



SOHN 50TH ANNUAL CONGRESS AND EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM WITH HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS

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Welcome to SOHN's 50th Annual Congress!



This year's Congress is especially meaningful as we gather in Boston to celebrate 50 years of SOHN—50 years of leadership, learning, advocacy, friendship, and a shared commitment to excellence in otorhinolaryngology and head & neck nursing. What began with a small group of nurses who recognized the importance of coming together has grown into

a vibrant professional community that continues to shape the future of our specialty.

Congress is, at its heart, a place to learn, engage, connect, and grow together. It is an opportunity to expand our knowledge, share our experiences and expertise, discover new ideas, and bring new perspectives back to our patients, practices, and communities. And just as importantly, it is a place to make new friends, reconnect with longtime colleagues, and build relationships that often extend far beyond the conference itself (*it sure has for me over the years*).

I hope you will take full advantage of everything this Congress has to offer; from our exceptional lectures and engaging panels to hands-on skills workshops, special interest groups, educational and poster sessions, and opportunities to share your own experiences and expertise. Some of the most valuable moments at Congress happen in the spaces between sessions, when a conversation over coffee or a shared experience becomes a new connection, collaboration, or friendship.

Our 50th anniversary celebration will be particularly special. We will gather at the Medical Museum at Mass Eye and Ear, a historic setting that beautifully reflects the remarkable

history of our specialty and the generations of clinicians who have helped advance care for patients with otolaryngology disorders. Throughout the Congress, we will honor the leaders and members who have helped build SOHN while also looking forward to the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

One of my favorite things about Congress is the opportunity to connect with colleagues from across the country and beyond. Every year, I leave with new ideas, new friendships, and a renewed appreciation for the incredible knowledge, passion, and dedication within our organization. The generosity with which SOHN members share their expertise is one of our greatest strengths.

As we celebrate 50 years of SOHN, I hope you will reflect on where we have been, appreciate how far we have come, and feel inspired by where we can go together. Our history belongs to all of us and our future will be shaped by each of us.

Thank you for being part of this extraordinary organization and for the knowledge, compassion, leadership, and commitment you bring to our profession every day.

Welcome to Boston. Welcome to our 50th anniversary. And welcome to another unforgettable SOHN Congress.

I am so excited to celebrate, learn, laugh, and connect with all of you!

With warmest regards,

Wendy Mackey, DNP, APRN, CORLN, FAAN

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Congratulations to our New and Renewing CORLN's for 2025–2026!

Testing windows: October 31, 2025 & May 31, 2026

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Hands-On Skills Labs

Advanced Otology Hands-On Skills Lab

This comprehensive two-part course is designed for healthcare professionals with basic to intermediate experience in otomicroscopy who wish to expand their knowledge and strengthen their procedural skills in advanced otologic care. Participants will complete a 3-hour hands-on skills lab with integrated didactics focused on translating knowledge into practical clinical applications.

The curriculum reviews ear anatomy and physiology, common otologic conditions, and principles of diagnosis, triage, and treatment using portable microscopy. Through a combination of focused instruction and interactive procedural training, participants will refine their technical skills while gaining confidence in advanced otologic interventions.

Hands-on training includes:

- Pressure equalization (PE) tube insertion
- Intratympanic steroid injections
- Ear bolstering techniques
- Basic mastoid debridement
- Cerumen removal
- Foreign body removal

Using both high- and low-fidelity simulation models, participants will practice procedures in a realistic and supportive learning environment designed to enhance clinical competence and procedural confidence.

Target Audience: Advanced practice nurses and physician assistants with basic to intermediate otomicroscopy experience seeking to advance their otologic knowledge and procedural expertise.

Activity Type: Hands-On Simulation Workshop (3 Contact Hours)

Course Credit: 3 Contact Hours

Cost: \$150

Date: Thursday, October 8 | 9:00AM–12:00 PM

Dizziness Decoded: Clinical Decision-Making in Vestibular Disorders for APRNs and PAs

Dizziness is a common, and challenging complaint encountered in otolaryngology practice. This interactive course provides Advanced Practice Providers with a practical framework for evaluating, diagnosing, and managing patients presenting with dizziness and imbalance disorders.

Participants will strengthen their understanding of vestibular anatomy and physiology while learning evidence-based approaches to differentiate common vestibular disorders. Through case-based discussions and hands-on instruction, learners will develop confidence in performing vestibular assessments, selecting appropriate diagnostic tests, implementing treatment strategies, and determining when specialty referral is warranted.

The course includes hands-on practice with canal-specific repositioning maneuvers and a review of pharmacologic management options commonly used in vestibular care.

Target Audience: Advanced Practice Providers (APRNs, NPs, and PAs) practicing in outpatient otolaryngology, also open to RNs interested in gaining more knowledge in this content

Activity Type: Live Interactive Workshop

Course Credit: 3 Contact Hours

Cost: \$150

Date: Thursday, October 8 | 1:30–4:30 PM

Hands-On Scoping Skills Lab: Advanced Airway Assessment

This comprehensive two-part course is designed for advanced practice providers seeking to develop and refine their skills in upper airway endoscopic assessment. Participants will complete a self-paced didactic curriculum prior to the conference, followed by a 2.5-hour hands-on skills lab focused on translating foundational knowledge into practical clinical application.

The didactic curriculum provides a comprehensive review of adult and pediatric upper airway anatomy and physiology, common otolaryngologic disorders, indications for endoscopic evaluation, and interpretation of normal and abnormal findings. Participants will explore the role of endoscopy in the assessment and management of sinonasal, pharyngeal, and laryngeal conditions while strengthening clinical decision-making related to diagnosis, treatment planning, referral, and longitudinal patient management.

Additional content includes procedural documentation, coding and billing considerations, patient selection, safety principles, and best practices for incorporating endoscopic procedures into outpatient otolaryngology practice.

During the hands-on skills lab, participants will perform flexible nasopharyngoscopy and flexible laryngoscopy on live volunteers under the guidance of experienced faculty. Through supervised practice, learners will refine scope handling techniques, improve visualization of key anatomic structures, and develop confidence in identifying common pathologic findings encountered in both pediatric and adult populations.

Hands-on training includes:

- Flexible nasopharyngoscopy
- Flexible laryngoscopy
- Identification of normal upper airway anatomy
- Recognition of common sinonasal, pharyngeal, and laryngeal pathology
- Endoscope handling, patient positioning, and procedural techniques
- Documentation, coding, and interpretation of findings
- Clinical decision-making based on endoscopic assessment

Participants will gain practical experience in a supportive learning environment designed to enhance procedural competence, diagnostic accuracy, and confidence in performing endoscopic examinations in the outpatient setting.

Target Audience: Advanced practice nurses (NPs) and physician associates (PAs) seeking to develop or enhance their expertise in flexible endoscopic assessment of the upper airway.

Activity Type: Hands-On Skills Lab (2.5 Contact Hours), Self-Paced Didactic Modules (4 Contact Hours)

Course Credit: 6.5 Contact Hours

Cost: \$250

Date: Thursday, October 8 | 1:00–3:30 PM



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Hands-On Skills Labs

Hands-on Pediatric Otoloscopy: Building Essential Ear Assessment Skills

Designed for pediatric primary care and family practice advanced practice providers, this interactive pediatric otitis workshop provides practical, evidence-based training in the evaluation and management of common pediatric ear conditions encountered in the outpatient and urgent care settings. Led by pediatric ENT nurse practitioners, the course combines focused didactic instruction with hands-on skill development to enhance diagnostic accuracy, clinical confidence, and procedural competence.

Participants will review the pathophysiology, presentation, and management of common ear disorders including eustachian tube dysfunction, otitis media with effusion, and acute otitis media, as well as when to refer to ENT. The workshop will also emphasize proper pediatric ear examination techniques, recognition of normal versus abnormal findings, and interpretation of basic audiograms relevant to primary care practice.

Hands-on procedural stations will allow participants to practice commonly needed primary care office and urgent care skills, including cerumen removal and pediatric ear foreign body removal techniques.

By the end of the course, participants will be better equipped to perform thorough pediatric ear evaluations, differentiate common otologic conditions, interpret hearing assessment findings, and safely perform basic ear procedures in the clinical setting.

Activity Type: Didactic instruction with interactive hands-on skills workshop

Target Audience: Advanced Practice Providers (NPs/PA's) in the primary care setting or otolaryngology setting caring for children with otologic concerns.

Course Credit: 3 Contact hours

Cost: \$150

- **Optional Add On Course** with Comprehensive Pediatric Otolaryngology Online Learning Modules (6 additional contact hours) - \$75

Date: Thursday, October 8 | 1:00–4:00 PM

Tracheostomy & Laryngectomy Skills Lab: Simulation-Based Training for Pediatric & Adult Airway Care

This comprehensive tracheostomy and laryngectomy skills lab is a two-part course designed for healthcare professionals caring for pediatric and adult patients with artificial airways. Participants will complete self-paced didactic modules prior to the conference, followed by a 2.5-hour hands-on skills lab that integrates foundational knowledge into practical clinical training.

The curriculum covers airway and tracheal anatomy and physiology, indications for tracheostomy, routine tracheostomy and laryngectomy care, and emergency airway interventions. Through simulation-based learning and case discussions, participants will develop practical skills in tracheostomy tube changes, suctioning, stoma care, artificial airway management, and the recognition and management of acute complications.

Special emphasis is placed on pediatric and adult airway considerations, patient and family education, communication strategies, and evidence-based management across diverse clinical settings. Using high- and low-fidelity simulation models, participants will gain confidence and competence in delivering safe, high-quality airway care.

Activity Type: Hands-on Simulation Workshop (3 Contact hours), Self-paced Didactic modules (6 Contact hours)

Course Credit: 9 Contact hours

Target Audience: Advanced Practice Providers (NPs/PA's) and Registered Nurses (RNs) in the otolaryngology head & neck setting caring for children and adults with airway concerns.

Cost: \$225

Date: Sunday, October 11 | 1:00–4:00 PM



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Hands-On Skills Labs

Pediatric Office-Based Procedures: Hands-On Skills Lab for APPs

Designed for advanced practice providers and nurses caring for pediatric otolaryngology patients, this interactive skills lab provides practical, hands-on training in commonly performed office-based procedures. Through a series of rotating skills stations led by experienced pediatric otolaryngology clinicians, participants will gain exposure to procedural techniques, equipment, clinical decision-making, and best practices for safe and effective patient care.

Participants will rotate through hands-on stations focused on the evaluation and management of common pediatric otolaryngology conditions and procedures, allowing learners to develop procedural familiarity, improve clinical confidence, and enhance their understanding of indications, techniques, and potential complications.

Hands-on training stations include:

- Epistaxis management and control
- Nasal foreign body removal
- Ear foreign body removal (canal and lobule)
- Cerumen removal techniques (curettage and irrigation)
- Otitis externa management, including wick placement and gentian violet application
- Otoscopy and otomicroscopy with suction techniques
- Tongue-tie and lip-tie assessment and management
- Peritonsillar abscess (PTA) incision and drainage
- Incision and drainage of superficial wounds and abscesses
- Infant ear molding techniques
- Auricular hematoma management
- Basic suturing techniques

Participants will practice skills using simulation models, task trainers, and clinical equipment in a supportive learning environment designed to enhance procedural competence and confidence in the outpatient setting.

To complement the hands-on experience, participants may elect to complete a comprehensive self-paced online pediatric otolaryngology curriculum prior to the conference. The online modules provide an in-depth review of pediatric head and neck anatomy and physiology, common otolaryngologic diseases, diagnostic evaluation, clinical management, and evidence-based treatment approaches related to the procedures featured in the skills lab. While strongly recommended, completion of the online curriculum is not required to participate in the hands-on course.

The self-paced modules may be purchased separately or bundled with the skills lab for comprehensive educational experience and cost savings.

Target Audience: Advanced practice providers (NPs, APRNs, and PAs) seeking to develop or expand their procedural skills in pediatric otolaryngology, as well as nurses interested in gaining a deeper understanding of common office-based pediatric ENT procedures.

Activity Type: Hands-On Skills Lab (3 Contact Hours) with Optional Self-Paced Online Pediatric Otolaryngology Curriculum (7 Contact Hours)

Course Credit: 3 Contact Hours (Hands-On Skills Lab) or 10 Contact Hours (Bundled Option)

Cost: \$150 (skills only)

- **Optional Add On Course** with Comprehensive Pediatric Otolaryngology Online learning Modules (6 additional contact hours) - \$75

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Don't Miss These Congress Events!

Meet and Greet Welcome Reception

Thursday, October 8th from 4:45pm to 6:00pm

Price: Free and open to ALL registered attendees

Join us for a complimentary Meet & Greet as we celebrate the opening of SOHN's 50th Anniversary Annual Congress! The event will be held on Thursday, October 8, from 4:45–6:00 PM at the STARR Center. Enjoy a glass of bubbly and light refreshments while reconnecting with colleagues, meeting new friends, and sharing in the excitement of the conference ahead. This special gathering is the perfect way to celebrate the start of our milestone Congress and connect with fellow attendees and distinguished guests.

For your convenience, the registration desk will be open during the event, allowing attendees to pick up conference materials and badges in advance and avoid lines on Friday morning.

President's Reception and 50th Anniversary Celebration

Friday, October 9th from 6:30pm to 9:00pm

Price: \$75 per person

**Paul S. Russell, MD Museum of Medical History and Innovation
(2 N Grove St, Boston, MA)**

Join us for an unforgettable evening as we celebrate 50 years of the Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses (SOHN)!

