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Welcome to SOHN's 49th Annual Congress, Racing Towards Excellence in ORL Nursing!



Dear Conference Attendees,

It is my honor and privilege to welcome you to the **49th Annual Congress and Educational Symposium of the Society of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Nurses (SOHN)** in the vibrant city of Indianapolis, Indiana. Known as the "Racing Capital of the World," Indianapolis is rich in history, culture, and innovation, making

it the perfect backdrop for this year's theme: **"Racing Towards Excellence in ORL Nursing."**

This theme reflects both the momentum of our profession and the collective drive of our members to advance education, practice, and patient care. Together, we continue to accelerate progress in Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Nursing, fueled by innovation, resilience, and leadership.

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the National Congress Planning Committee and faculty for creating a program that is both dynamic and inspiring. Their dedication has ensured that this year's Congress delivers comprehensive education, engaging workshops, and hands-on skill development that will directly elevate your clinical practice.

This year's Congress is packed with opportunities for growth, networking, and fun. For the first time, we are proud to offer AMA credits for our physician assistant colleagues. From *Pharmacology Day* and our *Comprehensive Courses* focusing on pediatrics and head & neck, to an array of hands-on *Skills Courses*, there truly is something for everyone.

We are honored to welcome Keynote Speaker Dr. David Brown, who will inspire us with his discussion on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and strategies to advance meaningful change. In addition, Dr. Jerome Adams, former U.S. Surgeon General, will share his expertise in health policy and its impact on our specialty. Our other distinguished speakers throughout the conference promise to invigorate, educate, and inspire.

Please join us for a night filled with laughter and connection at the **President's Reception on Friday, October 10, from 6:30 – 10:00 pm** at the **Indianapolis Zoo**, an evening of camaraderie, dinner, beverages, and networking while exploring the zoo.

We also invite you to support the Ear, Nose, and Throat Nursing Foundation (ENT-NF) by purchasing raffle tickets, attending events, and participating in fundraising activities. Your contributions directly fund scholarships, research grants, and practice initiatives that secure the future of ORL nursing. Highlights include the **ENT-NF Walk for the Foundation on Saturday, October 11, at 6:45 am**, the always-joyful **ENT-NF Raffle at 5:45 – 6:30 pm**, and the Poster Presentations & Networking Reception immediately following.

On **Sunday, October 12**, we will gather for the **SOHN Business Meeting**, where we will celebrate our outgoing leaders, announce election results, and proudly welcome our incoming SOHN President, Dr. Wendy Mackey.

What truly sets SOHN apart is our community of passionate professionals. At this Congress, you will learn from experts, engage in meaningful discussions, and strengthen the connections that make SOHN such a remarkable organization. Whether this is your first Congress or your fifteenth, I encourage you to take full advantage of every opportunity to learn, network, and contribute to the advancement of our specialty.

Thank you for your commitment to your patients, your profession, and SOHN. It is a privilege to serve as your President and to celebrate all we have accomplished together. Let us race towards excellence, driven by purpose, empowered by knowledge, and united in advancing ORL care.

Kindest regards,

Maria Colandrea, DNP, NP-C, CORLN, FAANP
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Certification for ORL Nursing (CORLN)

Congratulations to our New and Renewing CORLN's for 2025!

First testing window, May 24, 2025

New CORLNs

Casey Adams
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Amanda Johnson
Jillian Karpink
Charlotte Kenkel
Emily Vorwaller

Recertified CORLNs

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The next testing dates will not be available until January 2025. Check ptcny.com/test-sponsors/ncborn/ for more information.

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Comprehensive Courses and Skills Labs

Comprehensive Pediatric Otolaryngology (In person only)

Thursday, October 9th at 7:30am–12:00pm

Cost: \$200

This content-rich 4.5-hour course will provide a comprehensive exploration into pediatric ear, nose, and throat disorders and their management with a review of anatomy, etiology, symptoms, diagnostic evaluation and management. Topics covered will include pediatric focused curriculum on:

- Pediatric Otolaryngology - congenital anomalies, otitis media/effusion, otitis externa, eustachian tube dysfunction, cerumen impactions, foreign bodies
- Hearing - pediatric considerations, screening and testing, congenital hearing loss, hearing aids (FM, air, cochlear implantation)
- Pediatric Nasal, sinus, nasopharyngeal disease - Allergy, sinus, adenoids, turbinate, fracture, foreign body, deviations, epistaxis
- Oropharyngeal - tonsil disease, foreign body, epiglottitis, tongue/lip tie, salivary, cleft lip/palate, dysphagia, VPI and speech
- Lumps and bumps of the head and neck - lymph nodes, branchial cleft, thyroglossal, lymphangioma, hemangioma, pilomatrixoma, dermoids, malignancy
- Airway concerns in Children - choanal atresia, croup, malacia, vocal cord paralysis, airway lesions, craniofacial considerations, tracheotomy

Comprehensive Head and Neck Cancer (In person only)

Thursday, October 9 at 1:00–5:30pm

Cost: \$200

This course will provide 4.5-hour of content rich material to provide a comprehensive exploration of Adult Head and Neck Cancer through the lens of otolaryngology nursing. Course curriculum will include:

- Overview of cancer including the cancer cell, cancer spread, staging, grading and differentiation, histology, risk factors and goals of therapy
- Treatment modalities including radiation, adjuvant therapy, chemotherapy agents, toxicities and types, surgical intervention, immunotherapy, along with outcomes and restorative procedures
- A thorough review of Head and Neck Cancer types encompassing anatomy, diagnosis and treatment of cancers of the oral cavity, oropharynx, nasopharynx, hypopharynx, larynx, esophagus, salivary glands, thyroid, skin and skull base

Basic Otolaryngology Skills Lab (In person only)

Thursday, October 9th at 8:00–10:30am

Cost: \$150

This 2.5 hour otology skills lab offers a blend of didactic instruction and hands-on training, emphasizing anatomy, physiology, diagnosis, triage, and treatment interventions using portable microscopy. Participants will have the opportunity to refine their otology skills and acquire knowledge while practicing procedures, including:

- otoscopic examination
- cerumen and foreign body removal
- ear drop administration
- post-operative otologic care
- high and low fidelity models and clinical equipment will be used to simulate real-world scenarios.

Target Audience: Nurses, advanced practice nurses, and physician assistants with basic knowledge in otology and wish to deepen their expertise in basic otology interventions and procedures.

Advanced Otolaryngology Skills Lab (In person only)

Thursday, October 9th at 1:00–4:30pm

Cost: \$200

This 4.25-hour Otolaryngology Skills Lab offers an interactive blend of didactic instruction and hands-on training focused on advanced otologic care. The course will review key concepts in ear anatomy and physiology, diagnosis, triage, and treatment interventions using portable microscopy. Participants will have the opportunity to refine their clinical skills and deepen their knowledge while performing procedures:

- pressure equalizing (PE) tube insertion
- intratympanic steroid injections
- ear bolstering
- basic mastoid debridement.
- both high- and low-fidelity simulation models will be used to create a realistic and supportive learning environment.

Target Audience: Advanced practice nurses and physician assistants with basic to intermediate knowledge of otomicroscopy procedures and wish to deepen their knowledge and expertise



Comprehensive Courses and Skills Labs

Tracheostomy Skills Lab

Friday, October 10th at 7:00–10:00am

Cost: \$200

The Tracheostomy Skills Lab is a 3-hour course that integrates didactic instruction with hands-on training using high-fidelity mannequins. The curriculum covers airway/tracheal anatomy and physiology, indications for tracheostomy, routine care, and emergency interventions. The course includes focused instruction on both pediatric and adult populations, as well as education on laryngectomy care. Participants will gain comprehensive knowledge and practical experience in:

- managing acute tracheostomy complications
- performing tracheostomy tube changes
- providing suctioning and stoma care
- maintaining an artificial airway
- high and low fidelity models and clinical equipment will be used to simulate real-world scenarios.

Target Audience: Nurses, advanced practice nurses, and physician assistants with basic to intermediate knowledge of tracheostomy management and wish to deepen their knowledge and expertise.

Suturing and Incision & Drainage (I&D) Course (In person only)

Friday, October 10th – Didactic at 9:50–10:50am;

Lab at 2:00–4:00pm

Cost: \$150

This 3-hour skills lab provides a comprehensive introduction to suturing techniques and incision and drainage (I&D) procedures commonly encountered in outpatient and ENT settings. Through a combination of didactic instruction and practical exercises using high fidelity simulation models, participants will gain the knowledge and confidence needed to perform basic wound closure and abscess management. Led by experienced instructors, participants will build confidence and refine their skills in Wound assessment and preparation; local anesthesia techniques; instrument handling and knot tying; simple interrupted, running, and deep dermal suturing techniques; indications and technique for incision and drainage of abscesses; post-procedure wound care and patient education. Participants will practice procedures using synthetic and/or high-fidelity models under the guidance of experienced clinical instructors.

Target Audience: Nurses, advanced practice providers, and physician assistants with basic to intermediate knowledge seeking to enhance their procedural skills in suturing and I&D procedural skills.

Scoping Course (In person only)

Saturday, October 11th at 8:00am–12:10pm

Cost: \$200

The Scoping Course is a dynamic 4-hour scoping skills lab to elevate your clinical skills through hands-on practice under expert guidance. The first 1.5 hours include didactic instruction reviewing normal anatomy pathophysiology, clinical applications, diagnoses, and interventions with a focus on identification of abnormal pathology. Whether you're new to the field or refining your expertise, this course is tailored to perfect your scoping skills. Perform nasal endoscopies and flexible laryngoscopies on live participants under the guidance of seasoned instructors. Gain invaluable knowledge and practical experience to excel in your clinical practice.

Target Audience: Advanced practice nurses and physician assistants who wish to deepen their expertise in advanced scoping interventions. It is ideal for those looking to practice, refine, or acquire new skills in nasal endoscopy and nasopharyngeal laryngoscopy.

Epistaxis Skills Lab (In person only)

Saturday, October 11th at 2:20–5:45pm (with break)

Cost: \$150

This 2.5-hour skills lab combines didactic instruction with hands-on training to strengthen your clinical approach to managing epistaxis in the adult and pediatric population. Participants will review relevant anatomy, pathophysiology, diagnostic considerations, and evidence-based treatment interventions, all aligned with current clinical guidelines.

Led by experienced instructors, the lab offers an opportunity to build confidence and refine techniques in the following interventions: epistaxis prevention strategies; medical management of nose bleeds; use of nasal endoscopy to guide treatment; nasal cautery techniques; and nasal packing including non-dissolvable and dissolvable materials. Cadavers and low fidelity models will be used to simulate real life experiences.

Target Audience: Advanced practice nurses, and physician assistants of all levels who are involved in managing the patient with epistaxis.



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Don't Miss These Congress Events!

President's Reception

Friday, October 10th from 6:30pm to 10:00pm

Price: \$75 per person

Don't miss this unforgettable evening of networking and celebration at one of Indianapolis' top attractions!

The **SOHN President's Reception** will be held on **Friday, October 10 at 6:30 PM–10:00 PM** at the renowned **Indianapolis Zoo**.

Ticket includes:

- Admission to the Indianapolis Zoo
- Delicious dinner
- Networking with fellow SOHN attendees in a fun, relaxed atmosphere

Zoo Highlights:

- Over 1,400 amazing animals
- Stunning **Oceans exhibit**
- Beautiful **botanical gardens**
- Engaging **interactive animal encounters**

CORLN Luncheon

Saturday, October 11th from 12:10pm to 1:15pm

The CORLN Lunch is Sponsored by the National Certifying Board for Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses (NCBOHN) We are proud of our CORLNs! This lunch is a time for fellow CORLNs from around the country to gather and enjoy a special luncheon exclusively for them. At the lunch, new officers will be installed as well as a chance to learn what is happening in your association. Please bring two test questions to add to our test item bank.

