



Department of Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery

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Dear Colleagues,

Happy of the greenest summers! I trust you and your loved ones are enjoying all that comes with this time of year.

Since our last newsletter, we have helped launch four chief residents and two pediatric fellows onto the next set of adventures. Their tremendous contributions and successes during the “training years” were recently celebrated at our Annual Research Day program and graduation dinner. This is always a wonderful opportunity to bring friends and family together.

In keeping with the spirit of transition, we have a new set of residents and pediatric fellows stepping into their new roles. We also welcome our new chair, Yuri Agrawal, MD, MPH, who will join the department August 1st. Please join me in welcoming Yuri and her family to Colorado.

I hope you take a few moments to read this newsletter and appreciate the many activities, energy, and successes the staff, faculty, and trainees are driving within the department.

I remain grateful for the opportunity to help lead such a dynamic and accomplished group.

All the best,

Todd T. Kingdom, MD

Interim Chair, Department of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery

Announcements



Yuri Agrawal, MD, MPH, has been named chair of the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. Yuri joins us from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine where she is professor of otology, neurotology, and skull base surgery in the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. Yuri is principal investigator on multiple major National Institutes of Health grants that focus on the vestibular system in aging and Alzheimer's disease. In clinical practice, she is an accomplished ear and skull base surgeon, and oversees the largest otolaryngology clinical practice site in her department. Please join us in welcoming Yuri to the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery!

In the News

Congratulations to the Fellow & Resident Class of 2023!

Fellows



Emmanuel Jáuregui, M.D.
Mary Bridge Children's Hospital
Tacoma, Washington



Jeremy Yang, M.D.
Rady Children's Hospital
San Diego, California

Residents



Isabel Fairmont, M.D.
Colorado ENT Group
Lakewood/Littleton, Colorado



Taylor Lackey, M.D.
Laryngology Fellowship
New York University



Conner Massey, M.D.
Neurorhinology Fellowship
University of Utah



Melissa Zofchak, M.D.
Community Health Network
Indianapolis, Indiana

Graduation



We are sad to see this talented group of residents and fellows go but wish them luck in all of their future endeavors. Thank you!

Research Day

Thank you to all of our presenters, and our guest of honor, Dr. Richard Orlandi, for making our annual Research Day a success.



Congratulations to our Research Day award recipients!

1st Place Resident Presentation



Tiffany Pham

2nd Place Resident Presentation



Scott Hirsch

1st Place T32 Presentation



Justin Yu

Health Insights

Speech Language Pathologist Tracy Klugger Shares Unique Procedure Knowledge with Fellow Clinicians

"Tracheoesophageal Prosthesis (TEP) evaluation and fitting is a very specialized area of speech pathology and not traditionally taught in graduate school," says Tracy Klugger, MS, CCC-SLP. Tracy is changing the distances patients have to travel to get this type of care by sharing her knowledge with fellow clinicians.



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Staff Updates

The department is pleased to welcome the following staff members:



Angelina Geerts
*Research Services
Professional*
6/7/2023



Amanda Halevan
*Research Services
Professional*
4/19/2023



Paul Hynes
*Pediatric Clinical
Research Coordinator*
6/12/2023



Deysy Piedra
Fiscal Coordinator
6/14/2023



Omar Lopez Ramirez
Research Associate
7/1/2023



Lyndsay Zimmerman
*Adult Clinical Research
Coordinator*
5/22/2023

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Advanced Practice in Hearing and Balance Symposium 2023

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July 29th, 2023

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Anschutz Medical Campus

Join us to explore the evolution of audiology and the disruptions facing the industry today.

Breakfast and lunch provided.

Annual Department Gathering



Registration is open for OSSEO 2023. The event will be held September 6th-9th in Denver. Don't forget to purchase your tickets to the Boots and Bling OSSEO networking event, which will be held on September 8th.

[Register now!](#)

Academy Cocktail Hour

SAVE THE DATE

Academy Cocktail Hour

OCTOBER 2, 2023

ASSEMBLY FOOD HALL/ONE MORE

COCKTAIL CLUB

NASHVILLE, TN

*MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW



Planning is underway for a cocktail hour for AAO-HNSF Annual Meeting attendees & alumni. More details will be released closer to the event.

Department Holiday Party

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Ace Eat Serve

501 E 17th Ave, Denver, CO 80203



Additional information will be shared closer to the event.

Department Fun for a Good Cause

Our team had a great time at the Partners in Care Head and Neck 5k series! All funds raised will be used to provide financial assistance to head and neck cancer patients across the United States.



Several members of our department recently volunteered at the Food Bank of the Rockies. In total, they unloaded and sorted 9,491 pounds of food, which equates to 7,672 meals!

Request for Content

Did you know people usually look online to get a first impression of an organization? Our website and Facebook page are the best place to provide our real voice. Regularly posting quality content has a big impact on gaining people's interest in us. We are turning to you – our valued faculty, alumni and staff - to help generate this content!

Did you recently learn something interesting at a conference? Did you encounter an unusual case that would be a fascinating read for your peers? Do you have a piece of work you want to share?

Send anything you would like included in our content calendar to Erika Sell (erika.sell@cuanschutz.edu). Copy editing is available, so you can concentrate on the ideas and not on the writing!



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