Set within the historic Paul S. Russell, M.D. Museum of Medical History and Innovation at Massachusetts General Hospital, this special evening brings together SOHN members, colleagues, friends, and leaders for an evening of connection, celebration, and fun. Explore the interactive museum and enjoy the beautiful rooftop garden of a landmark that celebrates more than 200 years of medical and surgical innovation.

Enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres, pasta dishes, an open bar, and lively networking as you explore the museum and beautiful rooftop garden overlooking Boston. Live music provided by Quinn Mitchell, an accomplished saxophonist known for his dynamic blend of smooth jazz and soulful R&B will create the perfect soundtrack for an evening of celebration and networking.

Don't miss this unforgettable evening of networking and celebration of SOHN's 50th Anniversary!

The museum is located a short walk from the Starr Center. No transportation will be provided.

Rise & Recognize: The CORLN Celebration Breakfast

Saturday, October 10th from 8:00am to 9:00am

Price: Free and open to ALL registered attendees

Join us for the CORLN Celebration Breakfast, proudly sponsored by the National Certifying Board for Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses (NCBOHN). This special event recognizes and celebrates Certified Otorhinolaryngology Registered Nurses (CORLNs) from across the country while providing an opportunity to connect with colleagues over breakfast. Attendees will earn 0.5 continuing education credit and learn about the certification process, the benefits of certification, and the impact of specialty certification on professional growth and patient care. A question-and-answer session will provide attendees with the opportunity to learn more about obtaining and maintaining CORLN certification. While we proudly

honor our certified nurses during this event, all conference attendees are encouraged to attend and learn more about this distinguished specialty certification in otorhinolaryngology and head-neck nursing. There is no additional charge for conference attendees to participate in this event.

ENT-NF Raffle

Saturday, October 10th 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.

Poster Reception

Saturday, October 10th from 6:30pm to 7:30pm

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

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.

ENT-NF Walk/Run

Sunday, October 11th at 6:45am

Price includes a T-shirt: \$50

Rise and shine for the Ear, Nose, and Throat Nursing Foundation (ENT-NF). Join your fellow attendees for a morning walk/run. Invite colleagues, family, and friends to donate. 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 2026 ENT-NF Foundation T-shirt (while supplies last).

SOHN 50th Anniversary Pin

Price: \$20

Celebrate SOHN's 50th Anniversary in style! Show your SOHN pride by purchasing a commemorative 50th Anniversary pin for \$20. We encourage you to add a pin to your order when registering for the event and pick it up at the registration desk onsite. Don't miss your chance to take home this special keepsake.



Donate \$50 for SOHN's 50th Anniversary to ENT-NF

Suggested Donation: \$50 (or more)

Celebrate SOHN's 50th Anniversary by making a meaningful impact. Consider a \$50 donation to the ENT-NF (Ear, Nose, and Throat Foundation) in honor of this milestone. Your support helps advance education, research, and patient care in otorhinolaryngology. All donors will be recognized for their generous contribution.



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Special Thank You

We would like to extend a special thank you to Mass Eye and Ear — A Member of Mass General Brigham and the Starr Center 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.

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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.

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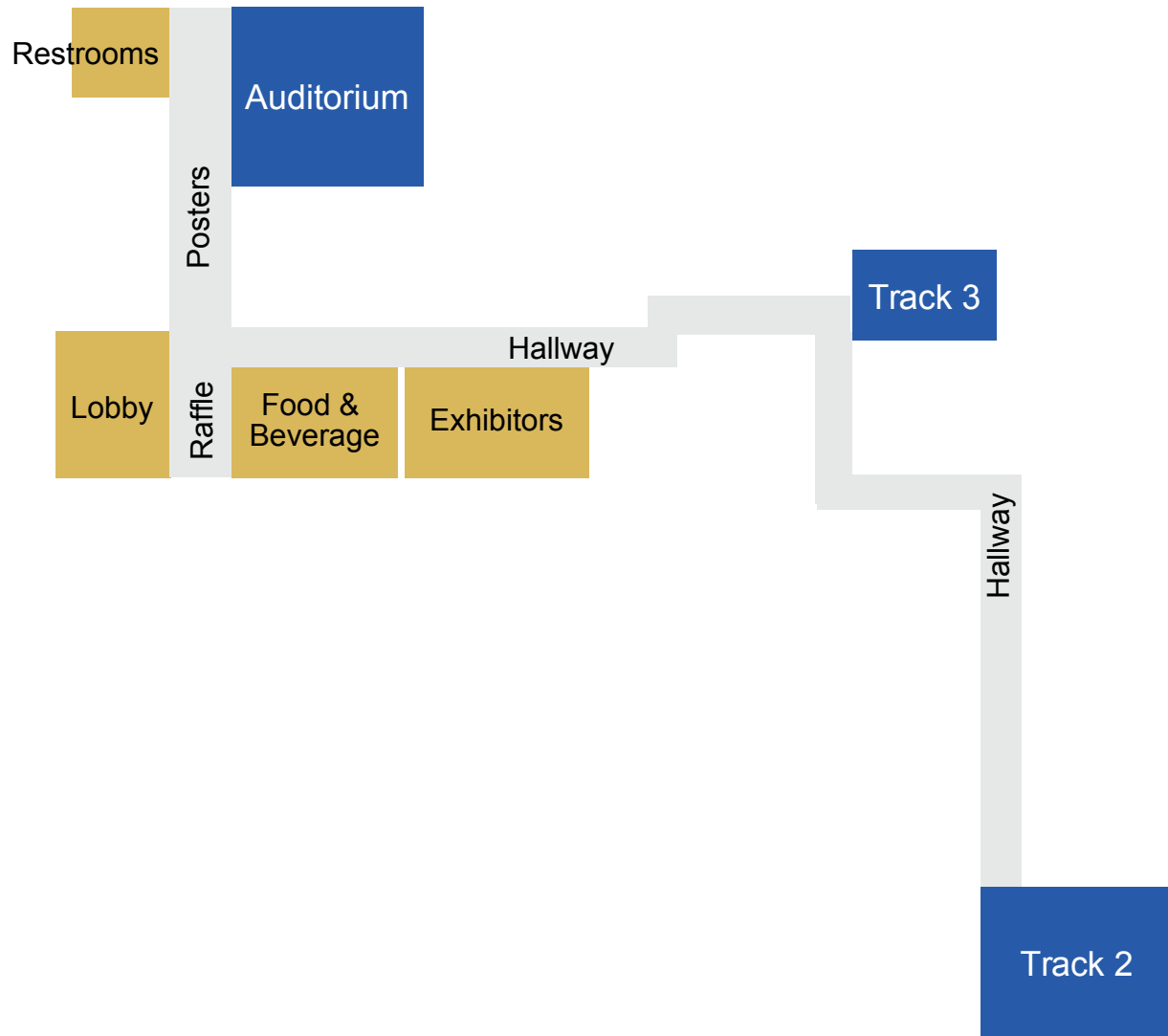
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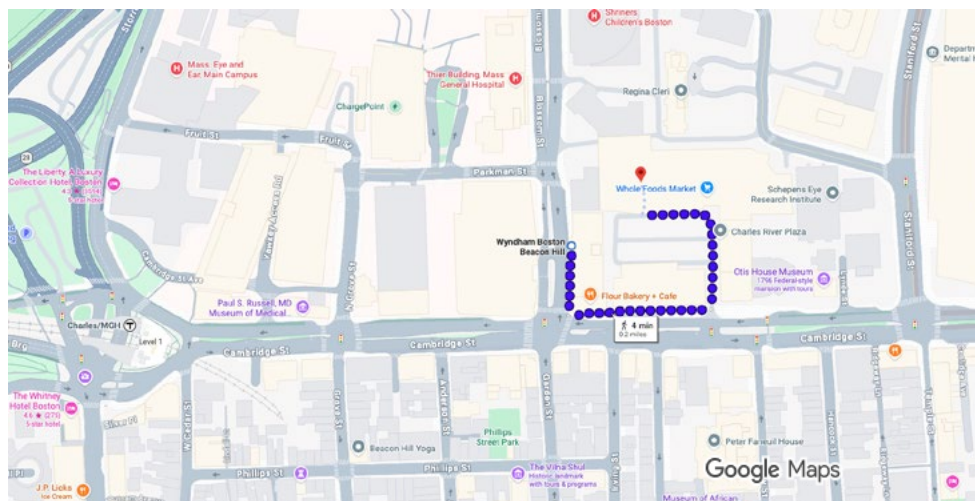
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Directions from Hotel to Venue

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Meals Provided at SOHN Congress

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Thursday, October 8th

7:30 – 8:30am – Continental Breakfast
(Pharmacology Day, Hands on Skills Lab attendees only)

12:15 – 1:15pm – Lunch
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Friday, October 9th

7:30 – 8:30am – Continental Breakfast

12:45 – 1:45pm – Industry Sponsored Lunch - Sanofi | Regeneron

6:30 – 9:00pm – Dinner at President's Reception
Ticketed Attendees Only

Saturday, October 10th

8:00 – 9:00 am – Rise & Recognize: The CORLN Celebration Breakfast

12:15 – 1:15pm – Lunch

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

Sunday, October 11th

8:00 – 9:00am – Continental Breakfast
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Pharmacology Day - Track 1 - Auditorium

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7:55–8:00am	Welcome & Introductions
8:00–9:00am	A Potpourri of Compounded Medications in Otolaryngology <i>Kristina Keppel, DNP, APNP, CPNP</i>
9:00–10:00am	Vitamin Defense in ENT . . . upDateD <i>Jaclyn Wirkus, DNP, APRN, CORLN</i>
10:00–10:15am	Break
10:15–11:15am	Getting Nosy: Intranasal Medication Review <i>Lindsay Resenhoeft, MS, RN, ACNP-BC, APNP</i>
11:15am–12:15pm	The Changing Landscape of Hearing Loss: What Every Otolaryngology Nurse Should Know <i>Daniel Lee, MD, FACS</i>
12:15–1:15pm	Lunch (Provided)
1:15–2:15pm	Making Sense of Pediatric Asthma: A Practical Guide for Healthcare Professionals <i>Anna Gallagher, MSN, APRN, CPNP-AC</i>
2:15–3:15pm	Octreotide: The Other Fat Blocker <i>Karen Ulmer, MSN, RN, CORLN</i>
3:15–3:30pm	Break
3:30–4:30pm	Beyond the Surface: Best Practices in Scar and Keloid Management <i>Lisa Gagnon, APRN, CPNP</i>

Advanced Otolology Hands-On Skills Lab - Track 2 (AM)

Thursday, October 8th

9:00am–12:00pm	Advanced Otolology Hands-On Skills Lab <i>Sarah Holdsworth, MSN, ANP-BC, CORLN; Erin Ross, DNP, APRN, CNP, CORLN, FAANP; Tiffany Ellis, DNP, ANP-C, CORLN; Maria Colandrea, DNP, NP-C, CORLN, FAANP, FFMRCIS; Bryan Facione, MS, ACNP-BC, CORLN; Emily Moldoff, MSN, FNP-C</i> <i>Food & Beverage Room</i>
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Vestibular Hands-On Skills Course - Track 2 (PM)

Thursday, October 8th

1:30–4:30pm	Dizziness Decoded: Clinical Decision-Making in Vestibular Disorders for APRNs and PAs <i>Sarah Holdsworth, MSN, ANP-BC, CORLN; Erin Ross, DNP, APRN, ANP-BC, CORLN, FAANP; Emily Moldoff, MSN, FNP-C; Kate Mysak, MSN, RN, CPNP, CNRN; Lauren Rimmel, PT, DPT, OCS, CSCS</i> <i>Food & Beverage Room</i>
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Hands-On Pediatric Otoscopy: Building Essential Ear Assessment Skills - Track 3 (PM)

Thursday, October 8th

1:00–4:00pm	Hands-On Pediatric Otoscopy: Building Essential Ear Assessment Skills <i>Laurie Newton, DNP, RN, CPNP-AC/PC; Michelle Trampe, MSN, APNP, CPNP; Kati Dreyer, MSN, APNP, FNP-BC</i> <i>Room 246</i>
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Hands-On Scoping Skills Lab: Advanced Airway Assessment - Track 4 (PM)

Thursday, October 8th

1:00–3:30pm	Hands-On Scoping Skills Lab: Advanced Airway Assessment <i>Maria Colandrea, DNP, NP-C, CORLN, FAANP, FFMRCIS; Bryan Facione, MS, ACNP-BC, CORLN; Tiffany Ellis, DNP, ANP-C, CORLN; Melissa Raines, MSN, CPNP, APNP; Martha Ryan, RN, MSN, FNP-C, CORLN; Stephanie Kinney, VR-RN, BSN, CORLN (E)</i> <i>Sloane Room at Mass Eye and Ear</i>
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4:30–5:00pm VIP Meeting

4:45–6:00pm Meet & Greet Welcome Reception



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8:15–9:15am Sandra Schwartz Lectureship/Keynote Address : Nursing on the Trail of Life
Chief Lynn Malerba, DNP
[Auditorium](#)

9:15–10:15am Opening Ceremony: From Vision to Impact: 50 years of Nursing Leadership in Otolaryngology
Wendy Mackey, DNP, APRN, CORLN, FAAN
[Auditorium](#)