Price: \$45 Ticketed Event

Special Interest Group Meetings

Saturday, October 11th from 2:20 to 4:40pm

ORL Nursing covers a wide range of Subspecialties each of which present a special set of skills and unique knowledge base. SOHN special interest groups (SIG) will link you with other members practicing your designated subspecialty. Six different SIGS will be meeting at Congress. Join a SIG and share your ideas and gain new information.

Included with Congress Registration

ENT-NF Raffle

Saturday, October 11th from 5:45pm to 6:30pm

Don't forget to purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win fabulous prizes that were generously donated to raise money for the Ear, Nose, and Throat Nursing Foundation (ENT-NF). Raffle tickets will be sold throughout the event and the drawing will take place on Saturday evening. All proceeds go directly to the ENT-NF.

ENT-NF Run/Walk – Racing Forward with the Foundation to Support ORL Nursing

Saturday, October 11th at 6:45 am

Rise and shine for the Ear, Nose, and Throat Nursing Foundation (ENT-NF). Join your fellow attendees for a morning yoga session. All proceeds will go directly to the ENT-NF foundation to fund Scholarships, Lectureships, ORL Education and Research. Each participant will receive a limited edition 2025 T-shirt.

Poster Reception

Saturday, October 11th from 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Come meet the poster presenters as they discuss their research, evidence-based practice, educational and clinical initiative posters. Light appetizers will be served as well as a cash bar.

Price: Free to all registered attendees. 2 drink tickets can be purchased in advanced for \$10.

Annual Business Meeting

Sunday, October 12th from 8:00am to 9:00am

The annual business meeting will be held on October 12th at 8 am and serves to maintain transparency, recognize achievements, and ensure organizational efficiency. It provides members with an opportunity to engage with leadership, stay informed about activities, and celebrate peers in ORL and head and neck nursing. The meeting announces winners of the Poster Award and Chapter Excellence Award, highlights their contributions, and presents a comprehensive board report on activities, accomplishments, and future goals. Financial status is also transparently shared. The meeting installs newly elected officers for seamless leadership transition within SOHN.



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Special Thank You

We would like to extend a special thank you to the Indiana University at Indianapolis for the venue and collaboration for making this year's Congress happen.

Awards, Grants, and Scholarships



SOHN and ENT-NF offer a wide variety of Awards, Grants, and Scholarships to SOHN Members.

For more information, scan the QR code or contact us at SOHN's National Headquarters – info@sohnnurse.com

Program Purpose

1. Provide an educational program for ORL nurses to advance their knowledge of select pediatric and adult otorhinolaryngology issues affecting patients and families.
2. Present new technology and/or research.
3. Address challenges faced by ORL clinicians in care of patients with a wide range of ORL conditions.
4. Engage participants in continuous education to remain ahead of technological, methodological, or other developments in the field of ORL nursing.
5. Provide opportunities to develop and refine ORL clinical skills and procedures.
6. Provide opportunities for professional networking

The Overall Learning Outcomes for the SOHN Congress

1. Enhance ORL nursing practice through education on the advances in technology and treatments for patients with ENT and Head-Neck conditions
2. Build nursing leadership and mentorship skills
3. Collaborate with colleagues and stakeholders to promote quality, safety and improved outcomes of ORL patient populations via organizational and systems leadership.
4. Provide the tools to empower ORL nurses to disseminate and incorporate knowledge gained at Congress into their daily practice
5. Engage ORL nurses in an environment of peer networking, collaboration, and rejuvenation
6. Develop practical skills relevant to ORL through opportunities for hands-on learning.
7. Enlighten ORL nurses across all levels and sub-specialties of the changes in patient care guidelines and professional practice.



Successful Completion Statement

Criteria for successful completion of each CNE credit requires attendance at the entirety of the 60-minute sessions being claimed and completion of evaluation form for those presentations attended.

Recording Prohibited

No presentations may be recorded without the express permission of the presenter.

Collecting Your Continuing Nursing Education Units

Thank you for participating in SOHN's 49th Annual Congress and Educational Symposia in Indianapolis! Please be on the lookout for an email 1-2 weeks after Congress has concluded with further instructions on how to obtain your Continuing Education Certificate(s), as well as access the virtual recordings of our featured presentations. The virtual recordings will be available until **November 20th** and the Evaluations will be accepted until **November 30th**.

If you do not receive an email 1-2 weeks after congress please check you spam folder or email info@sohnnurse.com. There will be no extensions to the viewing or evaluation deadlines

Financial Disclosure Statement

SOHN is obligated to ensure that all educational activities, including the 49th Annual Congress and Educational Symposia, are developed and presented with independence, objectivity, and scientific rigor. It is our responsibility to ensure that SOHN education activities are free from promotion of specific goods or services, and that presentations are free from actual or potential bias.

The potential for conflicts of interest exists when an individual has the ability to control or influence the content of an educational activity **and** has a financial relationship with a *commercial interest*. **Commercial interest**, as defined by ANCC, is any entity producing, marketing, reselling or distributing healthcare goods or services consumed by or used on patients, or an entity that is owned or controlled by an entity that produces, markets, resells or distributes healthcare goods or services consumed by or used on patients.

SOHN resolved any identified actual or potential conflicts of interest during the planning and implementation phases of the 49th Annual Congress and Nursing Symposia.

All planning committee members and presenters must disclose all *relevant relationships* with any commercial interest, during the time when the relationship is in effect and for 24 months prior. All information disclosed is shared here with the SOHN participants/learners prior to the start of the educational activity.

Accreditation: The Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses, Inc. is accredited as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

None of the planners for this educational activity have relevant financial relationship(s) to disclose.

Faculty who have declared financial relationship(s) with ineligible companies:

Jerome Adams, MD, MPH, FASA - Consultant for Atea Pharmaceuticals, Avita Care Solutions, Absolute Care and Consano.

Kimberlee Bayless, DNP-, FNP-BC, FAANP - Research Grant for HSR&D

John Krouse, MD, PhD, DipWSET - Speaker's Bureau for AstraZeneca/AMGEN

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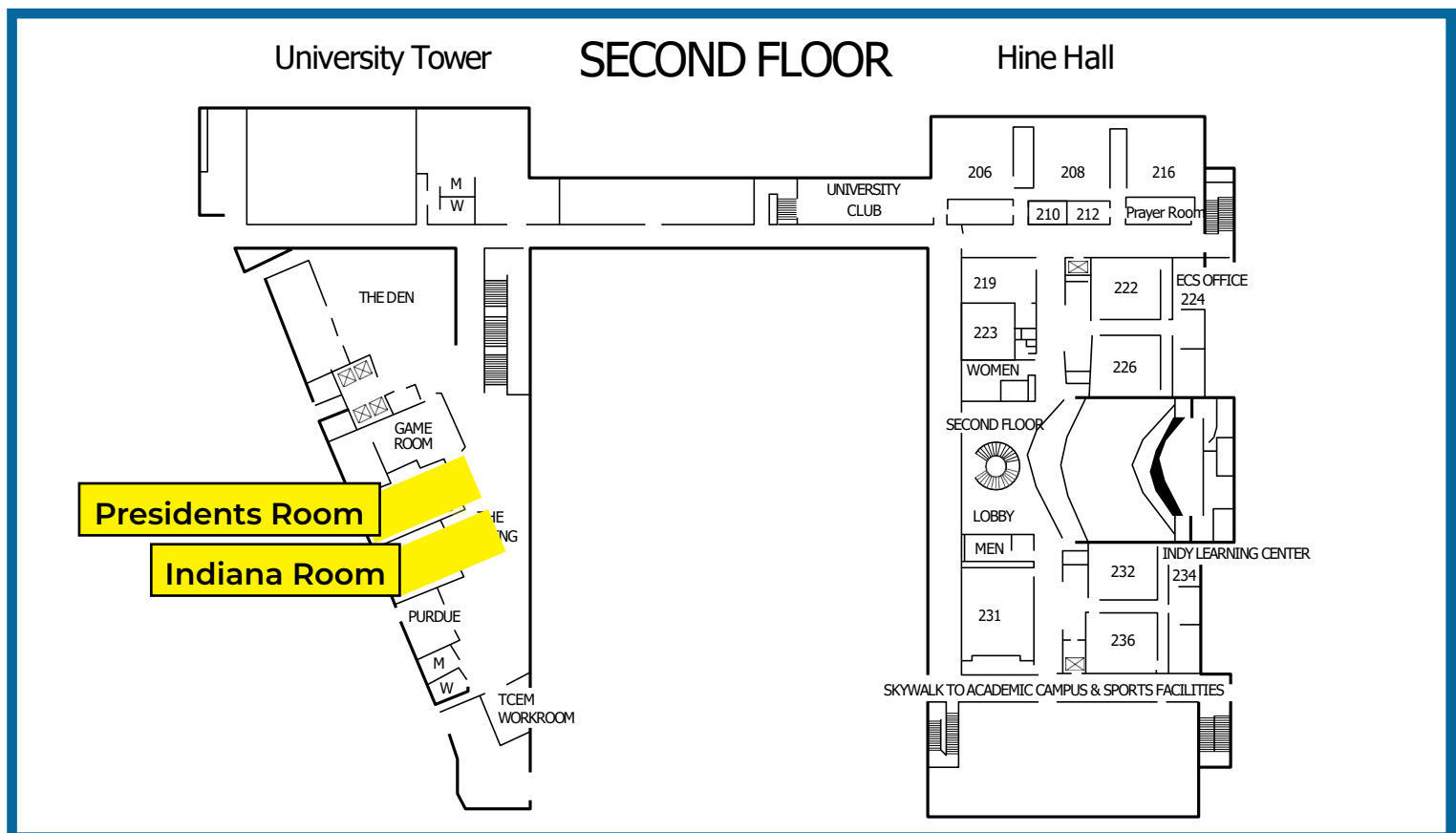
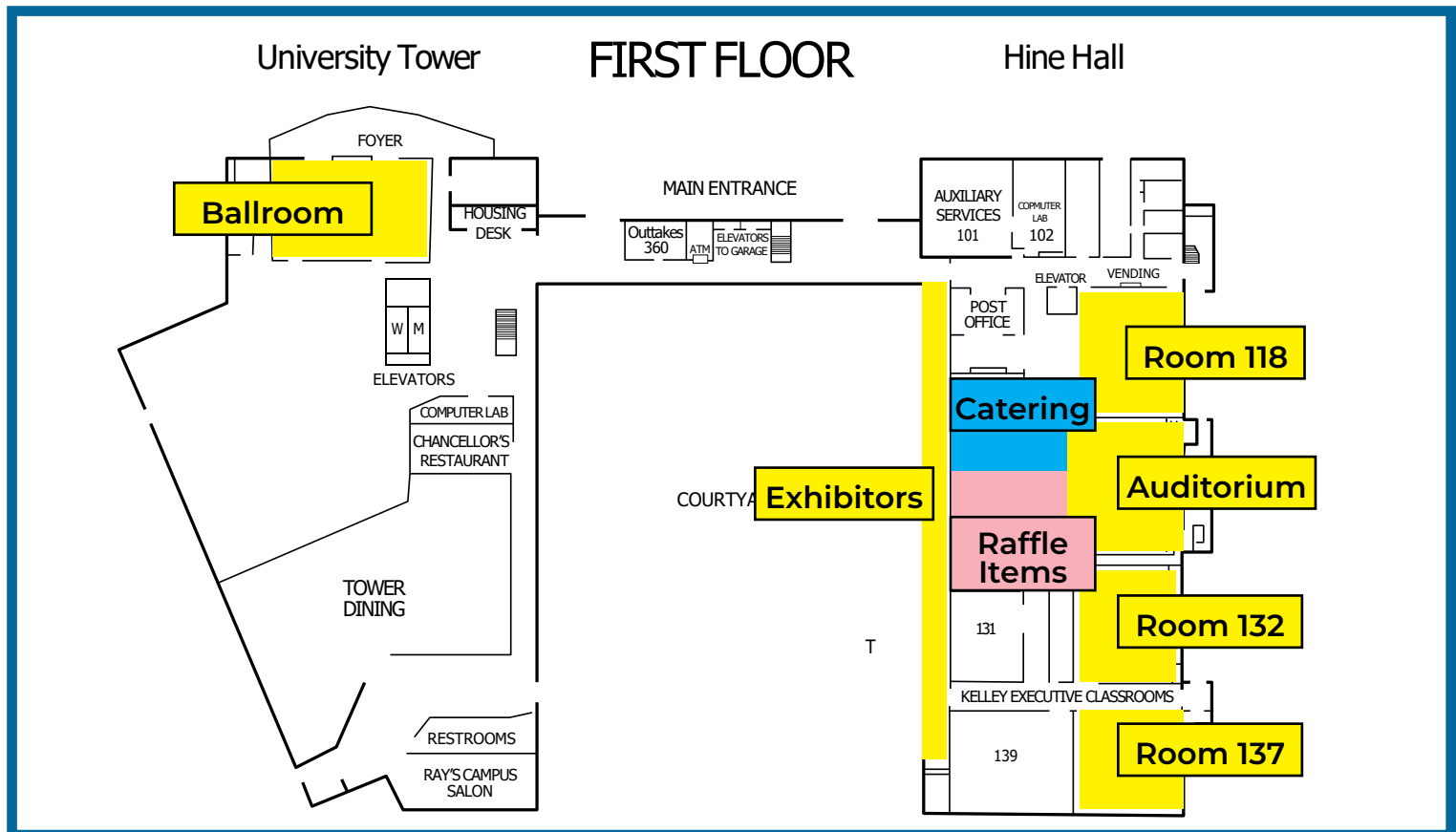


