MD
1:25 PM	The Basics of Raising Capital to Support Your Innovation – Baran Sumer, MD
1:35 PM	Entrepreneurship While Keeping Your Day Job Panel

1:45 PM – 2:45 PM

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## Biomedical and Health Informatics in Head and Neck Mucosal Malignancies

*Moderator: Jeffrey Liu, MD*

*Faculty: Jennifer Cracchiolo, MD, and Antoine Eskander, MD, ScM, FRCSC*

This panel explores how biomedical and health informatics is transforming the management of head and neck mucosal malignancies. Speakers will define basic concepts in biomedical and clinical informatics and examine cutting-edge approaches—from data integration and predictive analytics to EHR integration—that are reshaping diagnostic and treatment strategies. Join this dynamic discussion to discover how innovative informatics tools are enhancing patient outcomes and streamlining clinical workflows in head and neck oncology.

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- » Define clinical informatics and denote practical examples of head and neck surgery-relevant ontologies, standards, and nomenclature.
- » Identify knowledge gaps and practical improvements to afford greater integration of informatics constructs with clinical and research efforts in mucosal malignancies.
- » Identify opportunities and challenges for EHR implementation across use-cases (decision support tool, risk models) to improve patient care.

1:45 PM	Extending Our Reach: How Remote Monitoring and ePROs Enhance Effective Management – Jennifer Cracchiolo, MD
2:02 PM	Scaling Quality, Scaling Effectiveness: Health Services Perspectives for Improving Outcomes – Antoine Eskander, MD, ScM, FRCSC
2:19 PM	Q&A

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## Updates in Management of Advanced and Recurrent Nasopharyngeal Cancer

*Moderator: Marilene Wang, MD*

*Faculty: Luana Guimaraes De Sousa, MD, Ivan El-Sayed, MD, Meghan Turner, MD, Sue Yom, MD*

This hot topic session will provide an up-to-date review of the role of biomarkers as well ongoing clinical trials including induction chemotherapy, immunotherapy, and vaccine trials in the treatment of nasopharyngeal carcinoma. Novel modalities in chemotherapy, immunotherapy, and radiation therapy will be discussed.

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- » Integrate the use of biomarkers into nasopharyngeal carcinoma treatment.
- » Select patients who may benefit from the addition of induction chemotherapy or immunotherapy in the treatment of nasopharyngeal carcinoma.
- » Identify patients who may benefit from novel modalities or de-escalation or reduction in radiotherapy.

1:45 PM	Introduction – Marilene Wang, MD
1:48 PM	The Role of EBV DNA and Liquid Biomarkers in Prognostication and Treatment Selection – Ivan El-Sayed, MD
2:00 PM	Chemotherapy - Induction vs Concurrent vs Adjuvant: When and Why? – Luana Guimaraes De Sousa, MD
2:12 PM	Innovations in Radiotherapy (IMRT, proton, AI) – Sue Yom, MD
2:24 PM	The Evidence for Surgery in the Management of Recurrent NPC – Meghan Turner, MD
2:36 PM	Q&A

2:45 PM – 3:15 PM

**Break with Exhibitors**

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## Optimizing Form and Function in Benign Parotid Tumor Surgery

*Moderator: David Cagnetti, MD*

*Faculty: Patrick Tassone, MD, Rusha Patel, MD, and Patrik Pipkorn, MD, MSci*

This session will explore surgical approaches to benign parotid tumors, with an emphasis on optimizing functional and cosmetic outcomes while avoiding tumor recurrence. Incision design, extent of surgery, and reconstructive options will be compared and contrasted.

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- » Compare incision options for excision of benign parotid tumors.
- » Plan optimal extent of resection for benign parotid tumors.
- » Identify the appropriate settings for the use of reconstruction for contour defects after benign parotid tumor excision.

3:15 PM	Introduction – <i>David Cagnetti, MD</i>
3:25 PM	Approaches and Incisions – <i>Patrick Tassone, MD</i>
3:37 PM	Extent of Resection – <i>Rusha Patel, MD</i>
3:49 PM	Contour Reconstruction – <i>Patrik Pipkorn, MD, MSci</i>
4:01 PM	Cases/Panel Discussion

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## Scientific Session 7: HPV-negative Mucosal Disease