10:15–10:45am Break in Exhibit Hall

10:45–11:45am Dynamic Duos: APPS in Otolaryngology
Emily Moldoff, MSN, FNP-C
[Track 1 – Auditorium](#)

Principles of Medical Ethics in Tracheostomy Procedures
Megan Quinn, MSN, CPNP-PC
[Track 2 – Room 219](#)

PHACES Syndrome
Kara Barr, BSN, MSN, CRNP. Update
Jacqueline Liberati, MSN, CPNP-PC, CORLN, IBCLC
[Track 3 – Room 246](#)

11:45am–12:45pm Clinical Practice Guidelines Update: Rhinosinusitis
Maria Colandrea, DNP, RN, FNP-BC, CORLN, FAAN
[Track 1 – Auditorium](#)

Vocal Cord Dysfunction vs Asthma in Pediatric Patients
Concettina (Tina) Tolomeo, DNP, MBA, FNP-BC, AE-C
[Track 2 – Room 219](#)

What's all the Buzz? Tinnitus Clinical Practice Guideline Update 2026
Helen Kim, MSN, APRN, CORLN
[Track 3 – Room 246](#)

12:45–1:45pm Industry Sponsored Lunch and Learn sponsored by Sanofi | Regeneron
EXPLORE SUSTAINED CONTROL IN CRSwNP AND AFRS
Eileen Siegel PA-C
[Food & Beverage Room](#)

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1:45–2:45pm Beyond Treatment: Coordinating Comprehensive Survivorship Care for Head and Neck Cancer
Tessa Goldsmith, MA CCC-SLP; Christina Mealey, MSN, FNP-C; Marci Nilsen, PhD, RN, CHPN, FAAN; Rosh Sethi, MD
[Track 1 – Auditorium](#)

The Neonatal Swallow Roadmap: From Clinical Signs to Clinical Decisions
Aimee Seiderer, SLP
[Track 2 – Room 219](#)

What APP's Need to Know about Optimizing Billing and Productivity
Kim Pollock, RN, MBA, CPC
[Track 3 – Room 246](#)

2:45–3:45pm BREATHE Study: Boosting Resources and Caregiver Empowerment for Trach and Trach/Vent Care at Home
Kevin Callans, RN, BSN; Christopher Hartnick, MD; Karen Sepucha, PhD; Lauren Leavitt, M.A.
[Track 1 – Auditorium](#)

Bell's Palsy: Updated Clinical Practice Guideline
Jaclyn Wirkus, DNP, APRN, CORLN
[Track 2 – Room 219](#)

Rebranding "Feedback"
Amy Ashburn, DNP, FNP-BC, CORLN
[Track 3 – Room 246](#)

3:45–4:15pm Break in Exhibit Hall

4:15–5:45pm Beyond the Airway: Creating a World of Kindness-the Lived Experience of Complex Medical Needs and the Reality of Airway Care
Wendy Mackey, DNP, APRN-BC, CORLN, FAAN; Ryan Bell, B.S. In Genetics and Biotechnology and A Lifetime of Experience; Laura Bell, M.S.M., OTR/L; Amy Ashburn, DNP, FNP-BC, CORLN and Kevin Callans, RN and BSN (Moderators)
[Track 1 – Auditorium](#)

Projects With a Pulse: Bring your Quality Improvement Project to Life
Tiffany Ellis, DNP, ANP-C, CORLN; Marci Nilsen, PhD, RN, CHPN, FAAN
[Track 2 – Room 219](#)

6:30–9:00pm 50th Anniversary President's Reception
[Paul S. Russell, MD Museum of Medical History and Innovation – 2 N Grove St, Boston, MA](#)



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8:00–9:00am	Registration/ CORLN Celebration Breakfast <i>Cheryl Brandt, MSN, RN, ACNS-BC, CORLN, President of NCBOHN</i> <i>Food & Beverage Room</i>		
9:00–10:00am	Global Perspectives in ORL: An International Panel <i>Theresa Frawley, RN, RM, RANP, Dip.N, BSc(Hons), FFNMRCISI, MSc, PhD; Emily Matreyek, PA-C; Beatriz Tena García, PhD; Meghan Tepsich, NP(PHC), MScN, BScN; Che Azunie Che Abdullah, PhD, RN; Naomi Nancy Simon Walter, MSN, RN, FFNMRCISI; Wendy Mackey, DNP, APRN, CORLN, FAAN (Moderator)</i> <i>Auditorium</i>		
10:00–11:00am	Global Health Nursing: Better Outcomes through innovation and Sustainable Practices in Latin America <i>Devin Chaves, BSN, RN, CCRN; Emmon Farrington, BSN, RN; Kevin Callans, RN, BSN</i> <i>Track 1 – Auditorium</i>	Surgical Management of OSA (Recorded Session) <i>Grace Isaacs, PA-C</i> <i>Track 2 – Room 219</i>	Quality Improvement Practice Panel <i>Tiffany Ellis, DNP, ANP-C, CORLN; Martha Ryan, RN, MSN, FNP-C, CORLN; Emily Copponi, BSN, RN</i> <i>Track 3 – Room 246</i>
11:00–11:15am	Break in Exhibit Hall		
11:15am–12:15pm	Cynthia Mabry Lectureship: Potts Puffy Tumor: A Case Study <i>Bryan Facione, MS, ACNP-BC, CORLN</i> <i>Track 1 – Auditorium</i>	Hear Today, Gene Tomorrow: The Future of Genetic Hearing Care <i>Victoria Albano, MSN, CPNP</i> <i>Track 2 – Room 219</i>	It's all in the Voice: Patients and Professions <i>Linda Carroll, PhD, CCC-SLP FASHA</i> <i>Track 3 – Room 246</i>
12:15–1:15pm	Lunch		
1:15–2:15pm	Lois Moore Rogers Lectureship: Sudden Sensorineural Hearing Loss in the Pediatric Population: Navigating Diagnostic Challenges and Management <i>Betsey Kim, MSN, CRNP; Komal Patel, CRNP, CORLN</i> <i>Track 1 – Auditorium</i>	Ménière's Disease Reconsidered: Endolymphatic Sac Endotypes, Genetics, and Implications for Otorhinolaryngology Nursing Care <i>Andreas H Eckhard, MD</i> <i>Track 2 – Room 219</i> Exploring the Human Inner Ear: How Human Temporal Bone Research Advances Our Understanding of Hearing and Balance <i>Diana Correa, MD</i> <i>Track 2 – Room 219</i>	Beyond Clinical Skills: The Power of Emotional Intelligence for Nurses and Advanced Practice Providers <i>Laurie Newton, DNP, RN, CPNP-AC/PC; Kathryn Williams, CRNP</i> <i>Track 3 – Room 246</i>
2:15–3:15pm	Health Policy and Advocacy Committee Lecture: Legislative Awareness and Health Policy Advocation for Nurses <i>Katie Murphy, MSN, RN, CCRN, CNRN</i> <i>Auditorium</i>		
3:15–3:45pm	Break in Exhibit Hall		
3:45–4:45pm	Pharmaceutical Treatments for Vascular Anomalies <i>Monica Deshpande, MSN, FNP</i> <i>Track 1 – Auditorium</i>	Nurse Planner Tutorial <i>Karen Ulmer, MSN, RN, CORLN</i> <i>Track 2 – Room 219</i>	Adult Case Study: When the Unthinkable Happens - Nursing Implications of a Facial Impalement Injury <i>Troy DeRose, CRNP, RNFA, CORLN, ANCC-C, FNP, ACGNP</i> <i>Track 3 – Room 246</i> Pediatric Case Study: All That Stridor is Not Croup <i>Kelly Pagels, PA-C</i> <i>Track 3 – Room 246</i>



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4:45–5:45pm	Barbara Sigler Head and Neck Lectureship: Understanding Head and Neck Paragangliomas: From Presentation to Treatment <i>Martha Ryan, RN, MSN, FNP-C, CORLN</i> <i>Auditorium</i>
5:45–6:30pm	ENT-NF Raffle
6:30–7:30pm	Meet the Poster Presenters – Poster Reception

Congress Day 3

Sunday, October 11th

6:45am	Walk for the ENT-NF		
8:00–8:30am	Continental Breakfast		
8:30–10:00am	SOHN Business Meeting – <i>Open to all conference attendees</i> <i>Wendy Mackey, DNP, APRN-BC, CORLN, FAAN, President of SOHN</i> <i>Auditorium</i>		
10:00–10:45am	SIG Meeting – Advanced Practice <i>Maria Colandrea, DNP, NP-C, CORLN, FAANP, FFMRCIS</i> <i>Track 1 – Auditorium</i>	SIG Meeting – Otology <i>Sarah Holdsworth, MSN, ANP-BC, CORLN</i> <i>Track 2 – Room 219</i>	SIG Meeting – Head/Neck <i>Kristy Sands, PhD, RN</i> <i>Track 3 – Room 246</i>
10:45–11:30am	SIG Meeting – Pediatrics <i>Jana Bradley, MSN, RN; Julie Chiappa, MSN, CRNP, CORLN</i> <i>Track 1 – Auditorium</i>	SIG Meeting – Federal/Military <i>Tiffany Ellis, DNP, ANP-C, CORLN</i> <i>Track 2 – Room 219</i>	SIG Meeting – Perioperative <i>Allison Rodriguez, BSN, RN, CNOR</i> <i>Track 3 – Room 246</i>
11:30am–12:30pm	ENT Jeopardy <i>Tiffany Ellis, DNP, ANP-C, CORLN; Sharon Jamison, VR-RN, BSN, CORLN (E)</i> <i>Track 1 – Auditorium</i>	Pediatric Jeopardy <i>Nina DeSell, CRNP; Kristina Keppel, DNP, APNP, CPNP</i> <i>Track 2 – Room 219</i>	
12:30pm	Closing Comments <i>Wendy Mackey, DNP, APRN, CORLN, FAAN</i> <i>Auditorium</i>		

Pediatric Office-Based Procedures: Hands-On Skills Lab for APPs – Food & Beverage Room

Sunday, October 11th

1:00–4:00pm	Pediatric Office-Based Procedures: Hands-On Skills Lab for APPs <i>Wendy Mackey, DNP, APRN-BC, CORLN, FAAN; Lisa Gagnon, APRN, CPNP; Melissa Raines, MSN, CPNP, APNP; Kristina Keppel, DNP, APNP, CPNP; Nina DeSell, CRNP</i>
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Tracheostomy & Laryngectomy Skills Lab: Simulation-Based Training for Pediatric & Adult Airway Care – 10th Floor PR Room at Mass Eye and Ear

Sunday, October 11th

1:00–4:00pm	Tracheostomy & Laryngectomy Skills Lab: Simulation-Based Training for Pediatric & Adult Airway Care <i>Amy Ashburn, DNP, FNP-BC, CORLN; Martha Ryan, RN, MSN, FNP-C, CORLN; Amanda Caravelli, MSN, APRN, AGCNS-BC</i>
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Congress Sessions with Learning Outcomes

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Pharmacology Day (Separate Registration Required)

#110 8:00-9:00 AM **A Potpourri of Compounded Medications in Otolaryngology**
Kristina Keppel, DNP, APNP, CPNP

Learning Outcomes:

- Identify commonly compounded medications used in ENT practice and their clinical indications across sinonasal, otologic, oral cavity and pharyngeal, and laryngology/head & neck conditions.
- Apply evidence of medication selection, dosing, administration, storage, and patient education to promote the safe and effective use of compounded therapies in ENT clinical practice.

#120 9:00-10:00 AM **Vitamin Defense in ENT : Updated**
Jaclyn Wirkus, DNP, APRN, CORLN

Learning Outcomes:

- Analyze vitamin D.
- Demonstrate the impact of vitamin D deficiency in ENT disorders.
- Apply information for use in practice.

#130 10:15-11:15 AM **Getting Nosy: Intranasal Medication Review**
Lindsay Resenhoeft, MS, RN, ACNP-BC, APNP

Learning Outcomes:

- Briefly describe how intranasal medications work.
- Investigate proper use of intranasal medications.
- Classify intranasal drugs for rhinitis and name 3 intranasal drugs used for other purposes.

#140 11:15-12:15 PM **The Changing Landscape of Hearing Loss: What Every Otolaryngology Nurse Should Know**
Daniel Lee, MD, FACS

Learning Outcomes:

- Recognize patients with hearing loss who may benefit from referral for cochlear implant or other implantable hearing-device evaluation and describe a key nursing considerations throughout the treatment pathway.
- Investigate how genetic diagnosis and emerging gene therapies are changing the evaluation and treatment of sensorineural hearing loss and identify key considerations when counseling patients and families about these therapies.

#150 1:15- 2:15 PM **Making Sense of Pediatric Asthma: A Practical Guide for Healthcare Professionals**
Anna Gallagher, MSN, APRN, CPNP-AC

Learning Outcomes:

- Investigate pathophysiology, diagnosis and assessment of pediatric asthma, phenotypes, and severity classifications; include validated tools for asthma control assessment.
- Illustrate best practice and evidence-based pharmacology management of varying severities of asthma and acute exacerbation management.



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Pharmacology Day (Separate Registration Required)

#160 2:15-3:15 PM **Octreotide: The Other Fat Blocker**
Karen Ulmer, MSN, RN, CORLN

Learning Outcomes:

- Examine use of Octreotide in the conservative management of Chyle leak.
- Establish the implications for nursing care of patients receiving Octreotide.