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Location Information

Hine Hall

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Parking

Recommend Parking lot is Tower Garage.

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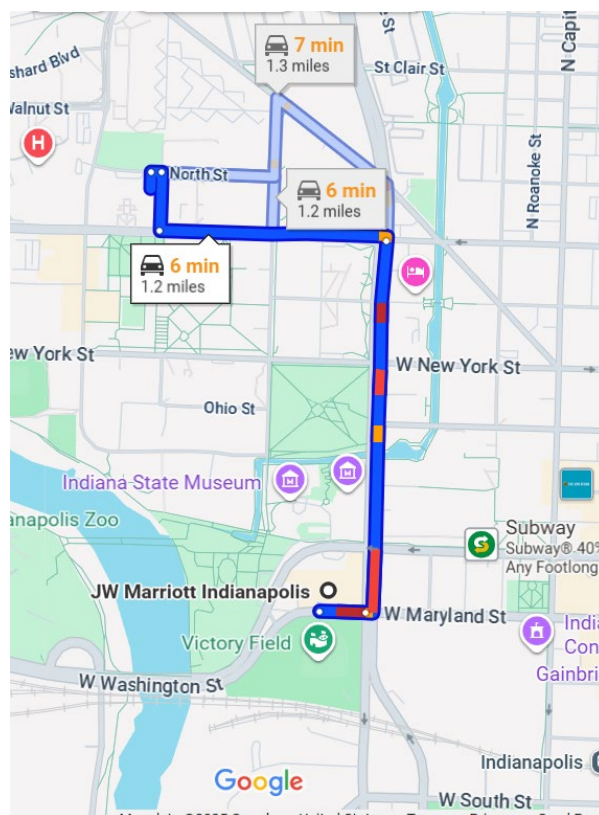
Parking is \$18 per day.

Hotel

JW Marriott Indianapolis

10 S West St, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Directions from Hotel to Venue



Meals Provided at SOHN Congress

All items are included with your registration unless otherwise noted.

Thursday, October 9th

7:30 – 8:30am – Continental Breakfast

(Pharmacology Day, Comprehensive ORL Courses, Otology Skills Lab attendees only)

12:00 – 1:00pm – Lunch

(Pharmacology Day, Comprehensive ORL Courses, Otology Skills Lab attendees only)

Friday, October 10th

1:00 – 2:00pm – Lunch

1:00 – 2:00pm – Industry Sponsored Lunch - Sanofi | Regeneron

1:00 – 2:00pm – Chapter Presidents' Lunch

By Invitation Only

6:30 – 10:00pm – Dinner at President's Reception

Ticketed Attendees Only

Saturday, October 11th

12:10 – 1:15pm – Lunch

12:10 – 1:15pm – CORLN Luncheon

Ticketed Attendees Only

6:30 – 7:30pm – Light Appetizers at Poster Reception

Sunday, October 12th

8:00 – 9:00am – Continental Breakfast

(During Business Meeting)



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Congress Agenda *(all times EDT)*

Pharmacology Day - Track 1 - Auditorium

Thursday, October 9th

7:30–8:30am	Breakfast/Registration
8:30–8:45am	Welcome & Introductions
8:45–9:45am	Silence the Signal: Blocking the NAV 1.8 Sodium Channel <i>Karen Ulmer, MSN, RN, CORLN</i>
9:55–10:55am	Immunodeficiency Screening and Management for Patient with Recurrent Sinusitis <i>Christine Reger, DNP, CRNP; Samantha Roecker, FNP</i>
11:00am–12:00pm	Pharmacological Treatment of Fungal Otitis Externa <i>Kristina Keppel, DNP, APNP</i>
12:00–1:00pm	Lunch
1:00–2:00pm	Marijuana in Medicine: What We Know (and What We Don't) <i>Marci Nilsen, PhD, RN, CHPN, FAAN</i>
2:05–3:05pm	GLP-1RA and Dual GIP/GLP-1RA: Benefits, Risks, and Implications <i>Angela Thompson, DNP, FNP-C, BC ADM, CDCES, FAANP</i>
3:05–3:30pm	Break
3:30–4:30pm	Kratom Conundrum <i>Kimberlee Bayless, DNP, FNP-BC, FAANP</i>
4:35–5:35pm	Celecoxib as Pain Control for Postoperative Pediatric Tonsillectomy Patients <i>Terri Giordano, DNP, CRNP, CORLN</i>

Comprehensive Course - Pediatric Otolaryngology - Track 2 - Presidents Room

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7:30–8:30am	Breakfast/Registration
7:45am–12:00pm	Pediatric Otolaryngology Comprehensive Course <i>Wendy Mackey, DNP, APRN-BC, CORLN; Lisa Gagnon, MSN, APRN; Nina DeSell, MS, RN, CRNP; Melissa Raines, CPNP-PC; Kristina Keppel, DNP, APNP; Laurie Newton, DNP, APNP</i>
12:00–1:00pm	Lunch

Comprehensive Course - Head & Neck Cancer - Track 2 - Presidents Room

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12:00–1:00pm	Lunch
1:00–5:30pm	Head & Neck Cancer Comprehensive Course <i>Stephanie Kinney, APRN, FNP; Martha Ryan, FNP-BC, CORLN; Hoc Dang, PA-C</i>

Basic Otology Skills Lab - Track 3 - Ballroom

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8:00–10:30am	Basic Otology Skills Lab <i>Maria Colandrea, DNP, NP-BC, CORLN, FAANP, FFMRCIS; Sarah Holdsworth, MSN, ANP-BC, CORLN; Amy Ashburn, DNP, FNP-BC, CORLN</i>
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Advanced Otology Skills Lab - Track 3 - Ballroom

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1:00–3:45pm	Advanced Otology Skills Lab <i>Sarah Holdsworth, MSN, ANP- BC, CORLN; Maria Colandrea, DNP; Erin Ross, DNP, APRN, CNP, CORLN, FAANP; Bryan Facione, MSN, ACNP-BC, CORLN; Tiffany Ellis, DNP, ANP-C, CORLN</i>
3:45–4:00pm	Break
4:00–4:30pm	Advanced Otology Skills Lab <i>Sarah Holdsworth, MSN, ANP- BC, CORLN; Maria Colandrea, DNP; Erin Ross, DNP, APRN, CNP, CORLN, FAANP; Bryan Facione, MSN, ACNP-BC, CORLN; Tiffany Ellis, DNP, ANP-C, CORLN</i>

Congress Day 1 - Ballroom

Friday, October 10th

7:00–8:00am	Coffee/Registration		Tracheostomy Skills Lab Martha Ryan, FNP-BC, CORLN; Amy Ashburn, DNP, FNP-BC, CORLN; Amanda Caravelli, MSN, APRN, AGCNS-BC Ballroom
8:00–8:45am	First Timers Orientation Sarah Holdsworth, MSN, ANP-BC, CORLN Auditorium		
8:45–9:45am	Nursing Practice/Research Committee Wendy Mackey, DNP, APRN, CORLN; Tiffany Ellis, DNP, ANP-C, CORLN Auditorium	National Membership Enhancement Committee Lisa Gagnon, APRN, CPNP Presidents Room	
	Health Policy and Advocacy Committee Bryan Facione, MSN, ACNP-BC, CORLN Room 132		
9:50–10:50am	Tracheostomy and Laryngectomy Care Across the Continuum: Mortality, Cost, Terminology, and Patient- Centered Safety Vinciya Pandian, PhD, MBA, MSN, RN, ACNP-BC, FCCM, FAANP, FAAN, FFM-MRCSI; David Goldenberg, MD; Michael Brenner, MD, FACS; Hannah Mentzer, MSN, CRNP Auditorium	NEW Guideline Alert: Age-Related Hearing Loss Erin Ross, DNP, APRN, CNP, FAANP Presidents Room	I&D and Suturing Skills Lab Didactic Troy DeRose, MSN, CRNP, RNFA, CORLN, ANCC-C, B-FNP, B-ACGNP; Maureen Murphy, RN, MSN, CRNP, RNFA Ballroom
10:55–11:40am	Opening Ceremony Maria Colandrea, DNP, NP-C, CORLN, FAANP, FFMRCSI		Auditorium
11:45am–1:00pm	Sandra Schwartz Lectureship Keynote Address Caring for our Teams and Patients: The Importance of Belonging, Trustworthiness, and Cultural Humility David Brown, MD		Auditorium
1:00–2:00pm	Industry Sponsored Lunch and Learn Sponsored by Sanofi Regeneron “Dupixent in CRSwNP and EOE” by Dr Christine Franzese		Room 132
1:00–2:00pm	Lunch Break (Provided) & Visit Exhibits		Additional Seating in Presidents Room
1:00–2:00pm	Chapter Presidents’ Luncheon (By Invitation Only)		Indiana Room
2:00–3:00pm	Health Policy and Advocacy Lecture Jerome L. Adams, MD, MPH, FASA Auditorium		I&D and Suturing Skills Lab – Hands-On Troy DeRose, MSN, CRNP, RNFA, CORLN, ANCC-C, B-FNP, B-ACGNP; Maureen Murphy, MSN, CRNP, RNFA Ballroom



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4:05–4:30pm	Break with Exhibitors		
4:30–5:30pm	Syndrome Jeopardy <i>Melinda DeSell, CRNP; Kristina Keppel, DNP, APNP, CPNP Auditorium</i>	Otolaryngology-Led HPV Vaccine and Oropharyngeal Cancer Prevention Workshops Education in Primary Care to Improve Vaccine <i>Christian Schaaff, BA; Vinciya Pandian, PhD, MBA, MSN, RN, ACNP-BC, FCCM, FAANP, FAAN, FFM-MRCSI; Michael Brenner, MD, FACS Presidents Room</i>	
6:30–10:00pm	President’s Reception – Indianapolis Zoo (Ticketed Event)		