*Moderators: Caitlin McMullin, MD, and Stephen Lai, MD, PhD, FACS*

*Expert Introduction: Caitlin McMullin, MD*

1. Taxane, platinum and cetuximab-based neoadjuvant chemotherapy for patients with locally advanced oral cavity squamous cell carcinoma results in improved survival compared to propensity matched cohort – *Kenric Tam, MD*
2. Machine Learning to Differentiate Mucosal Lesions from Laryngeal Immobility Using Voice Recordings – *Robin Baudouin, MD*
3. A Matched Pair Analysis Comparing Survival in Node Positive Sentinel Node Biopsy and Node Positive Selective Neck Dissection for Oral Cancer. – *Hanan Abu Shamat, MD*
4. Determined at the Margins: Examining the Risk of Dysplastic Margins after Primary Surgery for Oral Cavity SCC – *Jae Gardella, MD*
5. Trends in Initial Management of T4 Laryngeal Squamous Cell Carcinoma – *Annie J. Orr, MD*
6. Circulating tumor DNA (ctDNA) in the Diagnosis and Surveillance of HPV-negative Oral Cavity Carcinoma – *Hannah Q. Baratz, BS*
7. Distinct bacterial signatures and metagenomic alterations associated with lymph node metastasis in laryngeal cancer – *Natalie Silver, MD*

4:15 PM – 5:15 PM

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## Survivorship in Sinonasal and Nasopharyngeal Cancers

*Moderator: Shirley Su, MBBS*

*Faculty: Rahul Mehta, MD, Zara Patel, MD, Oded Sagiv, MD, and Robert Ferguson, MD*

This session will describe survivorship issues in head and neck skull base tumors, including endocrine, neurocognitive, vestibular-auditory and ophthalmic sequelae of surgery and multimodality management for skull base tumors. We will discuss patterns of neurocognitive decline related to chemotherapy, systemic therapy, radiotherapy and surgery, diagnosis and treatment. We will highlight the impact of surgery, radiotherapy, and systemic therapy on the orbit and vestibulo-auditory as well as an overview of treatment options. Impact of treatment on the endocrine system and recommendations for screening, as well as the impact of loss of smell and nutrition on long term survival and function will be described.

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- » Understand the effects of cancer and treatment on the CNS and strategies to cope with change.
- » Evaluate the effects of head and neck cancer therapies on the olfactory, endocrine and vestibulo-auditory system.
- » Describe the effects of cancer and therapies on the orbit and management strategies.

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4:15 PM	Introduction – <i>Shirley Su, MBBS</i>
4:20 PM	Olfaction After Multimodality Therapy: Impact on Patient, Nutrition, Assessment, and Intervention – <i>Zara Patel, MD</i>
4:30 PM	The Effects of Cancer Multimodality Therapy on the Vestibular-Auditory Systems – <i>Rahul Mehta, MD</i>
4:40 PM	Neurocognitive Impairment in Head and Neck Cancer Survivorship – <i>Robert Ferguson, MD</i>
4:50 PM	Orbital Function – Understanding Radiotherapy and Systemic Therapy Sequelae and Interventions – <i>Oded Sagiv, MD</i>
5:00 PM	Q&A

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## Reconstruction Debates: Can AI Do It All?

*Moderator: Matthew Old, MD, and Rodrigo Bayon, MD*

*Faculty: Andres Bur, MD, Joel Davies, MD, MSc, and Nolan Seim, MD*

We will use a debate style format to emphasize the impact artificial intelligence (AI) is having on the field of head and neck reconstruction. We will discuss current and future uses as well as limitations of the technology.

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- » Identify pros and cons of artificial intelligence in head and neck reconstruction.
- » Discuss current limitations of AI in head and neck reconstruction.
- » Recognize future applications of AI within the field of head and neck reconstruction.

4:15 PM	Introduction – <i>Matthew Old, MD</i>
4:18 PM	Emerging Role of AI in Head and Neck Reconstruction – <i>Rodrigo Bayon, MD</i>
4:23 PM	Debate: Should AI-Guided Resection Planning Take Precedence Over Surgeon Discretion? – <i>Andres Bur, MD</i>
4:30 PM	Debate: Should AI-Guided Resection Planning Take Precedence Over Surgeon Discretion? – <i>Nolan Seim, MD</i>
4:37 PM	Debate: Can AI Improve Outcomes in Microsurgical Free Flap Reconstruction? – <i>Joel Davies, MD, MSc</i>
4:44 PM	Debate: Can AI Improve Outcomes in Microsurgical Free Flap Reconstruction? – <i>Andres Bur, MD</i>
4:55 PM	Debate: Will AI-Optimized Prosthetics Surpass Traditional Customization? – <i>Nolan Seim, MD</i>
5:02 PM	Debate: Will AI-Optimized Prosthetics Surpass Traditional Customization? – <i>Joel Davies, MD, MSc</i>
5:09 PM	Q&A

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## Poster Session/Reception COSM “Meet the Authors” Poster Tours

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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## President’s Reception

*Please join AHNS President, Dr. William Lydiatt, for complimentary drinks and appetizers. This is open to all AHNS attendees.*

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April 7-11, 2027

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