#170 3:30-4:30 PM **Beyond the Surface: Best Practices in Scar and Keloid Management**
Lisa Gagnon, APRN, CPNP

Learning Outcomes:

- Analyze the difference in pathophysiology of hypertrophic scar formation.
- Illustrate evidence-based treatment options for patients with Keloid formation.
- Evaluate current treatment options for surgical scar preventions and management.

Advanced Hands-On Otology Skills Lab (Separate Registration Required)

#111 9:00-12:00 PM **Advanced Hands-on Otology Skills Lab**
Sarah Holdsworth, MSN, ANP-BC, CORLN; Erin Ross, DNP, APRN, ANP-BC, CORLN, FAANP; Tiffany Ellis, DNP, ANP-C, CORLN; Maria Colandrea, DNP, RN, FNP-BC, CORLN, FAAN; Bryan Facione, MS, ACNP-BC, CORLN; Emily Moldoff, MSN, FNP-C;

Learning Outcomes:

- Distinguish anatomy and physiology of ear including common signs and symptoms for management of common otologic disorders.
- Define common otologic procedures.
- Execute competency in performing otologic procedures.

Vestibular Hands-On Skills Course (Separate Registration Required)

#121 1:30-4:30 PM **Dizziness Decoded: Clinical Decision-Making in Vestibular Disorders for APRNs and PAs**
Sarah Holdsworth, MSN, ANP-BC, CORLN; Erin Ross, DNP, APRN, ANP-BC, CORLN, FAANP; Emily Moldoff, MSN, FNP-C; Kate Mysak, MSN, RN, CPNP, CNRN; Lauren Rimmel, PT, DPT, OCS, CSCS

Learning Outcomes:

- Identify the primary components of the vestibular system and common causes of dysfunction.
- Demonstrate proficiency in screening for neurological “red flags” (the 5 D’s) to distinguish life-threatening conditions from inner ear issues.
- Evaluate patient-reported symptoms to categorize the type and severity of dizziness and formulate an evidence-based pharmacological management and de-escalation plan for patients experiencing acute vestibular symptoms.



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Hands-On Scoping Skills Lab: Advanced Airway Assessment (Separate Registration Required)

- #131** 1:00-3:30 PM **Hands-On Scoping Skills Lab: Advanced Airway Assessment**
Maria Colandrea, DNP, RN, FNP-BC, CORLN, FAAN, FFMRCIS; Bryan Facione, MS, ACNP-BC, CORLN; Tiffany Ellis, DNP, ANP-C, CORLN; Melissa Raines, MSN, CPNP, APNP; Stephanie Kinney, APRN, FNP-C; Martha Ryan, RN, MSN, FNP-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 notes and coding for billing.

Hands-On Pediatric Otoscopy: Building Essential Ear Assessment Skills (Separate Registration Required)

- #132** 1:00-4:00 PM **Hands-on Pediatric Otoscopy: Building Essential Ear Assessment Skills**
Laurie Newton, DNP, RN, CPNP-AC/PC; Michelle Trampe, MSN, APNP, CPNP; Kati Dreyer, MSN, APNP, FNP-BC

Learning Outcomes:

- Investigate the pathophysiology, presentation, and management of common ear disorders as well as when to refer to ENT.
- Demonstrate proper ear examination techniques and procedural skills and recognize normal versus abnormal ear findings.
- Interpret basic audiograms relevant to primary care practice setting.

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- #210** 8:15-9:15 AM **Sandra Schwartz Lectureship/Keynote Address : Nursing on the Trail of Life**
Chief Lynn Malerba, DNP

Learning Outcomes:

- Articulate how their education can be used in non-traditional roles.
- Identify the importance that nurses be present in every room, at every level of care, policymaking, and government.

- #220** 9:15-10:15 AM **Opening Ceremony: From Vision to Impact: 50 years of Nursing Leadership in Otolaryngology**
Wendy Mackey, DNP, APRN, CORLN, FAAN

Learning Outcomes:

- Describe key milestones in the development of otolaryngology and head-neck nursing and the leadership that shaped the specialty over the past 50 years.
- Examine the impact of nursing leadership, education, research, and professional organizations on contemporary otolaryngology nursing practice and patient care.
- Identify opportunities for nurses to influence the future of otolaryngology nursing through leadership, innovation, advocacy, education, and professional engagement.



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#230 10:45-11:45 AM **Dynamic Duos: APPS in Otolaryngology**
Emily Moldoff, MSN, FNP-C

Learning Outcomes:

- Define the current national landscape of APP training and utilization in otolaryngology and identify gaps in standardized education and onboarding.
- Describe variability in scope of practice and clinical integration models.
- Propose a structured framework for:
 - Standardized onboarding curriculum
 - Competency-based skill progression
 - Integration into subspecialty ENT practice.

#240 11:45-12:45 PM **Clinical Practice Guidelines Update: Rhinosinusitis**
Maria Colandrea, DNP, RN, FNP-BC, CORLN, FAAN, FFMRCIS

Learning Outcomes:

- Differentiate viral rhinosinusitis, acute bacterial rhinosinusitis, and chronic rhinosinusitis based on current diagnostic criteria and clinical presentation.
- Apply evidence-based clinical practice guideline recommendations for the diagnosis and management of acute and chronic rhinosinusitis in adult patients.
- Integrate guideline recommendations into clinical practice to improve patient outcomes, reduce unnecessary antibiotic use, and promote evidence-based care.

#250 1:45-2:45 PM **Beyond Treatment: Coordinating Comprehensive Survivorship Care for Head and Neck Cancer**
Tessa Goldsmith MACCC-SLP; Christina Mealey, MSN, FNP-C; Marci Nilsen, PhD, RN,CHPN, FAAN;

Learning Outcomes:

- Define survivorship in head and neck oncology and the importance of understanding patient goals and building therapeutic relationships after treatment.
- Identify strategies for implementing a multidisciplinary head and neck survivorship clinic, including patient-centered assessment, use of patient-reported outcomes, communication, care coordination, and referral pathways.
- Identify practical approaches to multidisciplinary communication, care coordination, and program implementation, including program outcomes, challenges, and opportunities for future growth.

#260 2:45-3:45 PM **BREATHE Study: Boosting Resources and Caregiver Empowerment for Trach and Trach/Vent Care at Home**
Kevin Callans, RN, BSN; Chris Hartnick, MD; Karen Sepucha, PHD; Lauren Leavitt, MA

Learning Outcomes:

- Increase awareness of caregiver burden.
- Engage parents and caregivers in co-development of interventions to support transition to home.

#270 4:15-5:45 PM **Beyond the Airway: Creating a World of Kindness-the Lived Experience of Complex Medical Needs and the Reality of Airway Care**
Panel Coordinators – Wendy Mackey DNP, APRN, CORLN, FAAN; Kevin Callans, BSN, RN
Ryan Bell; Laura Bell

Learning Outcomes:

- Describe the lived experience of growing up with complex medical needs and visible differences, including strategies for coping and navigating social and healthcare environments.
- Identify key challenges families face when managing tracheostomy and complex medical care in the home setting.
- Recognize key insights patients and families want clinicians to understand when caring for individuals with complex airway conditions and medical needs.



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#231 10:45-11:45 AM **Principles of Medical Ethics in Tracheostomy Procedures**
Megan Quinn, MSN, CPNP-PC

Learning Outcomes:

- Explain the four ethical principles and how they relate to decision making.
- Discuss the shared decision model as it relates to healthcare decisions.
- Review resources available to assist healthcare providers in making ethical decisions.

#241 11:45-12:45 PM **Vocal Cord Dysfunction vs Asthma in Pediatric Patients**
Concettina (Tina) Tolomeo, DNP, MBA, FNP-BC, AE-C

Learning Outcomes:

- Recognize the symptoms of asthma and vocal cord dysfunction.
- List at least one test used to evaluate asthma and vocal cord dysfunction.
- Identify treatment options in asthma and vocal cord dysfunction.

#251 1:45-2:45 PM **The Neonatal Swallow RoadMap: From Clinical Signs to Clinical Decisions**
Aimee Seiderer, CCC-SLP

Learning Outcomes:

- Define Pediatric Dysphagia.
- Examine purpose and procedures of objective swallow studies.
- Investigate compensatory treatment strategies.

#261 2:45-3:45 PM **Bell's Palsy: Updated Clinical Practice Guideline**
Jaclyn Wirkus, DNP, APRN, CORLN

Learning Outcomes:

- Define the key signs and symptoms in the assessment of patients with acute facial paresis/paralysis.
- Explain the recommended treatment of Bell's palsy.
- Discuss additional evaluation and therapy options for patients who do not have return to normal facial function.

#271 4:15-5:45 PM **Projects With a Pulse: Bring your Quality Improvement Project to Life**
Tiffany Ellis, DNP, ANP-C, CORLN; Marci Nilsen PhD, RN, CHPN, FAAN

Learning Outcomes:

- Identify an improvement need in ENT practice.
- Develop a PICO question.
- Create a timeline for the project.

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#232 10:45-11:45 AM **PHACES Syndrome**
Kara Barr, BSN, MSN, CRNP; Jacqueline Liberati, MSN, CPNP-PC, CORLN, IBCLC

Learning Outcomes:

- Investigate the acronym of PHACES.
- Appraise diagnosis methods and treatment plan.



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#242 11:45-12:45 PM **What's all the Buzz? Tinnitus Clinical Practice Guideline Update 2026**
Helen Kim, MSN, APRN, CORLN

Learning Outcomes:

- Evaluate the literature research method utilized in the selection of the clinical evidence used in the updated guideline.
- Investigate the breadth of knowledge, skills and experience and key roles and responsibilities of the guideline update group members.
- Highlight the Key Action Statements which were updated plus new key action statements to the current updated guideline.

#252 1:45-2:45 PM **What APP's Need to Know about Optimizing Billing and Productivity**
Kim Pollock, RN, MBA, CPC

Learning Outcomes:

- Explain the components of RVUs and analyze how they influence APP productivity expectations and service models within otolaryngology practices.
- Apply Evaluation and Management coding guidelines to correctly determine service levels based on medical decision-making or time.
- Determine E/M same-day billable services with application of modifier 25 plus supporting documentation to achieve compliant billing.

#262 2:45-3:45 PM **Rebranding "Feedback"**
Amy Ashburn, DNP, FNP-BC, CORLN

Learning Outcomes:

- Describe how trust, empathy, accountability, and psychological safety influence feedback conversations in healthcare.
- Apply a structured feedback model to provide timely, specific, and behavior-based feedback that supports learner development and safe patient care.
- Differentiate observed behavior from assumptions and interpretations during feedback encounters.
- Adapt feedback approaches to account for individual communication preferences, generational experiences, and cultural influences.
- Develop a collaborative action plan that identifies expectations, needed support, follow-up steps, and measures of progress.

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#300 8:00-9:00 AM **Rise & Recognize: The CORLN Celebration Breakfast**
Cheryl Brandt, MSN, RN, ACNS-BC, CORLN; Wendy Mackey, DNP, APRN, CORLN, FAAN

Learning Outcomes:

- Analyze the importance of nursing certification.
- Examine ORL H/N nursing certification process and validate new & current CORLNs.

#310 9:00-10:00 AM **Global Perspectives in ORL: An International Panel**
Theresa Frawley, RN, RM, RANP, Dip.N, BSc(Hons), FFNMRC SI, MSc, PhD; Emily Matreyek, PA-C; Beatriz Tena García, PhD; Meghan Tepsich, NP(PHC), MScN, BScN; Che Azunie Che Abdullah, PhD, RN; Naomi Nancy Simon Walter, MSN, RN, FFNMRC SI; Wendy Mackey, DNP, APRN, CORLN, FAAN (Moderator)

Learning Outcomes:

- Describe differences in otolaryngology healthcare delivery, patient access, and care pathways across international healthcare systems.
- Compare the scope, autonomy, and roles of nurses and advanced practice clinicians within international otolaryngology teams.
- Identify international approaches to ENT education, research, evidence-based practice, and professional development that may inform otolaryngology practice.



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#320 10:00-11:00 AM **Global Health Nursing: Better Outcomes through innovation and Sustainable Practices in Latin America**
Devin Chaves, BSN, RN, CCRN; Emmon Farrington, BSN, RN; Kevin Callans, RN, BSN

Learning Outcomes:

- Evaluate the differences and similarities between healthcare practices in the U.S. and Latin America.
- Investigate the educational standards in Latin America.
- Discuss how Latin America and the U.S. can interact to the benefit healthcare for both.

#330 11:15-12:15 PM **Cynthia Mabry Lectureship: Potts Puffy Tumor: A Case Study**
Bryan Facione, MS, ACNP-BC, CORLN

Learning Outcomes:

- Identify the incidence, etiology, and risk factors for developing Pott's Puffy Tumor.
- Analyze the anatomy and pathophysiology that can lead to orbital and intracranial manifestations.
- Investigate a case study on Pott's Puffy Tumor and identify effective management of Pott's Puffy Tumor.

#340 1:15-2:15 PM **Lois Moore Rogers Lectureship: Sudden Sensorineural Hearing Loss in the Pediatric Population: Navigating Diagnostic Challenges and Management**
Betsey Kim, MSN, CRNP; Komal Patel, CRNP, CORLN

Learning Outcomes:

- Examine the most common etiologies of pediatric sudden sensorineural hearing loss (SSNHL).
- Assess the signs and symptoms that the pediatric SSNHL patient may present.
- Relate information into practice through a comprehensive review of diagnostic work up and treatment.