Congress Day 2

Saturday, October 11th

6:45-7:30am	ENT-NF Walk for the Foundation		
8:00–9:00am	Coffee/Registration		Scoping Course Skills Lab <i>Jane Wang, MSN, RN FNP-BC; Christine Reger, DNP, CRNP; Erin Ross, DNP, APRN, CNP, FAANP; Wendy Mackey, DNP, APRN, CORLN; Maria Colandrea, DNP, NP-C, CORLN, FAANP, FFMRCIS; Melissa Raines, MSN, CPNP, APRN; Bryan Facione, MSN, ACNP-BC, CORLN; Tiffany Ellis, DNP, ANP-C, CORLN Ballroom</i>
9:00–10:00am	Nasal Obstruction in Pediatrics <i>Jeffrey Mecham, MD Auditorium</i>	Writing for the ORL H/N Journal <i>Vinciya Pandian, PhD, MBA, MSN, RN, ACNP-BC, FCCM, FAANP, FAAN, FFMRCIS Room 118</i>	
10:05–11:05am	Trajectories of Severe Symptoms in Patients Undergoing Radiation for Head and Neck Cancer <i>Meredith Cummings, PhD, BSN, RN, OCN Auditorium</i>	Rapid Fire: Peds Special Cases Mastoid Mahem: When Infection Takes a Detour <i>Amy Ashburn, DNP, FNP-BC, CORLN</i> The Silent Spread: Disseminated Cocci <i>Stephanie Lesser, DNP, CPNP-PC</i> When Treatment Attracts Complications: Magnet Use for Pediatric Auricular Hematomas <i>Wendy Mackey, DNP, APRN-BC, CORLN Room 118</i>	
11:10am–12:10pm	Lois Moore Rogers Lectureship: Developing Multidisciplinary Clinics and Programs in Pediatric Otolaryngology <i>Amy Ashburn, DNP, FNP-BC, CORLN Auditorium</i>	Multidisciplinary Care for Patients with Head and Neck Cancer: Overcoming Challenges in Rural Healthcare <i>Kristy Sands, PhD, RN; Kaitlyn Kishbaugh, MS, CCC-SLP Room 118</i>	
12:10–1:15pm	Lunch Break (Provided) & Visit Exhibits		<i>Additional Seating in Presidents Room</i>
12:10–1:15pm	CORLN Luncheon (Ticketed Event for CORLN Attendees)		<i>Indiana Room</i>



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2:20–3:10pm	Advanced Practice Special Interest Group <i>Troy DeRose, RN, MSN, CRNP, RNFA, CORLN, ANCC-C, FNP-C, ACGNP-C</i> <i>Auditorium</i>	Head and Neck Special Interest Group <i>Kristy Sands, PhD, RN</i> <i>Indiana Room</i>	Epistaxis Skills Lab <i>Jane Wang, MSN, RN, FNP-BC; Christine Reger, DNP, CRNP; Erin Ross, DNP, APRN, CNP, FAANP; Melissa Raines, MSN, CPNP, APRN; Bryan Facione, MSN, ACNP-BC, CORLN; Amy Ashburn, DNP, FNP-BC, CORLN</i> <i>Ballroom</i>
	Otology Special Interest Group <i>Sarah Holdsworth, MSN, ANP-BC, CORLN</i> <i>Room 118</i>		
3:10–3:55pm	Break with Exhibitors		
3:55–4:40pm	Pediatrics Special Interest Group <i>Jana Bradley, CRNP, CORLN; Jennifer Spellman</i> <i>Auditorium</i>	Gerontology Special Interest Group <i>Cristie Roush, DNP, GNP-BC, CORLN</i> <i>Indiana Room</i>	
	Federal/Military Special Interest Group <i>Tiffany Ellis, DNP, ANP-C, CORLN</i> <i>Room 118</i>		
4:45–5:45pm	Special Session - The Health Effects of Wine: An Introduction and Tasting Experience <i>John Krouse, MD, PhD, DipWSET (General Ticketed Event)</i> <i>Room 118</i>		
5:45–6:30pm	ENT-NF Raffle		
6:30–7:30pm	Meet the Poster Presenters Reception & Visit Exhibits		

Congress Day 3

Sunday, October 12th

7:30–8:00am	Breakfast		
8:00–9:00am	SOHN Business Meeting		<i>Auditorium</i>
9:05–10:05am	Pediatric Vocal Cord Disorders <i>Kaitlon Busser, PA-C</i> <i>Auditorium</i>	Depression & Head/Neck Cancer <i>Aru Panwar, MD, FACS</i> <i>Room 118</i>	
10:10–11:10am	Acute Facial Nerve Palsy: An Overview <i>Austin Swisher, MD</i> <i>Auditorium</i>	Neoadjuvant and Response- Adapted Therapy for Advanced Head and Neck Cancer Clinical Trials <i>Kevin Contrera, MD, MPH</i> <i>Room 118</i>	
11:15am–12:15pm	Stridor in the Pediatric Population <i>Hannah Gibbs, MD</i> <i>Auditorium</i>		
12:15–1:00pm	Closing Ceremony <i>Maria Colandrea, DNP, NP-C, CORLN, FAANP, FFMRCST</i>		<i>Auditorium</i>



Congress Sessions with Learning Outcomes

Thursday, October 9, 2025

Pharmacology Day (Separate Registration Required)

#110 8:45–9:45am **Silence the Signal: Blocking the Nav1.8 Sodium Channel**
Karen Ulmer, MSN, RN, CORLN

Learning Outcomes:

- Assess pharmaceutical options for pain management.
- Examine Journavx, a novel non-opioid alternative to pain management.
- Establish the implications for nursing care.

#120 9:55–10:55am **Immunodeficiency Screening and Management for Patient with Recurrent Sinusitis**
Christine Reger, DNP, CRNP; Samantha Roecker, FNP

Learning Outcomes:

- Investigate immunodeficiencies for rhinology patients and common presentations of immunodeficiencies in rhinology practice.
- Examine the Immune system basics and clinical presentations including types of immunodeficiencies.
- Evaluate algorithm and management options.
- Enumerate long-term management implications and collaboration.

#130 11:00am–12:00pm **Pharmacological Treatment of Fungal Otitis Externa**
Kristina Keppel, DNP, APNP

Learning Outcomes:

- Incorporate the incidence and common presenting signs of fungal otitis externa.
- Utilize knowledge of antifungal treatments to medications and supportive care to treat patients with otomycosis.
- Review case study to demonstrate understanding on treatment of fungal otitis externa.

#140 1:00–2:00pm **Marijuana in Medicine: What We Know (and What We Don't)**
Marci Nilsen, PhD, RN, CHPN, FAAN

Learning Outcomes:

- Investigate the chemical makeup of cannabis and cannabinoids.
- Explore the benefits of cannabis use in medicine.
- Examine concerns about medical cannabis use.

#150 2:05–3:05pm **GLP-1RA and Dual GIP/GLP-1RA: Benefits, Risks, and Implications**
Angela Thompson, DNP, FNP-C, BC, ADM, CDCES, FAANP

Learning Outcomes:

- Provide a general overview of GLP-1RA and dual GIP/GLP-1RA therapy.
- Explore the preoperative/preprocedural evidence and guidelines on the use of GLP-1RA and dual GIP/GLP-1RA therapy.

#160 3:30–4:30pm **Kratom Conundrum**
Kimberlee Bayless, DNP, FNP-BC, FAANP

Learning Outcomes:

- Review the history of Kratom.
- Summarize the mechanism of action and describe the indication and dosing of Kratom.

#170 4:35–5:35pm **Celecoxib as Pain Control for Postoperative Pediatric Tonsillectomy Patients**
Terri Giordano, DNP, CRNP, CORLN

Learning Outcomes:

- Identify the indications, contraindications and outcomes of celecoxib for pain control in pediatric tonsillectomy patients.
- Recommend additional interventions for pain management in pediatrics.
- Employ the use of nonpharmacologic modalities for pain control after tonsillectomy.



Thursday, October 9, 2025

Comprehensive Pediatric Otolaryngology Course (Separate Registration Required)

#111 7:45am–12:00pm **Comprehensive Pediatric Otolaryngology Course**
Wendy Mackey, DNP, APRN-BC, CORLN; Lisa Gagnon, MSN, APRN; Nina DeSell, MS, RN, CRNP; Melissa Raines, CPNP-PC; Kristina Keppel, DNP, APNP; Laurie Newton, DNP, APNP

Learning Outcomes:

- Pediatric Otology
- Relate anatomy and physiology of the ear to etiology, symptomatology, evaluation, and management of various otologic problems.
- Examine diagnosis and management of several congenital anomalies.
- Investigate eustachian tube dysfunction and its influence on middle ear pathologies common in pediatrics.
- Pediatric Hearing
- Relate the anatomy and physiology of hearing to the different types of hearing loss.
- Distinguish between the causes of congenital and acquired hearing loss.
- Evaluate the results of an audiogram.
- Pediatric Rhinology

#112 7:45am–12:00pm **Comprehensive Head/Neck Cancer Course**
Stephanie Kinney, APRN, FNP-C; Martha Ryan, FNP-BC, CORLN; Hoc Dang, PA-C

Learning Outcomes:

- Overview of Cancer and Treatment Modalities
- Summarize biology and cellular biology of cancer, the TNM staging system and grading, differentiation, and survival rates.
- Compare three cancer treatment modalities, goals, and principles.
- Relate radiotherapy, and chemotherapy side effects to nursing care implications.
- Head and Neck Cancer
- Detect the most common signs/ symptoms and management options for cancer of the hypopharynx and larynx.
- Distinguish common signs and symptoms and management options for cancers of the esophagus, salivary glands and thyroid.
- Examine the incidence, diagnosis, and treatment options for common skin cancers of the head and neck.

Skills Labs

8:00–10:30am **Basic Otology Skills Lab**
Maria Colandrea, DNP, NP-BC, CORLN, FAANP, FFMRCIS; Sarah Holdsworth, MSN, ANP- BC, CORLN; Amy Ashburn, DNP, FNP-BC, CORLN

Learning Outcomes:

- Inspect anatomy and physiology of ear.
- Examine common signs and symptoms for management of common otologic disorders.
- Execute competency in performing basic otologic procedures.

1:00–4:30pm **Advanced Otology Skills Lab**
Sarah Holdsworth, MSN, ANP- BC, CORLN; Maria Colandrea, DNP; Erin Ross, DNP, APRN, CNP, CORLN, FAANP; Bryan Facione, MSN, ACNP-BC, CORLN; Tiffany Ellis, DNP, ANP-C, CORLN

Learning Outcomes:

- Inspect anatomy and physiology of ear.
- Examine and recognize common signs and symptoms for management of common otologic disorders.
- Evaluate common otologic procedures.
- Execute competency in performing otologic procedures.



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Friday, October 10, 2025 — Track 1

#210 9:50–10:50am **NEW Guideline Alert: Age-Related Hearing Loss**
Erin Ross, DNP, APRN, CNP, FAANP

Learning Outcomes:

- Investigate the impact of adult onset hearing loss and importance of early intervention.
- Differentiate and apply age-specific screening and assessment protocols to adult hearing loss.
- Implement the management of adult hearing loss and guideline interventions.
- Promote the team approach to care to address challenges and accessibility to resources for treatment.

#220 11:45am–1:00pm **Keynote Address: Caring for our Teams and Patients: The Importance of Belonging, Trustworthiness, and Cultural Humility**
David Brown, MD

Learning Outcomes:

- Define belonging, trustworthiness, and cultural humility in the context of healthcare teams and patient care.
- Identify at least three strategies to foster a sense of belonging and trustworthiness within their teams and with patients.
- Explore how cultural humility improves communication and patient outcomes.

#230 2:00–3:00pm **Health Policy and Advocacy Lecture: Empowering Health And Resilience in Challenging Times**
Jerome L. Adams, MD, MPH, FASA

Learning Outcomes:

- Examine the advantages and shortfalls of healthcare in America.
- Identify the role of nurses in health policy and advocacy.
- Explore possibilities to promote wellness and diminish health inequities.

#240 3:05–4:05pm **Panel Discussion: Evidence-Based Approaches to Hearing Loss**
Maria Colandrea, DNP, NP-C, CORLN, FAANP, FFMRCIS; Vinciya Pandian, PhD, MBA, MSN, RN, ACNP-BC, FCCM, FAANP, FAAN, FFMRCIS; Michael Brenner, MD; Wendy Mackey, DNP, APRN-BC, CORLN; Erin Ross, DNP, APRN, CNP, FAANP

Learning Outcomes:

- Identify strategies to reduce disparities in access across the lifespan in rural or low-income patients/veterans.
- Differentiate at least three evidence-based screening/diagnostic strategies for hearing loss across the lifespan.
- Select an appropriate first line intervention for common clinical scenarios for hearing loss and tinnitus across the lifespan

#250 4:30–5:30pm **Syndrome Jeopardy**
Melinda DeSell, CRNP; Kristina Keppel, DNP, APNP, CPNP

Learning Outcomes:

- Apply knowledge of the prevalence, clinical presentation, exam findings and diagnostic findings in common Genetic syndromes in the ENT population to identify a syndrome in a patient with an identified presenting symptom or test result.
- Identify the pediatric surgical management for the ENT manifestations of congenital syndromes.

Friday, October 10, 2025 — Track 2

#221 9:50–10:50am **Tracheostomy and Laryngectomy Care Across the Continuum: Mortality, Cost, and Patient-Centered Safety**
Vinciya Pandian, PhD, MBA, MSN, RN, ACNP-BC, FCCM, FAANP, FAAN, FFMRCIS; Michael Brenner, MD, FACS; Hannah Mentzer, MSN, CRNP; David Goldberg, MD, FACS

Learning Outcomes:

- Evaluate mortality outcomes related to tracheostomy timing.
- Quantify healthcare costs across acute and post-discharge settings.
- Describe evidence-based strategies for laryngectomy care.
- Apply safe, standardized terminology (e.g., “neck-only breather”) to improve emergency response and communication.



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Friday, October 10, 2025 — Track 2

#241 3:05–4:05pm **From Practice to Podium: Designing Scholarly Posters and Presentations for Nurse Practitioners and Nurses**
Laurie Newton, DNP, RN, CPNP, AC/PC

Learning Outcomes:

- Evaluate the importance of scholarship & dissemination for nurses and advanced practice providers.
- Explain best practices of effective abstract submission & poster/oral presentations.
- Explore best practices in case study presentation and publication.
- Engage in an interactive discussion about collective experiences with abstract submission, presentations, and nursing scholarship in general.

#251 4:30–5:30pm **Otolaryngology-Led HPV Vaccine and Oropharyngeal Cancer Prevention Workshops to Improve Vaccine Education in Primary Care**
Christian Schaaff, BA; Michael Brenner, MD, FACS; Vinciya Pandian, PhD, MBA, MSN, RN, ACNP-BC, FCCM, FAANP, FAAN, FFMRCIS

Learning Outcomes:

- Analyze the HPV virus characteristics and infections/ diseases caused by the virus.
- Investigate the data behind HPV vaccine.
- Discuss methods to educate reluctant patients regarding vaccination by integrating facts into an informed discussion.

Skills Labs

7:00–10:00am **Tracheostomy Skills Lab**
Martha Ryan, FNP-BC, CORLN; Amy Ashburn, DNP, FNP-BC, CORLN; Amanda Caravelli, MSN, APRN, AGCNS-BC

Learning Outcomes:

- Critically evaluate the impact of skilled tracheostomy care on patient outcomes and formulate strategies to enhance care quality.
- Analyze the anatomy and physiology related to tracheostomy.
- Demonstrate and apply techniques for tracheostomy tube care and management.
- Evaluate and manage emergency situations related to tracheostomy complications.
- Synthesize pediatric-specific tracheostomy care practices.

9:50–10:50am (Didactic);
2:00–4:00pm (Lab) **I&D Suturing Skills Lab**
Troy DeRose, MSN, CRNP, RNFA, CORLN, ANCC-C, B-FNP, B-ACGNP; Maureen Murphy, MSN, CRNP, RNFA

Learning Outcomes:

- Identify the types of suture material commonly used for surgical procedures.
- Demonstrate suturing and tying techniques with instruments and one- handed and two- handed techniques.
- Practice suturing and tying techniques.
- Participate in open discussion regarding suturing/ tying techniques.

Saturday, October 11, 2025 — Track 1

#310 9:00–10:00am **Nasal Obstruction in Pediatrics**
Jeffrey Mecham MD

Learning Outcomes:

- Explore the embryologic development and physiologic functions of the pediatric nose.
- Investigate the clinical presentation and key diagnostic features of common and uncommon causes of nasal obstruction in children.
- Formulate evidence-based management strategies including medical therapies, surgical interventions, and multidisciplinary care when appropriate.



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#320 10:05–11:05am **Trajectories of Severe Symptoms in Patients Undergoing Radiation for Head and Neck Cancer**
Meredith Cummings, PhD, BSN, RN, OCN

Learning Outcomes:

- Examine common symptom trajectories in patients undergoing treatment for head and neck cancer.
- Investigate the clinical relevance of symptom clusters and trajectory groups.
- Identify opportunities for early intervention based on emerging symptom patterns.
- Discuss implications for interdisciplinary care and survivorship planning.

#330 11:10am–12:10pm **Lois Moore Rogers Lectureship: Developing Multidisciplinary Clinics and Programs in Pediatric Otolaryngology**
Amy Ashburn, DNP, FNP-BC, CORLN

Learning Outcomes:

- Evaluate the need for a multidisciplinary team or program.
- Analyze, create, and apply elements of a multidisciplinary team or program.

#340 1:15–2:15pm **Cynthia Mabry Otolaryngic Allergy and Sinus Lectureship: Endotyping Chronic Rhinosinusitis Beyond the Phenotypes**
Jane Wang, MSN, RN, FNP-C

Learning Outcomes:

- Outline various endotypes of CRS.
- Examine disease presentations of different endotypes of CRS.
- Compare treatment options based on endotypes in CRS.

Saturday, October 11, 2025 — Track 2

#311 9:00–10:00am **Writing for the ORL Head/Neck Journal**
Vinciya Pandian, PhD, MBA, MSN, RN, ACNP-BC, FCCM, FAANP, FAAN, FFMRC SI

Learning Outcomes:

- Identify key components of a successful manuscript submission to a specialty nursing journal.
- Describe the peer review and editorial decision-making process.
- Apply strategies to enhance the clarity, relevance, and rigor of their writing.
- Utilize tools and checklists to prepare for submission to the ORL Nursing Journal.

#321 10:05–11:05am **Rapid Fire: Peds Special Cases**
Amy Ashburn, DNP, FNP-BC, CORLN; Stephanie Lesser, DNP, CPNP-PC;
Wendy Mackey, DNP, APRN-BC, CORLN

Learning Outcomes:

- Identify clinical exam findings consistent with concern for mastoiditis/facial abscess.
- Apply knowledge to order appropriate diagnostic testing and make treatment plans.
- Investigate the etiology of disseminated tuberculosis, the route of transmission & diagnostic testing.
- Explore treatment modalities for tuberculosis.
- Review the presentation, complications, and management strategies for pediatric auricular hematomas.
- Examine a case presentation highlighting one complication associated with magnet therapy and its implications for clinical practice.

#331 11:10am–12:10pm **Multidisciplinary Care for Patients with Head and Neck Cancer: Overcoming Challenges in Rural Healthcare**
Kristy Sands, PhD, RN; Kaitlyn Kishbaugh, MS, CCC-SLP

Learning Outcomes:

- Investigate the complexity of head and neck cancer (HNC) care across the continuum of diagnosis to survivorship.
- Explore relationships between the varying roles of the multidisciplinary care team (MDCT).



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#341 1:15--2:15pm **The Human Experience in Head and Neck Cancer Nursing after COVID-19**
Alyssa DeCarlo, MFA, BSN, RN, MEDSURG-BC

Learning Outcomes:

- Describe the dual function of touch in healthcare: for physical assessments and for emotional support and trust-building.
- Identify the concept and benefits of therapeutic touch.
- Analyze the challenges and barriers to using touch in modern healthcare.
- Explore strategies to reintegrate touch into nursing practice through education with supporting academic evidence.

#371 4:45--5:45pm **The Health Effects of Wine: An Introduction and Tasting Experience**
John Krouse, MD, PhD, DipWSET

Learning Outcomes:

- Examine current evidence regarding positive and adverse effects of wine on human health.
- Experience how characteristics of wine affect perception of flavor.

Skills Labs

8:00am--
12:10pm **Scoping Course Skills Lab**
Jane Wang, MSN, RN FNP-BC; Christine Reger, DNP, CRNP; Erin Ross, DNP, APRN, CNP, FAANP;
Wendy Mackey, DNP, APRN, CORLN; Maria Colandrea, DNP, NP-C, CORLN, FAANP, FFMRCIS;
Melissa Raines, MSN, CPNP, APRN; Bryan Facione, MSN, ACNP-BC, CORLN;
Tiffany Ellis, DNP, ANP-C, CORLN

Learning Outcomes:

- Examine the anatomy and physiology of the head and neck highlighting normal and abnormal findings
- Demonstrate appropriate technique to be used for effective scoping performance,
- Exhibit proficiency in laryngoscopy and nasal endoscopy through performance.
- Outline procedure documentation including procedure note and coding for billing.

2:20--5:45pm **Epistaxis Skills Lab**
Jane Wang, MSN, RN, FNP-BC; Christine Reger, DNP, CRNP; Erin Ross, DNP, APRN, CNP, FAANP;
Melissa Raines, MSN, CPNP, APRN; Bryan Facione, MSN, ACNP-BC, CORLN; Amy Ashburn, DNP, FNP-BC, CORLN

Learning Outcomes:

- Inspect nasal anatomy and potential factors of epistaxis.
- Review history taking and physical examination.
- Demonstrate acute epistaxis management and provide practice opportunity.
- Discuss patient education.

Special Interest Group Meetings

Otology SIG: Angiotensin-Receptor Blockers Prevent Vestibular Schwannoma-Associated Hearing Loss
Sarah Holdsworth, ANP-BC, CORLN

Learning Outcomes:

- Explore the relationship between vestibular schwannoma and use of an Angiotensin Receptor Blockers.
- Investigate nursing's role/ impact in the sub-specialty.

Federal/ Military SIG: Government Efficiency: How is the VA Measuring Up?
Tiffany Ellis, DNP

Learning Outcomes:

- Summarize the different ways the Veterans Administration (VA) estimates and calculates cost vs. non-VA providers.
- Recount recent literature that shows VA healthcare efficacy.
- Propose an area of needed cost savings reform and how you could make an impact in your facility.



Sunday, October 12, 2025 — Track 1

#410 9:05–10:05am **Pediatric Vocal Cord Disorders**
Kaitlon Busser, PA-C

Learning Outcomes:

- Identify common pediatric vocal cord disorders (PVCD).
- Assess treatment options for PVCDs.
- Investigate follow-up monitoring recommendations.

#420 10:10–11:10am **Facial Nerve Review**
Austin Swisher, MD

Learning Outcomes:

- Assess the facial nerve (CN VII) anatomy and pathophysiology of nerve injury.
- Describe the electrodiagnostic testing used for CN VII injury diagnosis.