#350 2:15-3:15 PM **HPAC Lecture: Legislative Awareness and Health Policy Advocacy for Nurses**
Katie Murphy, MSN, RN, CCRN, CNRN

Learning Outcomes:

- Identify areas where lawmakers may have impact.
- Identify the skills the healthcare professional brings to this Conversation.
- Analyze outcomes to be clearly conveyed to lawmakers to achieve success for both parties.

#360 3:45-4:45 PM **Pharmaceutical Treatments for Vascular Anomalies**
Monica Deshpande, FNP

Learning Outcomes:

- Investigate how to treat infantile hemangiomas.
- Identify newer medications for treating VA (Sirolimus, sclerosing agents).

#370 4:45-5:45 PM **Barbara Sigler Head and Neck Lectureship: Understanding Head and Neck Paragangliomas: From Presentation to Treatment**
Martha Ryan, RN, MSN, FNP-C, CORLN

Learning Outcomes:

- Outline the types of head and neck paragangliomas and their presentations.
- Determine the diagnostic work up for head & neck paragangliomas.
- Investigate the treatment options for head & neck paragangliomas and compare 2 case studies.



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#380 6:30-7:30 PM **Meet the Poster Presenters**

Learning Outcomes:

- Identify ORL related research, quality improvement, evidence-based practice, or education projects of interest that provide the abstract, structure, process, and outcome.
- Investigate how projects can translate outcomes to other practice venues with the intent of advancing/ enhancing patient care.

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#321 10:00-11:00 AM **Surgical Management of OSA**
Grace Isaacs, PA

Learning Outcomes:

- Examine OSA and disease process.
- Explore primary treatments of OSA.
- Analyze surgical options for OSA.

#331 11:15-12:15 PM **Hear Today, Gene Tomorrow: The Future of Genetic Hearing Care**
Victoria Albano, MSN, CPNP

Learning Outcomes:

- Describe the genetic basis of hearing loss, including common patterns of inheritance and the distinction between syndromic and non-syndromic forms of hereditary hearing loss.
- Explain the clinical significance of identifying a genetic cause of hearing loss and how genetic information can influence diagnosis, counseling, prognosis, and management.
- Analyze emerging genetic therapies for hearing loss and the potential impact of gene-based treatments on the future of otolaryngologic care.

#341a 1:15-2:15 PM **Ménière's Disease Reconsidered: Endolymphatic Sac Endotypes, Genetics, and Implications for Otorhinolaryngology Nursing Care**
Andreas Eckhard, MD

Learning Outcomes:

- Examine the human temporal bone and imaging evidence indicating that endolymphatic hydrops in Ménière's disease results from epithelial overgrowth rather than fluid overpressure.
- Distinguish the hypoplastic and degenerative endolymphatic sac endotypes of Ménière's disease by their imaging features, audiovestibular findings, and clinical course.
- Relate PHEX gene dosage and X-linked hypophosphatemia to the hypoplastic endotype and apply this to patient and family education in the otorhinolaryngology setting.

#341b 1:15-2:15 PM **Exploring the Human Inner Ear: How Human Temporal Bone Research Advances Our Understanding of Hearing and Balance**
Diana Correa, MD

Learning Outcomes:

- Describe otopathology and its role in understanding hearing and balance disorders.
- Investigate how human temporal bones are prepared for microscopic study.
- Identify applications of temporal bone research and available educational resources.



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#361 3:45-4:45 PM **Nurse Planner Tutorial**
Karen Ulmer, MSN, RN, CORLN

Learning Outcomes:

- Explore the recent changes in ANCC document requirements.
- Relate the step by step instructions for required document completion.
- Join interactive discussions to ensure participant understanding.

Saturday, October 10, 2026 – Track 3

#322 10:00-11:00 AM **Quality Improvement Practice Panel**
Tiffany Ellis, DNP, ANP-C, CORLN; Martha Ryan, RN, MSN, FNP-C, CORLN, Emily Copponi, BSN, RN

Learning Outcomes:

- Analyze practice gaps in otolaryngology nursing focusing on quality improvement implementation.
- Evaluate barriers to development of implementation strategies in otolaryngology nursing.
- Discuss the formulation of evidence-based action plans for clinical practice goals.

#332 11:15-12:15 PM **It's all in the Voice: Patients and Professions**
Linda Carroll, PhD, CCC-SLP FASHA

Learning Outcomes:

- Determine normal vs. abnormal voice quality across age and occupation.
- Analyze specific variables to address patient complaint.
- Distinguish vocal and respiratory features of normal and abnormal voice dependent on age, occupation, and health status.

#342 1:15-2:15 PM **Beyond Clinical Skills: The Power of Emotional Intelligence for Nurses and Advanced Practice Providers**
Laurie Newton, DNP, RN, CPNP-AC/PC; Kathryn Williams, MSN, CRNP, FNP-BC

Learning Outcomes:

- Discuss emotional intelligence and outcomes of high levels of emotional intelligence.
- Define default setting and how to use EI to “disrupt” the default mode.
- Analyze five emotional intelligence competencies and ways to increase these competencies.

#362a 3:45-4:45 PM **Pediatric Case Study: All That Stridor is Not Croup**
Kelly Pagels, PA-C

Learning Outcomes:

- Analyze Common Signs and Symptoms of Bilateral Vocal Fold Immobility.
- Integrate workup with treatment options for bilateral vocal fold immobility.

#362b 3:45-4:45 PM **Adult Case Study: When the Unthinkable Happens - Nursing Implications of a Facial Impalement Injury**
Troy DeRose, CRNP, RNFA, CORLN, ANCC-C, BC-FNP, BC-ACGNP

Learning Outcomes:

- Implement focused postoperative assessments for complications associated with penetrating facial and skull base trauma.
- Inspect preoperative and postoperative airway in patients with significant facial trauma to identify clinical findings requiring immediate escalation.
- Describe nursing priorities for postoperative management, including prophylactic antibiotics, imaging, neurological monitoring and escalation of abnormal findings.



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#430 11:30-12:30 PM **Adult ENT Jeopardy!**
Tiffany Ellis, DNP, ANP-C, CORLN; Sharon Jamison, VR-RN, BSN, CORLN (E)

Learning Outcomes:

- Exhibit knowledge of general ORL disorders, diseases, and symptomology.
- Develop a friendly competition among colleagues while learning.

Sunday, October 11, 2026 – Track 2

#431 11:30-12:30 PM **Pediatric Hearing Loss Jeopardy**
Nina DeSell, CRNP; Kristina Keppel, DNP, APNP, CPNP

Learning Outcomes:

- Differentiate types of pediatric hearing loss and identify appropriate screening and diagnostic methods used to evaluate hearing in children.
- Analyze common causes and risk factors for pediatric hearing loss to determine appropriate considerations for referral, further evaluation, and early intervention.
- Apply knowledge of available interventions and treatment options to pediatric clinical scenarios and evaluate how timely identification and management of hearing loss influence speech, language, developmental, educational, and psychosocial outcomes.

Sunday, October 11, 2026 – Skill Labs

Pediatric Office-Based Procedures: Hands-On Skills Lab for APPs

#440 1:00-4:00 PM **Pediatric Office-Based Procedures: Hands-On Skills Lab for APPs**
Wendy Mackey, DNP, APRN-BC, CORLN, FAAN; Lisa Gagnon, APRN, CPNP;
Melissa Raines, MSN, CPNP, APNP; Kristina Keppel, DNP, APNP, CPNP; Nina
DeSell, CRNP; Laurie Newton, DNP, RN, CPNP-AC/PC

Learning Outcomes:

- Identify appropriate indications, equipment, techniques, and safety considerations for common office-based pediatric otolaryngology procedures.
- Demonstrate appropriate techniques for selected pediatric ENT procedures using simulation models, task trainers, and clinical equipment.
- Apply clinical decision-making to recognize potential complications, determine appropriate office-based management, and identify when referral or escalation of care is warranted.

Tracheostomy & Laryngectomy Skills Lab: Simulation-Based Training for Pediatric & Adult Airway Care

#441 1:00-4:00 PM **Tracheostomy & Laryngectomy Skills Lab: Simulation-Based Training for Pediatric & Adult Airway Care**
Amy Ashburn, DNP, FNP-BC, CORLN; Martha Ryan, RN, MSN, FNP-C, CORLN;
Amanda Caravelli, MSN, APRN, AGCNS

Learning Outcomes:

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



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Posters

#1 Standardized Education for Home Health Nurses Caring for Postoperative Otolaryngology Patients

Madai Veiga MSN, RN, Nathalie Salinas MSN, RN, AGACNP-BC, Ruth Dejean BSN, RN, PCCN, Dolmara Arias MSN, RN, PMHNP

#2 Beyond Anatomy: Understanding Vestibular Function in Two Pediatric Cases

Lindsey Calandra, MSN, CRNP, Megan Englehart, MSN, CRNP, Allison Reeder, MD

#3 From Tradition to Transformation: Standardized Pre-Operative Education to Enhance Patient Experience and Improve Clinic Efficiency

Shannon Hunger, MSN, BSN, RN, NE-BC, BMT-CN, Emily Dimmer, BSN, RN, CMSRN

#4 Transforming Pre-Operative Education in Head and Neck Oncology Through the Think K.I.C.K.S. Initiative

Emily Dimmer, BSN, RN, CMSRN, Shannon Hunger, MSN, BSN, RN, NE-BC, BMT-CN

#5 Pediatric ENT SuperHeroes: Child Life Specialists (not being judged)

Kevin Mary Callans, RN, BSN, Alexandra Smith, MS, CCLS, Samantha Gilberg, MS, CCLS

#6 Tracheostomy Timing and Clinical Outcomes in Critically Ill Adults: A Multicenter Secondary Data Analysis

Naomi Nancy Simon Walter, MSN, RN, FFMRCIS, Diane Berish, Qingli Ji, MAS, Michael J. Brenner, MD, FACS, Vinciya Pandian, PhD, MBS, MSN, ACNP-BC, FCCM, FAANP, FAAN, FFMRCIS

#7 Journal Writing to Reduce Stress for Parents of Children with Difficult Airways Requiring Invasive Procedures in a PICU Setting" A Pilot Study

Emily Copponi, BSN, RN, Kimberly Whalen DNP, RN, CCRN, NEA-BC, Kevin Callans, MSN, RN, Debra Lundquist, PhD, RN

#8 Mapping the Otolaryngology Nursing Workforce

Wendy Mackey, DNP, APRN, CORLN, FAAN, Tiffany Ellis, DNP, ANP-C, CORLN

#9 Bridging the Gap: Connecting Otolaryngology Patients to Comprehensive Cancer Care

Shannon Hunger, MSN, BSN, RN, NE-BC, BMT-CN, Emily Dimmer, BSN, RN, CMSRN

#10 Enhancing Pediatric LTR Care Through Structured Nursing Handoff Reports

Kelly Higgins, BSN, RN, CPN, Shanna Mavilio, RN, MSN, Ed. RNC

#11 Microlearning: Enhance Competence and Confidence in Nurses Caring for Pediatric ENT patients

Jane Gallagher, MSN Ed.

#12 Pediatric Thyroid Center: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Improving Outcomes

Grace Hyun, MSN, RN, CRNP, CORLN, Bonnie Choi, MSN, CRNP, Amber Isaza, MPH, Andrew J. Bauer, MD, Ken Kazahaya, MD

#13 Leading Through Change: Communication and Staff Engagement During Hospital Integration

Karen Harris, DNP, RN, CNML, Marshanda Burrell, DNP, RN, Rhondrea Copeland, MPH, MHA, BSN, RN, FACHE, Tamara Gillispie, MSHQS, BSN, RN

#14 Comparison of Aerosol Trach Collar and Heat Moisture Exchanger for Tracheostomized Patients

Deborah Cramer, BSN, RN, Cathy Schoen, RN, NPDBC, Christina Crouch ASN, RN

#15 The Family Perspective: Caregiver Experiences With In-Office Tympanostomy Tube Placement

Laurie Newton DNP, Rn, CPNP-AC/PC, Clare Frumkin MSN, APNP, CPNP-AC/PC, Michael Gorelik, MD

#16 Enhancing Psychosocial Support Using the PHQ-9 in Postoperative Head and Neck Cancer Patients: A Nurse-Driven Quality Improvement Project: 1 Year Update

Ruth Dejean BSN, RN, PCCN, Nathalie Salinas MSN, RN, AGACNP-BC, Erika Mora BSN, RN, Jared Chandler, MSN, RN, PCCN, Dolmara Arias MSN, RN, PMHNP

#17 Creating an Emergency Tracheostomy Simulation Program for NICU Families Prior to Discharge

Monica Deshpande, FNP, Brittni Mortensen, APRN, NNP, Wannasiri Lapcharoensap, MD, Annie Strange, MSN, RN, RNC-NC, Andrea Wolverton, BSN, RN, RNC-NIC



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Speaker Bios and Headshots



Victoria Albano, MSN, CPNP

Victoria Albano, MSN, CPNP received her undergraduate degree in biology from Merrimack College and her masters in nursing from MGH Institute of health professions. She has spent 13 years working as a nurse practitioner in the department of otolaryngology and communication enhancement at Boston Children's Hospital. She has also previously

worked as a floor nurse at Massachusetts Eye and Ear and as a school nurse. She spends most of her practice, caring for patients who are deaf and hard of hearing. She has a special interest in genetics and is the NP for the cochlear gene therapy team at Boston Children's supporting both gene therapy clinical trials as well as patients undergoing treatment with the first FDA approved gene therapy for hearing loss, Otarmeni. When she is not at work she loves spending time with her family. She is currently on maternity leave after giving birth to her second child, her son Luciano this June.