#430 11:15am–
12:15pm **Stridor in the Pediatric Population**
Hannah Gibbs, MD

Learning Outcomes:

- Describe the basic anatomy and physiology of the pediatric airway.
- Identify the clinical presentation and key diagnostic features of common and uncommon causes of pediatric stridor.
- Formulate evidence-based management strategies including medical therapies, surgical interventions, and multidisciplinary care when appropriate.

Sunday, October 12, 2025 — Track 2

#411 9:05–10:05am **Depression & Head/Neck Cancer**
Aru Panwar, MD, FACS

Learning Outcomes:

- Discern the high incidence of depression among head/ neck cancer survivors.
- Identify depression-related quality of life implications for head/ neck cancer survivors.
- Examine depression prevention strategies and role of prophylactic anti-depressants.

#421 10:10–11:10am **Neoadjuvant and Response-Adapted Therapy for Advanced Head and Neck Cancer Clinical Trials – A Reprise**
Kevin Contrera, MD, MPH

Learning Outcomes:

- Examine models for Response-Adapted Therapy.
- Assess Response to therapy.
- Adapt Response based on assessment.



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Posters

Creating a Supportive Network for Tracheostomy Survivors Through Group Sessions

J. Rice, BSN, RN; M. Schrage, BSN, RN; S. Ricks, MHA, SPHR; D. Jones, MBA, MHA, BSHM; J. Miller, PhD, APRN-NP, ACNPC-AG, C. Bingchang, MD; M.C. Balas, PhD, RN, CCRN-K, FCCM, FAAN; J.R. Dowdall, MD

Improving Airway Safety Through Medical Air Humidification: A Pilot Study in Head and Neck Patients with Artificial Airways

Imraan Khan, MPH, BSN, RN-BC, Tai Zhang, DMSc, MS, PA-C, Kelly Siciliano, MSN, RN, NPD-BC, MEDSURG-BC, Sharon Pollard, MBA, RRT-NPS, Kerry Lin, MS, MBA, CPHQ, Premna Alexander, MSN, BSN, RN-BC, Shannon Browne, BSN, RN, Sharlene Numa, BSN, RN, Seenum Hussain, BSN, RN, Pradel Felix, MSN, RN-BC, AGPCNP-BC, Douglas K. Frank, MD

The Waiting Game: Operating Room Turnover Initiative

Maria Caldwell, MSN, RN, CNOR; Carolyn Bell, BSN, RN, CPN; Stacy Levi, MBA, BSN, RN, CPN; Maggie Humble, BSN, RN II; Brooke Samson, PCA II; Suzanna Borger, BSN, RN, CMSRN; Stephanie Burwinkel, BSN, RN, CPN; Theodore Schneider, MBA, BSN, RN, CPN

Enhancing Psychosocial Support Using the PHQ-9 in Postoperative Head and Neck Cancer

Ruth Dejean, BSN, RN, PCCN, Alma Berenguer, BSN, RN, PCCN, Jared Chandler, BSN, RN, Alexander Ruche, MSN, RN, Anais Ballate, BSN, RN

Child Life Specialists: Pediatric ENT Superheroes

Kevin Callans, BSN, RN, Alexandra Smith Kennedy, CCLS, MS, Samantha Gilberg, CCLS, MS, Ashley Cross, CCLS

Enhancing Oral Presentation Skills in Interprofessional Health Students

Wendy Lord Mackey, DNP, APRN-BC, CORLN: David Brissette, MMSc., PA-C, Ekaterina Ginzburg, MA, Alina Tsyrluk, MD

Simulating Success: Elevating Nursing Competencies and Leadership Through Clinical Scenarios

Rachel Fivis BSN, RN, CMSRN, Theresa Wisecarver RN, BSN, CMSRN, CNML, Elyse Gould RN, BSN, PCCN, Maribeth Cambridge RN, MS, CCRN-K, NEA-BC, Caritas Coach, Alexandria Cates BSN, RN, CMSRN

Development for Bone Conduction Hearing Implant Family Education

Anne DeLeo, CRNP, CORLN

Be Sweet to Babies: Sucrose Administration During Flexible Nasopharyngoscopy

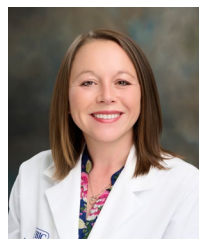
Mary-Elizabeth Vanderpost, BScN, NP(c); Siyu Miao, BSc, MSc; Rachael McAllister BSc, MN, NP-PHC, RN: Megan Tepsich BSc, MScN, NP-PHC; Theresa Irving-Kerr NP-PHC, MSN, MBA; Dr. Nicholas Wolter MD, MSc, FRCSC, FACS; Dr. Jennifer Siu MD, MPH, FRCSC; Dr. Evan Propst, MD, MSc, FRCSC

Capturing the Teachable Moment: A Patient-Focused Approach to Scientific Engagement and Innovation

Clinton R. Brenner: Yena Kang, MD; Vinciya Pandian, PhD, MBA, MSN, ACNP, FCCM, FAANP, FAAN, FFMRCSE; Michael Brenner, MD, FACS

Speaker Bios and Headshots

Alyssa DeCarlo, BSN, MFA, RN, MEDSURG-BC



Amanda Caravelli, MSN, APRN, AGCNS-BC

I am a board-certified Clinical Nurse Specialist with 17 years of nursing experience. I serve as the Tracheostomy Clinical Nurse Specialist at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO. My work focuses on improving safe tracheostomy and laryngectomy care by focusing on the three spheres of a CNS's influence. I have a passion for airway

safety, clinical excellence, and improving education through multidisciplinary collaboration.

I am a proud SOHN member and am grateful to spend this time with esteemed colleagues.

Amy Ashburn, DNP, FNP-BC, CORLN

Amy has been a nurse practitioner in pediatric otolaryngology since 2010 and currently serves as the APP lead for the Division of Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery at Phoenix Children's Hospital. She actively participates in various organizational committees and is leading the implementation of tracheostomy education both within the hospital and in the local community.

She is an assistant professor of practice for the Department of Child Health at the University of Arizona College of Medicine.

Additionally, Amy is a member of SENTAC and the Society of Otorhinolaryngology Head & Neck Nurses (SOHN), where she is the current vice president.



Angela Thompson, DNP, FNP-C, BC-ADM, CDCES, FAANP

Dr. Thompson is a Family Nurse Practitioner specializing in the care of adolescents and adults with diabetes for the last 25 years. Her clinical practice is within a hospital-based endocrinology clinic at Hendricks Endocrinology in Danville, Indiana.

She holds board certifications as a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP), Advanced Diabetes Management (BC-ADM), and Diabetes Care & Education Specialist (CDCES). She has received many awards including APRN of the Year 2025, Spirit of Caring Award 2022, Presidential Service Award 2022, AANP Fellowship 2017, Salute to Nurses Award 2012, and Indiana Diabetes Educator of the Year 2009.

She is currently serving as the AANP Recording Secretary. Her past appointments consist of AANP Region 5 Director, Vice-Chair Endocrine SPG, Indiana State Representative, and Fellows Selection Committee Member, President of the Coalition of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses of Indiana, Medical Director of the Diabetes Youth Foundation of Indiana, and Past-President of the Indiana Central Association of Diabetes Educators (ICADE).



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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 American Head and Neck Society's 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 emphasis on behavioral health outcomes. He enjoys mentoring students and residents, and has won numerous teaching awards.



Austin Swisher, MD

As an Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery resident at Mayo Clinic Arizona, I am dedicated to delivering exceptional patient care while also advancing surgical innovation through education and research. My clinical and academic interests span the breadth of the field, with research focused on perioperative quality improvement and outcomes in head and neck cancer, sinonasal

disease, otologic surgery, and airway disorders.

I have authored numerous peer-reviewed publications and presented at national conferences, experiences that have strengthened my commitment to evidence-based practice and multidisciplinary collaboration. I am passionate about shaping the future of otolaryngology, delivering high-value care, mentoring physician trainees, and seeking opportunities to enhance clinical outcomes and patient experience.



Bryan Facione, MS, ACNP-BC, CORLN

Bryan Facione, MS, ACNP-BC, CORLN, is an acute care nurse practitioner who has practiced in otolaryngology at the Ann Arbor VA Healthcare System for the past 15 years. He is a past member of the National VA APRN Council and past National Liaison to the VISN 10 APRN Council. He had also previously served for several years as the chair of his local

APRN council at the Ann Arbor VA Medical Center. Mr. Facione is a frequent speaker at the Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses (SOHN) Annual Congress and Nursing Symposium, and currently serves as an instructor at SOHN workshops for the flexible nasopharyngoscopy, rigid nasoendoscopy, epistaxis, and ear intervention courses. He currently serves as the national health care policy and advocacy chairperson for SOHN over the past three years, editorial board member, contributor, and reviewer for The ORL- Head and Neck Nursing Journal over the past 2 years, and currently holds the position of Education Planner for the SOHN Southeast Michigan Chapter which entails recruiting, organizing, and setting up speaker presentations and applying for CEU's.



Christian Schaaff, BA

Christian Schaaff is a medical student at the University of Michigan Medical School interested in otolaryngology, quality improvement, and interdisciplinary care.



Christine Reger, DNP, CRNP

Christine Reger has a dual position at Penn Medicine as a rhinology nurse practitioner and as faculty at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing.



Cristie Roush, DNP, GNP-BC, CORLN

Cristie Roush, DNP, GNP – BC – CORLN has been a member of SOHN for over 25 years, completing over 26 years at the VA Ann Arbor healthcare system in the outpatient ENT clinic there. Dr. Roush has given several talks on various subjects throughout her many years with SOHN. She is currently serving as the president of NC BOHN as well.



David Brown, MD

Dr. Brown graduated from Brown University and Harvard Medical School. He completed his residency in Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Michigan and fellowship in Pediatric Otolaryngology at the Children's Hospital of Boston. Prior to returning to Michigan, he was on the faculty at Johns Hopkins Hospital where he was the Otolaryngology

Residency Associate Program Director and winner of the 2005 George T. Nager Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Dr. Brown is an executive coach and enjoys classical music. He is a founding member, former principal flutist, and concerto competition winner of the U-M Life Sciences Orchestra. He is a member of the U-M Arts Initiative Advisory Committee.

He was recently honored with the Harvard Medical School 2020 Distinguished Alumni Service Award for co-creating an alumni mentorship program for medical students underrepresented in medicine.



David Goldenberg, MD, FACS

David Goldenberg, MD, FACS, is a Head and Neck Surgical Oncologist. He was educated at the Ben Gurion University in Israel. He completed a residency in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at Rambam Medical Center in Haifa, Israel, and then went on to do a three-year fellowship in Head and Neck Surgery and Oncology at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in

Baltimore. He then came to Penn State Hersey and has been there for 20 years.

Currently, Professor and Chair of the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the Penn State Health Hershey Medical Center.

David combines a busy surgical practice with teaching and research. His clinical practice includes head and neck cancers, thyroid cancer, and parathyroid disease. In addition, David actively teaches medical students, residents, and fellows and is a Penn State College of Medicine Distinguished Educator.



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Dr. Goldenberg is an internationally recognized expert on thyroid cancer, thyroid, and parathyroid surgery. He is a funded researcher, and his clinical research focuses on outcomes and etiology of the rise in the incidence of thyroid cancer. In addition, his basic research lab and translational research focus on Head and neck and thyroid cancer genomics.

Dr. Goldenberg is an accomplished and prolific author of 275 journal articles, 40 book chapters, and eight books in the field of Head and neck and thyroid oncology and surgery. His most recent work, a Handbook of Otolaryngology: Head and Neck Surgery, Third Edition, published by Elsevier, is an acclaimed, award-winning handbook that is considered an essential companion for residents, fellows, clinicians in otolaryngology, and other physicians and allied professionals.



Erin Ross, DNP, APRN, CNP, CORLN, FAANP

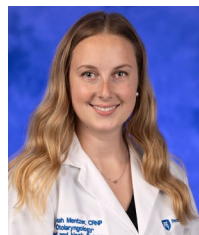
Dr. Erin Ross is a Board-Certified Adult Nurse Practitioner at the Cleveland Clinic's Head and Neck Institute. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Illinois State University, followed by a Master's in Advanced Practice Nursing from DePaul University. Dr. Ross then earned her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree

from Case Western Reserve University. In 2020, she was inducted as a Fellow into both the American Association of Nurse Practitioners and the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery. Dr. Ross furthered her expertise in Aesthetic Nursing through advanced training with the American Academy of Facial Aesthetics and currently practices as an aesthetics nurse practitioner at Neoskin Medical Spa in Hudson, Ohio. She has contributed to SOHN for over three decades, serving on the board, as Vice President, member of the education committee, and as a lecturer. Dr. Ross presently serves as a board member of the SOHN ENT-NF.



Hannah Gibbs, MD

Hannah Gibbs is a 4th year Otolaryngology resident at Mayo Clinic in Arizona.



Hannah Mentzer, MSN, FNP-C

Hannah Mentzer, MSN, FNP-C is a subspecialized advanced practice provider working with head and neck cancer patients and general ENT at Penn State Health Hershey Medical Center in Hershey, PA. She has been in this position for almost 3 years. She enjoys the complexity of the head and neck cancer patient population and following patients throughout their treatment and into survivorship.



Hoc Dang, PA-C

Hoc Dang is a nationally board-certified Physician Assistant with almost 20 years of distinguished clinical experience in Head and Neck Oncology.

She is recognized as a leader in her profession at the University of South Florida, where she plays a pivotal role in advancing multidisciplinary approaches to the surgical and postoperative care of patients with complex head and neck cancers.

Her clinical expertise spans perioperative management, survivorship planning, and patient-centered education, integrating evidence-based medicine with compassionate care.

Dedicated to professional growth and innovation, Mrs. Dang actively contributes to mentorship, protocol development, and quality improvement initiatives that elevate surgical outcomes and enhance quality of life for patients. Her work reflects a steadfast commitment to clinical excellence, collaborative practice, and the advancement of her field.



Jana Bradley, CRNP, CORLN

Jana Bradley has been a pediatric nurse practitioner in the Division of Otolaryngology at CHOP since 2010. She is one of the nurse practitioners in the Sinonasal subspecialty clinic, and is also co-coordinator the Pediatric Special Interest Group of SOHN.



Jane Wang, MSN, RN, FNP-C

Jane Wang graduated Magna Cum Laude with Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing in 1996 from University of Ottawa in Ontario, Canada. While working as a RN in Los Angeles, Jane went on to earn her Master of Science degree in Nursing from UCLA and became a Board Certified Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) in 2002.

Jane joined Stanford Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery in 2005 and has since played a vital role in patient care in the rhinology and laryngology divisions over the past 20 years. She actively participates in various aspects of pre- and post-surgery outpatient care, and she is well regarded by her colleagues and patients for the high level of professional care she provides.

In addition to direct patient care, Jane participates in the design and execution of clinical research projects. She acts as clinical preceptor for FNP program students and speaks on topics related to ENT patient care at regional, state, and national level nursing conferences she regularly attends.



Jeffrey Mecham, MD

Jeffery Mecham, MD is completing his otolaryngology head and neck residency at Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Arizona, with a focus on child health at Phoenix Children's Hospital. He earned his medical degree from the Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine and has contributed to multiple publications in the field. In addition to his clinical work, Dr. Mecham is passionate about serving communities through medical mission trips.

Jennifer Spellman, CRNP

Jennifer M. Spellman MSN, RN, CRNP, CORLN received her BSN and MSN from the University of Pennsylvania and began work at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit taking care of long-term ventilator-dependent children. She then transitioned to the Otolaryngology department at CHOP working as an advanced practice provider and has been a member of SOHN since then. She has served on the Nominating Committee, Education Committee, as a Board Member, Secretary on the Executive Board, and recently joined the National Certifying Board of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses (NCBOHN).



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She has presented at numerous conferences in the past and is currently the Chair of the Poster Committee. In her free time, she enjoys reading, volunteering and thrifting.



Jerome Adams, MD, MPH, FASA

Dr. Jerome Adams is a physician, public health leader, and tireless advocate for health equity, whose work continues to shape the nation's response to some of its most urgent health challenges.

Dr. Adams currently serves as a Presidential Fellow and Executive Director of the Center for

Community Health Enhancement and Learning at Purdue University and holds the title of Distinguished Professor of Practice in the departments of Pharmacy Practice and Public Health. However, he is perhaps best known for his service as the 20th Surgeon General of the United States.



John Krouse, MD, PhD, DipWSET

John Krouse, MD, PhD, MBA is a renowned otolaryngologist, an AAO- HNSF awarded mentor to young physicians, and former dean of the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine. He served as the senior associate dean for clinical affairs, president of Temple University Physicians, professor and chairman of the Department of Otolaryngology—Head and

Neck Surgery, and director of the Head and Neck Institute at the Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University. Dr. Krouse also served as associate dean for Graduate Medical Education at Temple from 2012 to 2015. He was Editor-in-Chief of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery and OTO Open for AAO- HNSF from 2014 to 2022.

In addition to his illustrious medicine career, Jack is also — a sommelier!! He is a diplomate of the Wine and Spirit Education Trust in London, an accredited International Sommelier Guild advanced sommelier, and a certified French Wine Scholar.



Kaitlon Busser, PA-C

Kaitlon Busser is a physician assistant with the Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery team at Phoenix Children's. She has specific expertise in complex patient care, tracheostomy management, and inpatient otolaryngology operations. Kaitlon is an active member of the American Academy of Physician Assistants as well as the Society of Physician Assistants in

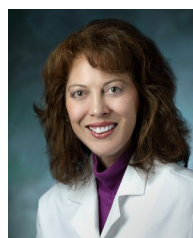
Otorhinolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery. She has held various organizational committee roles, including Advanced Practice Provider Social Engagement chair.



Kaitlyn Kishbaugh, MS, CCC-SLP

Kaitlyn Kishbaugh, MS, CCC-SLP is a speech-language pathologist in the Department of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, PA. She specializes in assessment and treatment of dysphagia for patients with head and neck cancer, laryngectomy care, TEP management, voice, resonance, and upper airway disorders.

Katie has 11 years of experience working in ENT and acute care. Her passion is to improve quality of life for patients undergoing life changes.



Karen Ulmer, MSN, RN, CORLN

Karen is the Otolaryngology Nurse Specialist at the Milton J Dance, Jr Head & Neck Center at GBMC. She works with H&N cancer patients throughout the continuum of care: pre-treatment-active treatment- survivorship. She facilitates a monthly Head & Neck Cancer Patient and Family Support Group. Karen is a long-time SOHN member. She has maintained CORLN

certification since 1993. She has served SOHN in a variety of roles at both the local (Maryland/DC Chapter) and national level. She currently serves as SOHN's Accredited Provider Program Director and chair of the National Education Committee. She has presented locally and nationally on a variety of H&N topics. Karen is also active in Head & Neck Cancer support as a Board of Director for SPOHNC.



Kimberlee Bayless, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, FAANP

Dr. Kimberlee Bayless is a Nurse Practitioner and the Director of the Transitional Pain Service at the Department at George E. Wahlen Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. Adjunct Instructor, Department of Anesthesiology University of Utah School of Medicine. She received her Bachelor's degree in

Nursing from the University of Utah, where she subsequently received her Master's degree as a Family Nurse Practitioner and Doctorate of Nursing Practice. Kimberlee is board certified by the American Board of Nursing as a Family Nurse Practitioner.

Dr. Bayless has practiced pain medicine for multiple years in the private practice setting and has been a nurse for over 22 years in the private, hospital and academic setting. She is currently serving as the co-chair for the Utah Nurse Practitioner Pharmacology Conference and on the legislative committee for the Utah Nurse Practitioner Association. She is the chair of office of nursing service the pain management APRN special interest group. She is a member of office of nursing service pain management field advisory committee. She is the past Vice-Chair of the NP/PA/RN special interest group for the American Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine. Dr. Bayless is the 2019 Secretary's Ward Excellence in Nursing recipient for the George E. Wahlen Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center and the American Association of Nurse Practitioners 2022 Utah State Award for Excellence.



Kristina Keppel, DNP, APNP, CPNP

Kristina Keppel is a nurse practitioner for the Medical College of Wisconsin and employed at Children's Wisconsin in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She started her career as a nurse practitioner in 2005 in pediatric otolaryngology and has continued in the same division since then. She received her Master's of Nursing from Marquette University in 2005 and her doctorate in nursing

practice (DNP) in 2010. She practices in the ambulatory clinics and has been active in SOHN for over 15 years. She has three active children and when not working, spends her free time largely in the bleachers watching baseball games and at soccer tournaments.



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Kristy Sands, PhD, RN

Kristy is the RN Navigator for the Department of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, PA. In her role, she coordinates care of head and neck cancer patients from pre-treatment to survivorship. Kristy has 20 years' experience working with cancer patients at the bedside and 15 years of nursing education experience. Her goal is to

ensure quality, holistic care for all head and neck cancer patients and to expand her practice role as an adult gerontological primary care nurse practitioner.



Laurie Newton, DNP, RN, CPNP-PC/AC

Laurie Newton is a pediatric nurse practitioner in the division of pediatric otolaryngology at the Medical College of Wisconsin and Children's Wisconsin, where she has been practicing for the last 18 years. She is also a Director for Advanced Practice Providers for Children's Specialty Group with specific roles in the APP fellowship program,

APP professional development, and orientation programs. She is an associate professor at the University of Wisconsin School of Nursing, where she teaches in the pediatric DNP program. She enjoys working with learners of all types, providing patient and family education, and helping nurses and NPs maximize their careers through professional development and scholarship opportunities.



Lisa Gagnon, MSN, CPNP, APRN

Lisa Gagnon is a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner in a Pediatric ENT practice in Connecticut, affiliated with Yale New Haven Hospital. She completed her undergraduate education at the University of Connecticut and graduate education at Yale University in the Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist Track. She went on to complete a post-masters PNP program at Boston College. She

has practiced as an advanced practice nurse in a the Pediatric ENT practice for the last 18 years and has worked in a variety of settings, including pediatric critical care, Inpatient Hospitalist care, and Primary Care. She primarily works clinically as an APRN in the practice seeing patients and also has facilitated many research projects. In addition, she teaches for Yale University School of Nursing and precepts many prospective NP students. She has been involved with SOHN in a variety of roles, Secretary, Board of Directors, Congress Chair, Spring meeting program planner and has presented on a number of Pediatric ENT topics. She is the current President of the CT SOHN chapter. She also participated in writing the AAO - HNSF ECS on Persistent OSA in the Pediatric Patient and the OME Clinical Practice Guideline.



Marci Nilsen, PhD, RN, CHPN, FAAN

Dr. Nilsen is a Professor in the Department of Otolaryngology at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Her NCI-funded research focuses on identifying, treating, and developing interventions to manage symptoms (e.g., pain) and treatment-related effects (e.g., fibrosis, neck disability) in head and neck cancer survivors. She also serves as the Director of the UPMC

Head and Neck Cancer Survivorship Clinic, a multidisciplinary clinical program that addresses the complex and multidimensional needs of head and neck cancer survivors. Her strong track record in research,

interprofessional mentorship, and holistic, patient-centered care led to her appointment as co-leader of the Biobehavioral Cancer Control Program at UPMC Hillman Cancer Center.