Amy Ashburn, DNP, FNP-BC, CORLN

Amy Ashburn is the current Vice President of SOHN, Associate Director of Advanced Clinical Practice at Phoenix Children's, Lead Advanced Practice Provider for the Division of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery at Phoenix Children's Hospital, and Assistant Professor of Practice at the University of Arizona

College of Medicine. Amy enjoys the subspecialty of complex airway and caring for tracheostomy patients.

Amy is passionate about teaching, learning, and continued professional growth, with the goal of improving patient outcomes and advancing the role of advanced practice providers in otolaryngology–head and neck surgery. She has had the privilege of representing SOHN on the Board of Directors, presenting at multiple professional conferences, and serving as the 2024 Congress Symposium Chair. When she is not immersed in OTO-HNS, she enjoys spending time with her family and traveling.



Kara Barr, BSN, MSN, CRNP

Kara Barr, MSN, CRNP, BSN, is a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner in the Division of Otolaryngology (ENT) at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), where she has dedicated the past 3.5 years to outpatient pediatric ENT care. In addition to her role in otolaryngology, she is an active clinical partner in CHOP's

multidisciplinary Comprehensive Vascular Anomalies Program, managing a diverse patient population presenting with complex lymphatic, vascular, and capillary malformations. Kara earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Scranton and went on to complete her Master of Science in Nursing at Drexel University.



Ryan Bell, B.S. In Genetics and Biotechnology and A Lifetime of Experience

Ryan Bell has spent a lifetime on the patient side of otolaryngology care. Born with Treacher Collins Syndrome, he has undergone more than 50 surgeries, including multiple tracheostomies, extensive jaw reconstruction, and has relied

on hearing aids for most of his life. That journey has given him a firsthand understanding of what it means to be cared for by ENT teams, and what compassionate, patient-centered care can look like at its best.

Ryan is an active member of the TCS (Treacher Collins Syndrome) community, where he connects with others navigating similar craniofacial and hearing journeys. Drawing on his ""Creating a World of Kindness"" presentation, he shares his experiences to help clinicians see beyond the chart, offering a patient's perspective on resilience, dignity, and the small moments of kindness that shape a lifetime of care.

By training, Ryan works in genomics research at Victory Genomics and is currently completing a Master's degree through Miami University's Project Dragonfly program, focused on bridging genomics and wildlife conservation. But it's his lived experience as a patient that he brings to audiences like SOHN, a perspective beyond the textbooks.



Laura Bell, M.S.M., OTR/L

Laura Sheehan Bell has spent the last 26 years on the other side of the exam room, the parent chair. As the mother of a son born with Treacher Collins Syndrome, she has sat through more than 50 surgeries, countless hospital stays, and years of therapies and medical decisions, all while raising

a child with a craniofacial difference. That journey has given her a firsthand understanding of what families need most from their care teams: clear communication, patience, and genuine partnership.

Laura brings 34 years of professional experience in Occupational Therapy and healthcare management to this perspective, giving her a rare vantage point as both a caregiver and a clinician. She has lived the long arc of a medical journey, from the fear of a diagnosis to the quiet victories of milestones met, and she carries lessons from both sides of that experience into every conversation about patient and family-centered care.

Drawing on decades of appointments, advocacy, and hard-won knowledge, Laura shares her story to help clinicians understand what families are carrying when they walk through the door, and how small acts of kindness and clear partnership can make an enormous difference over the course of a lifetime of care.



Christopher Bingcang, MD

Christopher Bingcang, MD, is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC). He earned his bachelor's degree in biology, Spanish, and music from the University of Kentucky, where he also completed his medical degree and his residency

in otolaryngology–head and neck surgery. He went on to complete a fellowship in laryngology at the University of Wisconsin.

Dr. Bingcang's clinical practice focuses on the treatment of voice disorders, tracheal and laryngeal airway disorders, and dysphagia. He is also dedicated to teaching, working closely with otolaryngology residents, medical students, and off-service residents, with particular interest in surgical instruction and diagnostic reasoning. His research centers on complications of airway procedures and the development and evaluation of interdisciplinary medical education.



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Cheryl Brandt, MSN, RN, ACNS-BC, CORLN

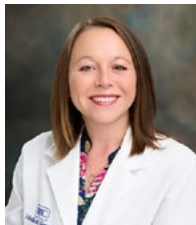
Cheryl Brandt, MSN, RN, ACNS-BC, CORLN is a Clinical Nurse Specialist at University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center (UHCMC). She has been at UHCMC for almost 28 years working in the ENT-Institute with the head and neck cancer team. She is a long-time member of SOHN

serving on the board of directors, peer review for the ORL-Head & Neck Nursing Journal, presenter and is the current President of NCBOHN (National Certifying Board of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses).



Kevin Callans, RN, BSN

Kevin Callans is a Nurse Case Manager at Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary and at the Pediatric Aerodigestive Center at Massachusetts General for Children. She is a Co-Investigator for the BREATHE Study.



Amanda Caravelli, MSN, APRN, AGCNS-BC

Amanda Caravelli, MSN, APRN, AGCNS-BC, is a board-certified Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist specializing in tracheostomy and complex airway management at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO. With 18 years of nursing experience, she is dedicated to improving

patient safety through evidence-based practice, interdisciplinary collaboration, and clinical education. Amanda has led system-wide initiatives to standardize tracheostomy care across multiple hospitals and is passionate about advancing airway safety, mentoring healthcare professionals, and developing innovative educational programs. An active member of the Society of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Nurses (SOHN), she is committed to advancing the specialty and fostering the next generation of nursing leaders.



Linda Carroll, PhD, CCC-SLP FASHA

Dr. Linda Carroll is an internationally-recognized voice expert with over 40-years experience as a rehabilitation and habilitation specialist, treating patients and singers who have high voice use demands, complicated voice issues, or dyspnea. She serves as research scientist to the Division of Pediatric Otolaryngology at The Children's

Hospital of Philadelphia. An ASHA Fellow, she is a driving force for optimum vocal health care, voice rehabilitation, and assessment of dysphonia across the lifespan.



Devin Chaves, BSN, RN, CCRN

Devin Chaves is the Attending RN in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. In addition to providing care to critically ill children, he leads initiatives locally and internationally focused on staff and caregiver training, program evaluation, and discharge readiness for children

with medical complexity. As a member of CareWays Collaborative, Devin brings nursing knowledge for pediatric airway reconstruction

to local healthcare providers in Latin America, advocating for and empowering nurses to recognize their own potential and help improve outcomes for some of their community's most vulnerable.



Che Azunie Che Abdullah, PhD, RN

Dr. Che Azunie Che Abdullah is an Assistant Professor at the Kulliyah (Faculty) of Nursing, International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM). She holds a Bachelor of Health Science (Honours) in Nursing from University Science of Malaysia, a Master of Nursing Science (Adult Nursing) from Chiang Mai University, Thailand,

and a Ph.D. in Nursing from IIUM. She previously served as the Head of the Department of Medical-Surgical Nursing, IIUM (2023–2025). Her academic and research focus on nasopharyngeal cancer self-management, head and neck cancer nursing, and qualitative research methodologies including case study design and framework analysis. As Principal Investigator, she has led several competitive research and community engagement grants, including projects supported by Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia and IIUM Industry Matching Grant. She has also established national and international academic partners for a community health empowerment project to promote evidence-based nursing practice.

Dr. Che Azunie actively contributes to nursing scholarship through publications, postgraduate supervision, and academic peer review.



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

Dr. Maria Colandrea is a nurse practitioner at the Durham Veterans Affairs Healthcare System providing otolaryngology care to Veterans. 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 past 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, and Veterans Affairs/Department of Defense. 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 (FFNMRCIS). 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.



Emily Copponi, BSN, RN

Emily Copponi, BSN, RN, is a Pediatric Critical Care Nurse in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) at Mass General Hospital for Children where she began her nursing career in 2018. She received her undergraduate degree from St. Lawrence University in 2015 and graduated from the accelerated nursing program at the MGH

Institute of Health Professions in 2018.



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Emily has used her experience as a clinician by performing research that contributes to innovation and enhancements in the quality of pediatric critical care, with a particular focus on the role of caregivers. She has served as a member of MGB's Family Advisory Council Committee, providing initiatives that promote family engagement and partnership in pediatric healthcare. In addition, Emily applies her nursing expertise to improve outcomes for post-surgery patients in Latin America as part of the CareWays Collaborative foundation.

Emily's prior research includes serving as a co-presenter of "Holistic Pediatric Tracheostomy Tube Care Education for Caregivers" at SOHN's 2021 ORL Pediatric and Adult Spring Seminar. She was a co-author of a COVID-19 journal published in MGH Caring Headlines, documenting nursing experiences during the initial months of the pandemic. Lastly, Emily presented the "Journals of Hope" project to the Pediatric Grand Rounds in 2021.

The focus of today's presentation is a pilot study examining the acceptability and feasibility of a journaling intervention in a PICU setting.



Diana Correa, MD

Diana Correa, MD, is a postdoctoral research fellow in the Otopathology Laboratory at Massachusetts Eye and Ear, Harvard Medical School. She earned her medical degree at Universidad de los Andes in Bogotá, Colombia. Her research uses human temporal bones to investigate hearing and balance disorders,

including genetic and sudden hearing loss, and to develop tissue preparation methods that support new approaches to studying the inner ear.



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

Troy DeRose is a certified registered nurse practitioner and RNFA at Jefferson Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery as Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. Troy's role at Jefferson is the inpatient lead APP and an operative assistant to the department. Troy

has worked in the field of Otolaryngology for approximately over two decades and has been an active member of SOHN for over two decades. Troy has previously served on Nominating Committee for SOHN, was previous chair for SOHN's membership enhancement committee for many years, previous board member elected twice, and present Treasurer of SOHN. Troy has been published multiple times throughout his career including the American Journal of Critical Care, ORL journal, International Journal of Radiation Oncology biology and physics, and has written multiple chapters in Alexander's Care of the Patient in Surgery on the topics of Otolaryngology. His hobbies include music, traveling, wine studies, and is a brown belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.



Nina 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 patients 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 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 (NAPNP) for EMDI 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.



Monica Deshpande, MSN, FNP

I have worked in Pediatric ENT for 13 years at Oregon Health and Sciences University. My training was completed at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing. I take care of patients in outpatient as well as inpatient setting. My specialty is working with children with tracheostomies and vascular anomalies. Within the Vascular Anomalies I am involved with research and patient care. I also teach at the OHSU School of Nursing and teach various lectures and precept students.



Kati Dreyer, MSN, APNP, FNP-BC

Kati is a board certified Family Nurse Practitioner who has worked in pediatrics since the beginning of her advanced practice career. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Saint Louis University in Missouri, then earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and later her Master of Science in Nursing from Loyola University Chicago in Illinois. She cared for patients in the Emergency Department and Trauma Center at Children's Wisconsin for over 10 years as a nurse practitioner. She now practices in outpatient Pediatric Otolaryngology at Children's Wisconsin where she has spent the past 4 years specializing in children's general ears, nose, and throat concerns. She also cares for patients in a multidisciplinary Cleft Palate Clinic. Outside of direct patient care, Kati works as Clinical Adjunct Faculty at Concordia University Wisconsin's Graduate Nursing Program where she has mentored and educated nurse practitioner students for the past 12 years. She has been an active member of SOHN and the Society of Ears, Nose and Throat Advancements in Children (SENTAC) since transitioning to her role in pediatric otolaryngology.



Andreas H Eckhard, MD

Dr. Andreas Eckhard obtained his medical degree from the University of Tuebingen Medical School and the Hearing Research Center, Tuebingen in Germany. He trained as a postdoctoral fellow in the Otopathology Laboratory at Mass Eye and Ear before completing his clinical training in otolaryngology at the University Hospital Zurich

in Switzerland. As a resident and junior consultant, he completed clinical work at the Interdisciplinary Centers for Vertigo and Balance Disorders in Munich, Germany, and Zurich, Switzerland, respectively.

In both his research and clinical work, Dr. Eckhard has pursued a strong focus on vestibular disorders. His research interests are the cellular and molecular pathomechanisms of inner-ear diseases, foremost Meniere's disease, with special interest in the pathogenic roles of non-sensory supporting cells. His group seeks to develop and implement new diagnostic and therapeutic approaches for vestibular



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disorders, utilizing methods ranging from basic animal models to translational patient-based approaches, with a dedicated focus on integrating human otopathology research.

Dr. Eckhard's clinical work is strongly informed by his research and revolves around diagnosing and managing patients with vestibular and combined vestibular and auditory symptoms.



Tiffany Ellis, DNP, ANP-C, CORLN

Tiffany Ellis obtained a Masters of Science as a Nurse Practitioner at Daemen College in Amherst, NY in 2012, and obtained a Doctorate of Nursing Practice at UNC Greensboro, NC in 2023. Tiffany is employed at the Durham VA Medical Center. She has been an active SOHN member since 2018, and currently serves on the board of

directors, chair of the Research and Practice Committee, and is the Federal/Military SIG leader.