Maria Colandrea, DNP, NP-C, CORLN, FAANP, FFMRCISI

Dr. Maria Colandrea is a nurse practitioner at the Durham Veterans Affairs Healthcare System practicing in otolaryngology. She received her Bachelor of Science degree at the State University of New York at Plattsburgh. She received her Master of Science degree and Doctorate in Nursing Practice at the State

University of New York at Stony Brook.

Dr. Colandrea is the President of the Society of Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck Nurses (SOHN). She is a nationally certified otorhinolaryngology head and neck nurse who lectures nationally. She has co-authored multiple clinical practice guidelines through the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgeons, including Adult with a Neck Mass, Meniere's Disease, and is currently on the update for Rhinosinusitis. She has also co-authored the VA/ DOD CPG on Burdensome Tinnitus. She is a Fellow of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (FAANP) and Ad Eudem Fellow for the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery for the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (FFMRCISI). Dr. Colandrea is an Adjunct Professor for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Duke Schools of Nursing. Dr. Colandrea received numerous awards for her excellence in clinical care. Dr. Colandrea's passion includes mentoring NP students, caring for her veteran patients, and advocating for the nurse practitioner profession.



Martha Ryan, RN, MSN, FNP-C, CORLN

Martha Ryan has been in Otolaryngology Head & Neck Practice as a Nurse Practitioner for the past 17 years. She currently practices in a complex outpatient Head & Neck Surgery Clinic at Emory Healthcare and is the Chief APP of surgical services. She lives in Decatur, Georgia with her husband and 2 children and enjoys running,

traveling and reading big books.



Maureen Murphy, MSN, CRNP, RNFA

As a nurse practitioner and first assist in the field of otolaryngology for the past nine years, Maureen has developed expertise in patient care and procedures in her combined inpatient and outpatient role. She is passionate about advancing nurses and advance practice providers in the field of otolaryngology through education and collaboration.



Melinda DeSell, CRNP

Nina (Melinda) is a pediatric nurse practitioner at Johns Hopkins Hospital in the division of pediatric otolaryngology, head and neck surgery. For the past 18 years, she cares for patient with a variety of ENT needs. She founded the iheardd clinic with Alicia White, a Hopkins audiologist for newborns that do not pass (fail or refer) newborn hearing screening to fast track these

infants to rapid re-screen, necessary diagnostic testing, and diagnosis



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of hearing loss before 3-4 months of age. She has been a pediatric nurse practitioner for 27 years. She has been a lecturer, both locally and nationally, and book reviewer, editor, and author, served as an officer or committee member in SOHN both nationally and locally, and preceptor of nurse practitioner students. She serves as the representative from the National Association of pediatric nurse practitioners (NAPNAP) for EHDI Provider Education Center Advisory Group. Personally, she loves spending time with her 4 granddaughters and volunteers to help with non-partisan voter registration at concerts, festivals, and events with Headcount.org.



Melissa Raines, MSN, CPNP, APNP

Melissa Raines is a certified pediatric nurse practitioner & faculty instructor with the University of Colorado Department of Otolaryngology at Children's Hospital Colorado in Colorado Springs. She is in her 15th year in pediatric otolaryngology & assisted in starting the ENT practice there along with the start of their multidisciplinary Cleft Lip & Palate team which

continues to rapidly grow.

In addition to Melissa's clinical responsibilities, she is the Lead Advanced Practice Provider for pediatric otolaryngology in Colorado Springs, a member of the Colorado Springs Core APP Committee, Professional Standards Committee, a member of the education committee for the Society of Otolaryngology Head-Neck Nurses (SOHN), one of the first APP members of the American Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology (ASPO) & a board member of the Society of Ears, Nose and Throat Advancements in Children (SENTAC). She is one of the co-authors for the SOHN Core Curriculum chapter on Pediatric Otolaryngology. Melissa also has a now retired therapy dog, Clifford who has a cleft lip & palate. She & her husband rescued Clifford after he was abandoned because of his cleft & continue to promote education & awareness about facial clefting in-person & through social media.



Meredith Cummings, PhD, BSN, RN, OCN

Meredith is a PhD student at the University of Pittsburgh's School of Nursing. As a staff nurse, she has experience in both inpatient and outpatient oncology, with her most recent position as an infusion nurse administering chemotherapy, immunotherapy, and supportive care agents to patients with cancer and other

benign hematological illnesses.

Her current research interests include improving the ability of clinicians to predict symptoms of cancer and its treatment to better manage severe symptoms proactively. She studies patients with head and neck cancer to better understand the possible disease, treatment, social, and genetic predictors of severe symptoms throughout treatment.



Michael Brenner, MD, FACS

Michael J. Brenner, MD, FACS, is an Associate Professor and Co-Director of Branch Science at University of Michigan Medical School. A clinician-scientist with dual appointment in Facial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery and the Kresge Research Institute, he has a longstanding interest in diversity and medical education including mentoring, coaching, and sponsorship. He chairs

the Outcomes Research & Evidence-Based Medicine Committee

and Centralized Otolaryngology Research Efforts (CORE) Study Section, of the AAOHNS. He also serves as president of the Global Tracheostomy Collaborative, whose learning community spans over 200 institutions across over 25 countries. He has mentored dozens of interprofessional learners at doctoral and postgraduate level in Otolaryngology, Neuroscience, Nursing, and Speech Language Pathology. Dr. Brenner's research program has garnered NIH funding, foundation grants, and resulted in over 200 publications.

He is the AAFPRS representative to the AAO-HNS Guidelines Task Force and has spearheaded proposals and international guideline/ consensus statement development, dissemination, and implementation. His translational research projects investigate nerve regeneration, axonal guidance, nanoparticle delivery, biomedical engineering, and mechanisms of oxidative stress.



Samantha Roecker, FNP

Samantha has worked in rhinology and skull base surgery for 8 years. She currently practices as a nurse practitioner at the University of Colorado in the Denver/Boulder metro area. Previously, she worked as an RN in rhinology at the University of Pennsylvania alongside her co-lecturer, Christine Reger. She has enjoyed precepting many RN and APP students at both universities. Sam is also a

strong advocate for the mental health and wellness of all healthcare workers; in 2022 she ran the Boston Marathon in scrubs raising over \$52,000 for well being initiatives.



Sarah Holdsworth, MSN, ANP- BC, CORLN

Sarah Holdsworth obtained her BSN degree in 2003 at Mt. Carmel college of Nursing. In 2008 she graduated from Armstrong Atlantic State University with as an Adult nurse practitioner. She then worked for Ear Nose and Throat LLC in New Haven, Connecticut for 8 years before moving to Atlanta Georgia. She currently works for Emory

University Hospital Midtown in the Otolaryngology department with a focus on Otolaryngology. She has been active in the SOHN community in many aspects including teaching, presenting and serving on the board.



Stephanie Kinney, APRN, FNP

Stephanie Kinney is a Family Nurse Practitioner and dual-enrolled Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) and Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) student at the University of Florida, with over a decade of clinical experience spanning radiology, radiation therapy, and advanced nursing practice. At the University of South Florida's Head and Neck Surgical Division, she provides leadership in

both interprofessional patient care and nursing education, advancing outcomes for patients with complex head and neck conditions.

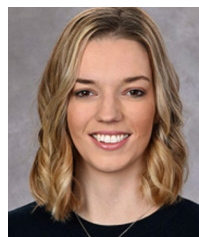
A peer reviewer and dedicated mentor, Stephanie's scholarly focus encompasses evidence-based practice, curriculum development, and professional development across the nursing continuum. She is committed to cultivating clinical excellence, fostering the next generation of healthcare leaders, and advancing best practices in surgical oncology and nursing education.



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Stephanie Lesser, DNP, CPNP-PC

Stephanie Lesser is a pediatric nurse practitioner with the division of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery at Phoenix Children's. She has specialized in caring for pediatric patients since 2007. She has worked in the PICU and with underserved pediatric patients prior to joining the division of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery at Phoenix Children's. She graduated with her

Doctor of Nursing Practice from Creighton University.



Terri Giordano, DNP, CRNP, CORLN

Terri is the Clinical Outcomes Research Administrator in the Division of Otolaryngology at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. She has been the PI or co-investigator on multiple research studies and a team leader on a variety of quality improvement projects. Terri has been an active member in SOHN serving on the nominating committee, Peds SIG leader, board

of directors and chair of the research and practice committee. Her areas of interest are pediatric airway disorders, patient outcomes and integrative health. She enjoys traveling, reading and spending time outdoors.



Tiffany Ellis, DNP, ANP-C, CORLN

Tiffany Ellis received a Master of Science in Nursing as an Adult Nurse Practitioner from Daemen College in Amherst, NY January 2012, and Doctorate of Nursing Practice at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro April 2023. She is employed at the Veterans Administration in Durham, NC working as a specialist in otolaryngology for the past 7 years.

She has prior experience as an ICU RN, and a Nurse Practitioner working in a pulmonary specialty and as a hospitalist. Tiffany is an active member in the Society of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Nurses as current co-chair of the research committee, leader of the Federal/Military SIG, secretary of the NC local chapter, reviewer and contributor to the SOHN journal, and attendant and presenter at the annual congress meeting. She has served as a peer reviewer for two AAO-HNS guidelines. Tiffany was the 2023 Recipient of the SOHN Clinical Excellence Award.



Troy DeRose, CRNP, RNFA, CORLN, ANCC-C, FNP, ACGNP

Troy DeRose is the lead inpatient nurse practitioner at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital Department of Otolaryngology. His career with the department spans over two decades.



Vinciya Pandian, PhD, MBA, MSN, ACNP-BC, FCCM, FAANP, FAAN, FFN-MRCSI

Dr. Vinciya Pandian is a globally recognized expert in critical care, known for her work in improving patient care, safety, and quality of life of patients with a tracheostomy. She's received prestigious grants

from the National Institute of Nursing Research and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality for her groundbreaking research. Dr. Pandian's work focuses on laryngeal injury post-extubation, and she's pioneering immersive technologies at the Center for Immersive Learning and Digital Innovation to enhance patient safety. Her influence extends beyond ICUs, with research in global settings. As a passionate educator, she's held leadership roles at the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing and serves in key positions for professional societies. Dr. Pandian's academic journey includes degrees from Christian Medical College in India and Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, as well as an MBA from the University of Baltimore. Her exceptional contributions and commitment to patient care and innovation continue to inspire healthcare professionals worldwide.



Wendy Mackey, DNP, APRN-BC, CORLN

Wendy Lord Mackey, DNP, APRN-BC, CORLN has focused the past 23 years to pediatric otolaryngology with prior specialization in general pediatric surgery and trauma and pediatric pain management. She currently practices as a pediatric otolaryngology nurse practitioner at Connecticut Pediatric Otolaryngology with special

interest in the care of children with general pediatric otolaryngologic concerns, Trisomy 21, airway concerns, and antibiotic stewardship.

Wendy Lord Mackey been a faculty at Yale School of Nursing and Medicine for 30 years. She earned her Clinical Doctor of Nursing Practice degree and her Masters in Pediatric Nursing from Yale University and received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Laurentian University in Northern Ontario, Canada.

Wendy is a proud and active member of the Society of Otolaryngology and Head and Neck Nurses (SOHN) currently serving President-Elect of SOHN and ENT-NF, Chair of Research and Practice Committee and active on many other committees. She is a founding member and past president of the Connecticut chapter of SOHN. She presents regularly at conferences and has over 30 professional published journals articles and book chapters. Additionally she is involved with multiple other professional organizations including National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners, Sigma Theta Tau (Delta Mu Chapter), and the American Association of Nurse Practitioners.

Wendy is passionate about the profession of nursing, the medical care of children and their families and the education of the next generation of advance practice nurses and health care professionals.