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 16 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 nasoscopy, epistaxis, and ear intervention courses. He previously served as the national health care policy and advocacy chairperson for SOHN from 2023-2025, editorial board member, contributor, and reviewer for the ORL- Head and Neck Nursing Journal over the past 3 years, and currently holds the position of Education Planner for the SOHN Southeast Michigan Chapter which entails recruiting, organizing, and setting up speaker presentations.



Emmon Farrington, BSN RN

I have worked at the MGH PICU for 11yrs where I have taken on roles such as Resource RN, TNCC Instructor, and member of the Biothreats Response Team. I joined the Careways Collaborative team 4 years ago and have travelled to Guatemala 4 times with our 5th planned for this coming winter. I have always had a passion

for education and Global health and have been lucky to support communities locally and globally.



Theresa Frawley, RN, RM, RANP, Dip.N, BSc(Hons), FFMRCIS, MSc, PhD

Dr Theresa Frawley has been involved in nursing in different guises since qualifying as an RGN and later qualifying as a RM in the 1980's. She began her surgical nursing career working in Plastics and Maxillofacial unit during height of the troubles in Northern Ireland.

Dr Frawley has been working in ENT Nursing since the development of Regional ENT Department at the Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore in 1990. This coincided with the development of her postgraduate

nurse education, completing a Diploma in Nursing (1994), and a Fellowship in Nursing, by clinical examination, (1995). It was during this time that she developed the first ENT Clinical Nurse Specialist role in Ireland. She continued her professional development, obtaining a BSc (Hons), in Nurse Specialism at the University of Ulster (1997) and completing an MSc in Trinity College Dublin (1999).

She completed a Diploma in Ear Care from Sheffield University (2005) and laterally a PhD. Her PhD study was a seminal piece of work exploring the role of the ENT nurse in service delivery in Ireland and is the first nurse in the UK and Ireland to hold a PhD in ENT Nursing Practice. Subsequently, she developed the first Registered Advanced Nurse Practitioner's role in ENT in Ireland in 2015.

In 2013 she was elected to the Board of the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery RCSI, where she held the offices of Honorary Treasurer and Vice Dean and was very privileged to have been elected to the Office of Dean of Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery from 2018 to 2020. More recently, she has been involved as a cofounder for a professional Institute for Nursing and Midwifery in Ireland.

She has co-authored three papers on the nursing management of carotid artery rupture with Professor Cecily Begley TCD and has engaged in oral presentations and co-authored many presentations at International Conferences on Bone Conduction Hearing – Craniofacial Osseo-integration Implants (OII) in hearing rehabilitation. Her areas of interest include the role of the nurse in hearing implant surgery, fixture site classification and treatment algorithms, the development of qualitative patient outcomes in OII in bone conduction hearing implant (BCHI) surgery.



Lisa Gagnon, APRN, CPNP

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.



Anna Gallagher, MSN, APRN, CPNP-AC

Anna Gallagher is an Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner with a strong foundation in acute and specialty pediatric care. A graduate of Wayne State University, Anna began her PNP career in the Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit (CVICU) at Phoenix Children's Hospital in 2019 before transitioning to her current role as an Inpatient

Pulmonary Nurse Practitioner, where she has served since 2024. She is an active contributor to education and professional development, serving on both the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (PNCB)



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Exam Committee and the Pulmonary Fellowship Clinical Competency Committee. Outside of her clinical responsibilities, Anna enjoys golfing, traveling, and spending quality time with her husband and their French Bulldog.



Beatriz Tena García, PhD

Beatriz Tena Garcia is a nurse and holds a PhD from the University of Seville (2024). She has been an associate professor since 2014. Coordinator of the Cochlear Implant Network at the Virgen Macarena University Hospital. Trained in healthcare management (Master's degree in Management and Administration of Healthcare Centers). Member of the Institute of Biomedicine of Seville (IBiS) since 2018. Accredited evaluator (excellent level) by the Andalusian Agency for Healthcare Quality (ACSA). President of AEEORLCCC (Spanish Association of Otorhinolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery Nursing) and board member of ANDE Andalusia (National Association of Nursing Executives in Andalusia). Reviewer for *Tesela* and *Enfermería Clínica*; member of the Research Ethics Committee with Medicinal Products (CEIm).



Tessa Goldsmith, MA CCC-SLP

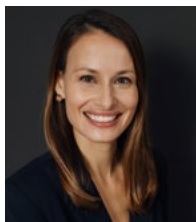
Tessa Goldsmith is the director of the newly established Head and Neck Cancer Survivorship Program at MassGeneralBrigham housed at Mass Eye and Ear. She has had a long career as a speech language pathologist focused on speech and swallowing disorders in patients with head and neck cancer. She has a special interest in

late treatment effects and their impact on these fundamental human functions. Her intervention encompasses a "whole-patient" focus including caregiver involvement, care coordination and promotes thriving in survival.



Christopher Hartnick, MD

Dr. Hartnick is the Division Director of Pediatric Otolaryngology Director, Pediatric Airway, Voice and Swallowing Center at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary as well as a Professor in the Department of Otology and Laryngology at Harvard Medical School. He is the Co- Principal Investigator of the BREATHE Study.



Sarah Holdsworth, MSN, ANP-BC, CORLN

Sarah Holdsworth is a Nurse Practitioner at Emory University Hospital Midtown in Atlanta, Georgia. She graduated in 2003 from Mt. Carmel College of Nursing with her BSN degree and in 2008 with her Adult Nurse Practitioner degree from Armstrong Atlantic State University (

Georgia Southern). She worked in otolaryngology at a private practice ENT clinic in Connecticut until 2017 when she moved to Georgia to work in the Department of Otolaryngology at Emory University Hospital in the Otology clinic. She has been a member of SOHN since 2008 serving in multiple capacities as SIG leader, faculty for scoping and otology courses, board of directors, and presenter. She loves spending time with her family and dogs, running and reading.



Grace Isaacs, PA-C

Grace Isaacs is a dedicated Physician Assistant, who earned her PA degree in 2016 with honors. She began her career treating complex oncology cases in bone marrow transplantation at the University of Florida. Transitioning to Otolaryngology in 2018, She developed extensive expertise across general ENT and sleep surgery, providing specialized care for complex airway and upper respiratory conditions. Currently practicing at Emory University, she manages a broad range of ear, nose, and throat disorders while specializing in general ENT, sleep surgery, and laryngology, blending rigorous clinical practice with a compassionate, patient-centered approach. Outside of her clinical practice, she enjoys traveling with her family, getting lost in a good book, and playing mahjong.



Sharon Jamison, VR-RN, BSN, CORLN

Sharon Jamison is a Retired Volunteer Registered Nurse, having hung up her nursing shoes in 2019. She currently keeps busy with her activities as the Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head- Neck Nurses Education Coordinator, which includes assisting building the annual Spring Seminar and Congress and Educational Symposium as well as SOHN Chapter education sessions. She assures that the presentations for the two major conferences are recorded and produced for virtual viewing for SOHN's membership. Her volunteer work sometimes feels like a full-time job!

In her 46 years of her nursing career, Sharon maintained active involvement with her nursing organization. She has given educational presentations for local, regional, national, and international groups on a variety of topics. Her time working at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center- Head & Neck Center and Radiation Treatment Centers around Houston, Texas provided an opportunity to acquire knowledge of treatment options, expected outcomes, and optimal aftercare for her patients.



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.



Betsey Kim, MSN, CRNP

Betsey Kim is a nurse practitioner at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. She earned her Masters in Nursing from the University of Pennsylvania and has over 25 years of experience in pediatric otolaryngology. She is a team member in the specialty Balance and Vestibular center at CHOP. She has been active in SOHN on the local and national levels with serving on committees, lecturing, and publishing.



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Helen Kim, MSN, APRN, CORLN

Helen Kim has been a member of SOHN since the late 1990s as an Otolaryngology Nurse Clinician and Research Nurse at Loyola University Chicago's Department of Otolaryngology before moving to the Froedtert and the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee in 2004 to advance her profession as an ENT Nurse Practitioner. Her

clinical practice experience spans from general adult otolaryngology, allergy, sleep medicine, head and neck surgery, and predominantly managing otology, neuro-otology, skull base surgery and vestibular disorders patients. Helen served in the SOHN Wisconsin Chapter as an Education Committee Member and for the national Congress Planning Committee. She has given numerous talks on ENT and ORL Nursing for decades at the local and national level. Most recently she was invited by SOHN to serve as a member of the AAOHNS Clinical Practice Guideline Update committee representing nurse practitioners from SOHN and ENT advance practice practitioners abroad. She presents now to share What's all the Buzz on the 2026 Updated Tinnitus Clinical Practice Guidelines and our role as ORL Nurses and nurse practitioners.



Stephanie Kinney, DNP, APRN, FNP

Stephanie Kinney, DNP, APRN, FNP-C is a board-certified Family Nurse Practitioner with 17 years of broad healthcare experience and advanced clinical expertise in Otolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery. A recent Doctor of Nursing Practice graduate from the University of Florida, she practices as a locum ENT Nurse

Practitioner, supporting multidisciplinary teams in the evaluation and management of complex head and neck conditions.

Dr. Kinney serves as adjunct faculty at the University of South Florida College of Nursing, where she teaches graduate-level clinical reasoning and evidence-based assessment. Her scholarly work focuses on nursing workforce retention, emphasizing strategies that strengthen professional longevity and optimize practice environments for future clinicians.



Lauren Leavitt, MA

Lauren is the senior program manager at the Health Decision Sciences Center in the Division of General Internal Medicine at Massachusetts General Brigham. She is the project manager of the BREATHE Study, funded by PCORI, supporting multiple sites and advisors in the 5-year project aimed at reducing burden for caregivers of

children with tracheostomies discharged to home.



Daniel Lee, MD, FACS

Daniel Lee is Professor and Ansin Foundation Chair in Otolaryngology at Massachusetts Eye and Ear and Harvard Medical School. He is Director of Pediatric Otolaryngology and Neurotology, Program Director of the Harvard Neurotology Fellowship and Director of International Patient Services in the Department of Otolaryngology at

MEEI. Dr. Lee's funded basic and translational research group seeks to answer fundamental questions about central auditory processing and how to improve auditory brainstem implant outcomes for patients with Neurofibromatosis Type 2 (NF2).



Jacqueline Liberati, MSN, CPNP-PC, CORLN, IBCLC

Jacqueline Liberati is a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Division of Otolaryngology. She has worked in ENT for the past 20 years. She has worked in the Complex Vascular Anomalies clinic for the past 3 years.

Jackie earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Nursing from the University of Pennsylvania. She earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in Biology from Rutgers University.

She is a Certified Otolaryngology Nurse and is an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant.

She serves on the Nominating Committee for SOHN.

When she's not taking care of pediatric ENT patients, Jackie enjoys family time, running, hiking, cooking, baking, and volunteering.



Wendy Mackey, DNP, APRN-BC, CORLN, FAAN

Wendy has served on the faculty of Yale School of Nursing and Yale School of Medicine for over 30 years. She earned her Doctor of Nursing Practice and Master's in Pediatric Nursing from Yale University and her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Laurentian University in Northern

Ontario, Canada.

A longtime member and leader of the Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses (SOHN), Wendy currently serves as President of SOHN and the ENT-NF Foundation and is active on numerous committees. She is also a founding member and past president of the Connecticut Chapter of SOHN.

Wendy regularly presents at national and international conferences and has authored more than 30 professional journal articles and book chapters. She proudly holds certification as a Certified Otorhinolaryngology Nurse (CORLN).

Wendy is passionate about advancing the nursing profession, providing exceptional care to children and their families, and educating the next generation of advanced practice nurses and healthcare professionals.



Chief Lynn Malerba, DNP

Chief Mutáwi Mutáhash (Many Hearts) Marilyn "Lynn" Malerba became the 18th Chief of the Mohegan Tribe on August 15, 2010, and is the first female Chief in the tribe's modern history. Lynn follows in footsteps of many strong female role models in the Mohegan Tribe, including her mother, Loretta Roberge, who was a member

of the Tribal Council that achieved Federal Recognition for the Tribe and held the position of Tribal Nonner (elder female of respect) as well as her great-grandfather Chief Matagha (Burrill Fielding). Prior to becoming Chief, she served as Chairwoman of the Tribal Council, and served in Tribal Government as Executive Director of Health and Human Services. Preceding her work for the Mohegan Tribe, Lynn had a lengthy career as a registered nurse ultimately as the Director of Cardiology and Pulmonary Services at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital. She earned a doctor of Nursing Practice at Yale University, named a Jonas Scholar. She was awarded an honorary Doctoral Degree in Human Letters for the University of Connecticut, an



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honorary Doctoral degree in Law from the University of North Carolina Pembroke an honorary Doctoral degree in Science from Eastern Connecticut State University, honorary Doctoral Degree in Humane Letters from the University of St. Joseph in West Hartford, CT. She earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Connecticut and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the College of St. Joseph and a diploma in nursing from Hartford Hospital School of Nursing



Emily Matreyek, PA-C

Emily is a Physician Assistant in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck surgery at Phoenix Children's Hospital in sunny Phoenix, Arizona. She has a special interest in community outreach, underserved populations, and the ways social determinants of health affect her patients and both their families and communities.



Christina Mealey, MSN, FNP-C

Christina Mealey, MSN, FNP-C, is a Nurse Practitioner at Massachusetts General Hospital specializing in inpatient palliative care, with a special interest in caring for patients with head and neck cancer. She began her career as a registered nurse and nurse manager on the adult inpatient otolaryngology unit at

Massachusetts Eye and Ear before joining the outpatient Head and Neck Medical Oncology team after earning her nurse practitioner degree in 2021. Her professional interests include palliative care, cancer survivorship, serious illness communication, education, and symptom management. She has collaborated on the development of a multidisciplinary head and neck cancer survivorship program and is passionate about advancing interdisciplinary survivorship care.



Emily Moldoff, MSN, FNP-C

Emily Moldoff is an AANP Board-Certified Nurse Practitioner specializing in complex otology and rhinology at Mass General Brigham (Harvard Medical School) in Boston, Massachusetts. Her clinical expertise centers on the evaluation and management of complex otologic and neurotologic conditions, with a particular focus

on eustachian tube dysfunction. She is especially committed to the integration of subspecialties and enhancing multidisciplinary care pathways for patients with overlapping diseases. She is the founder and current President of the Rhinology Advanced Practice Providers (RAPPPers) section within the American Rhinologic Society and is dedicated to advancing the practice of APPs within Otolaryngology.



Katie Murphy, MSN, RN, CCRN, CNRN

Katie Murphy is the President of the Massachusetts Nurses Association, the largest union and professional association of registered nurses and healthcare professionals in the state, representing 26,000 members working in 85 health care facilities. Before being elected President in 2020, Katie represented MNA

members on the Board of Directors for over ten years and has been a strong advocate for protecting nurses, health care workers, and patients even longer than that. Katie has also held appointed and elective office in Framingham, MA. Katie Serves on local, statewide, and national Commissions and Committees in the Labor, healthcare,

and political space.

Katie brings with her decades of firsthand experience, including her role as a Registered Nurse on the front lines of the pandemic in the Special Pathogens Units at Brigham and Women's Hospital and in the Medical ICU today. She graduated with an Associate of Science in Nursing from Vermont College in 1975, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Boston University in 1982, and a Master of Science in Nursing from Framingham State in 2012. She is currently certified as a Critical Care Nurse.

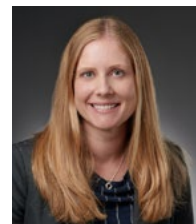


Kate Mysak, MSN, RN, CPNP, CNRN

Kate Mysak began her nursing career in 2009 as a pediatric nurse in Baltimore, Maryland. Her passion for neurology led her to become a Neurology Nurse Practitioner at the University of Maryland in 2015. In 2018, she moved to Boston to work in the Epilepsy Program at Boston Children's Hospital.

Since the winter of 2022, Kate has been part of the Balance and Vestibular Program at Boston Children's Hospital, collaborating with Jacob Brodsky to care for patients with complex vestibular and balance disorders. She also runs an independent clinic focusing on vestibular migraines.

Kate is committed to enhancing care for neurological and vestibular patients and educating colleagues on the diagnosis and management of patients with vestibular disorders.



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

Laurie Newton is a pediatric nurse practitioner who is dual certified in pediatric primary care and acute care. She has spent her entire clinical career as a nurse practitioner at the Medical College of Wisconsin and Children's Wisconsin, most recently practicing in pediatric

otolaryngology for almost 20 years. She is actively involved with several nursing and multidisciplinary ENT professional organizations, including the Society for Ears, Nose and Throat Advancements in Children (current secretary) and the Society for Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck Nurses. She is on the Board of Directors for The Association of Post Graduate APRN Programs (APGAP). She was recently appointed to a faculty position within the department of otolaryngology and taught at UW-Madison in the School of Nursing for 10 years. She is a director for advanced practice providers for Children's Specialty Group where her primary role is with their advanced practice provider pediatric fellowship program, onboarding support, and career/professional development. In addition to clinical care, she is passionate about patient and family education, quality improvement, and APP education, transition to practice and fellowship programs



Marci Nilsen, PhD, RN, CHPN, FAAN

Marci Lee Nilsen, PhD, RN, CHPN, FAAN, is a Professor in the Department of Otolaryngology at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Co-Leader of the Cancer Risk, Outcomes and Prevention Program at UPMC Hillman Cancer Center, and Director of the UPMC Head and Neck Cancer Survivorship Clinic. Her NIH-funded

research focuses on improving survivorship care for individuals treated for head and neck cancer, including the identification and



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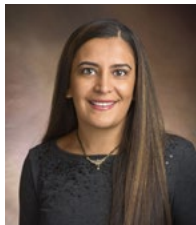
management of treatment-related effects and the development of multidisciplinary care models that address survivors' physical, psychosocial, and functional needs. Dr. Nilsen's work bridges clinical practice and research, and she is a national advocate for integrating structured survivorship care into head and neck oncology. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing.



Kelly Pagels, PA-C

Kelly resides in Arizona with her husband and three children. She has been a physician assistant for 17 years, graduating from the A.T. Still Arizona School of Health Sciences in 2009. She has spent her career in pediatric ENT, pediatric general surgery and pediatric emergency medicine. She has had the joy of

working for Phoenix Children's Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery for the last 4.5 years.



Komal Patel, CRNP, CORLN

Komal Patel is a nurse practitioner at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. She earned her Masters in Nursing from the University of Pennsylvania and has about 19 years of experience in pediatric otolaryngology. She has been active in SOHN on the local and national levels. Currently, she serves as one of SOHN's Co-Nurse Planners and is the President of the SEPA Chapter.



Kim Pollock, RN, MBA, CPC

Kim Pollock is a nationally recognized practice management consultant with 40+ years of otolaryngology clinical and consulting experience. She worked at UT Southwestern Medical Center, Department of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery for many years as clinic manager and department administrator then as system-

wide Associate Vice President for Cancer Programs. Kim then went to work for KarenZupko & Associates, Inc., a national physician practice management consulting firm where she taught coding courses for the AAO-HNS, AANS and other societies as well as helped hundreds of otolaryngology and neurosurgery practices with revenue cycle and organizational issues. Kim has been a member of SOHN for 39 years and received the 2007 Presidential Citation award from Hope Andresen.



Megan Quinn, MSN, CPNP-PC

Megan received her Bachelors of Science in Nursing from the University of Iowa and her Masters of Science in Nursing from Duke University. Her began her career at Ann & Robert H Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago as a pediatric intensive care unit nurse and later as a pediatric palliative care nurse practitioner.

Megan has cared for infants, children, and young adults with complex medical needs including tracheostomies throughout her entire career. She is currently certified as a pediatric nurse practitioner - primary care. In her role as a nurse practitioner, she was able to explore research and quality improvement opportunities, co-authoring papers and presenting her work across the country. Topics of interest included exploration of familial and provider complex medical decision making as well as health policy and advocacy. She is involved in multiple professional organizations and currently serves

as the membership co-chair on the Illinois Chapter of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners. Megan joined Atos Medical in 2024 as a Clinical Navigator in the Case Management Department and transitioned to a Tracheostomy Clinical Educator in 2025.



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.



Lindsay Resenhoeft, MS, RN, ACNP-BC, APNP

Lindsay Resenhoeft is a nurse practitioner at SSM Health in Madison, Wisconsin, where she has worked as an RN and NP for 22 years. She practices in the Otolaryngology Department in both outpatient and inpatient roles, including as a first assistant in the OR. She serves on the

Trach Committee at St. Mary's Hospital in Madison. In her free time, she enjoys cycling, swimming, kayaking, hiking, cross-country skiing, playing viola in the Middleton Community Orchestra and crafting.



Lauren Rimmel, PT, DPT, OCS, CSCS

Dr. Lauren Rimmel is an outpatient physical therapist at Brigham and Women's Health Center in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, where she provides care for individuals with a wide range of orthopedic, vestibular, and neurologic conditions.

Dr. Rimmel earned her degrees in Exercise Physiology and Physical Therapy from Marquette

University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. After graduation, she completed an Orthopedic Physical Therapy Residency at the MGH Institute of Health Professions, further specializing in evidence-based orthopedic care. She subsequently completed a year-long Public Health Fellowship, expanding her expertise in health inequity and the social factors that influence health outcomes.

In addition to her clinical practice, Dr. Rimmel conducts research focused on identifying and addressing inequities in physical therapy care. Her work aims to improve access to rehabilitation services and promote more equitable health outcomes for all patients.



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Dr. Rimmel is passionate about collaborating with patients, colleagues, and interdisciplinary healthcare teams to find authentic, accessible, and meaningful movement strategies tailored to each individual's goals and circumstances. She is particularly committed to whole-person care, working to support health and wellness both within and beyond the clinic setting.



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

Dr. Erin J. Ross is a Doctor of Nursing Practice and a Fellow of both the American Association of Nurse Practitioners and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. She brings more than 30 years of specialized otorhinolaryngology experience to her practice at the Cleveland

Clinic Head & Neck Institute. Dr. Ross earned her DNP from Case Western Reserve University, MS from DePaul University, and BSN from Illinois State University. A nationally recognized leader in clinical practice guidelines, curriculum design, and health policy advocacy, she served for six years as Communication Director for OAAPN and has held multiple board leadership roles with the Society of Otorhinolaryngology & Head and Neck Nurses. She has co-authored national guidelines and lectures nationally on otolaryngology practice, leadership, legislative advocacy, and advanced clinical practice.



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.



Aimee Seiderer, SLP

Aimee Seiderer, SLP graduated with her master's from Teacher's College, Columbia University. She has over 25 years experience with all phases of pediatric dysphagia. She is the lead speech pathologist in Yale's Aerodigestive Team and consults with NNICU Grad program and the Craniofacial team.



Karen Sepucha, PhD

Dr. Sepucha is the director of the Health Decision Sciences Center in the General Medicine Division at Massachusetts General Brigham and an associate professor in Medicine at Harvard Medical School. She is the Co-Principal Investigator for the BREATHE Study.

Her research and clinical interests involve developing and implementing tools and methods to improve the quality of significant medical decisions made by patients and clinicians.



Naomi Nancy Simon Walter, MSN, RN, FFMRC SI

With over a decade of experience in ENT nursing, nursing education, and clinical leadership, Naomi Walter brings extensive expertise in the care of individuals with head and neck conditions. She is currently pursuing her PhD in Nursing at Ross and Nese College of Nursing, Penn State

University while on study leave from Christian Medical College, Vellore, India, where she served as an Associate Professor cum Nurse Manager. Her clinical and research interests include tracheostomy care, laryngectomy care, airway management, head and neck cancer nursing, and patient-centred outcomes. She developed a laryngology nurse educator role to support individuals undergoing laryngectomy and their families across the care continuum. Her experience also includes curriculum development, simulation-based education, quality improvement, and research using qualitative, interventional, and evidence-synthesis methodologies. She has contributed to peer-reviewed publications and presented her work at international conferences.



Meghan Tepsich, NP(PHC), MScN, BScN

Meghan Tepsich is a Nurse Practitioner working in paediatric otolaryngology with complex airway patients at The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, ON Canada. Meghan has a clinical interest in complex airway conditions and tracheostomy management. Her research

interest includes complex airway conditions inclusive of the clinical management, diagnoses, and treatment of these conditions.



Concettina (Tina) Tolomeo, DNP, MBA, FNP-BC, AE-C

Concettina (Tina) Tolomeo is a Nurse Practitioner in the Section of Pediatric Pulmonology, Allergy, Immunology, and Sleep Medicine. Tina has lectured nationally and published extensively on topics related to pediatric pulmonary medicine and patient access. She served on the board

of the National Association of Asthma Educators (AAE). As a board member, she served as president, vice president and secretary. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing, a Master of Science degree in Nursing Administration, a Post-Masters Certificate as a Family Nurse Practitioner, an MBA, a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree with a concentration in Clinical Leadership, and a Six Sigma certificate. In addition to her clinical experience, Tina has held advancing roles in healthcare practice administration, operations, and patient access.



Michelle Trampe, MSN, APNP, CPNP

Michelle Trampe is a certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner with over 15 years of experience in pediatric otolaryngology. She currently practices at Children's Wisconsin in Milwaukee, where she specializes in pediatric ear, nose, and throat disorders, in addition to a special focus with the tracheostomy/ventilator dependent population.

Michelle earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Master of Science in Nursing at the University of Wisconsin. Beyond her clinical

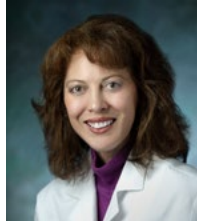


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work, Michelle serves as a preceptor for graduate nursing students and is an active member of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNP).



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.



Kathryn Williams, CRNP

Kathryn Williams, MSN, RN, CRNP, is the Associate Director of Advanced Practice Quality & Education and a nurse practitioner in the Division of Pediatric Otolaryngology at UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. As Co-Program Director of the APPFA-accredited UPMC Pediatric

APP Fellowship Program, she leads initiatives focused on advanced practice provider education, mentorship, professional development, and leadership training. Kathryn is passionate about developing resilient healthcare professionals and fostering the skills needed to excel in today's complex healthcare environment.



Jaclyn Wirkus, DNP, APRN, CORLN

Jackie has experience as an ENT Nurse Practitioner for over 20 years. As a member for over 30 years, she has participated in SOHN and previous Congress events as a presenter, SIG leader, Core Curriculum instructor, national and Wisconsin chapter board member, and journal contributor.

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