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A publication for friends and colleagues of Jefferson's Department of Otolaryngology– Head & Neck Surgery

Jefferson Otolaryngology Hosts Alumni Gala



Our first in-person alumni event since the pandemic was held on Sunday, September 11, 2022 and it was truly a night to remember. The gathering of nearly 200 alumni and members of the department was held at the Arts Ballroom in Philadelphia. We used this occasion to celebrate **William M. Keane, MD**, who dedicated nearly 30 years of service as Chair of the department. Our OTO family would not be what it is today without the accomplishments and support of those who came before us.

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"If I have seen further than others, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants."

– Sir Isaac Newton



American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery Meeting in Philadelphia

Welcome to Philly Event

On Saturday, September 10, 2022 at the Wayward at the Canopy by Hilton Hotel, Jefferson Otolaryngology hosted more than 150 friends and family of the department and otolaryngologists from across the country to welcome them to Philadelphia and the annual meeting of the American Academy of Otolaryngology –Head & Neck Surgery. Attendees enjoyed networking and reminiscing with colleagues and friends at this memorable occasion.



Jefferson Otolaryngology Well Represented

Jefferson Otolaryngology –Head & Neck Surgery was well represented at the 2022 American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery Foundation annual conference which was held blocks from our main campus at the Philadelphia Convention Center. It was great to show off our city and share our research findings in our own backyard.

See the list of presentations by our faculty, residents and research fellows on page 6.



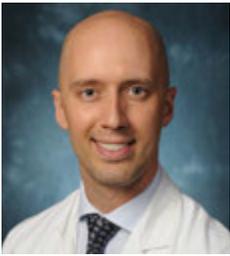


Troy DeRose, CRNP and **Joseph Curry, MD** presented during Pharmacology Day and **Maureen Murphy, CRNP** and **Troy DeRose, CRNP** instructed at the Suture and Knot Tying Course on September 9, 2022 at the **46th Annual Congress and Educational Symposium of SOHN** – the Society of Head and Neck Nurses which was held in Philadelphia, PA.

Jefferson Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery hosted the **5th Annual Jefferson Sialendoscopy Course** on September 10, 2022. Expert faculty from across the country joined **David Cognetti, MD, Joseph Curry, MD** and **David Rosen, MD** in teaching sialendoscopy techniques to attendees from around the world. This was the first hands-on sialendoscopy course since the pandemic and our residents did an outstanding job supporting the learners in the lab. Later on in the week, Dr. Cognetti had the opportunity to take Phillippe Katz, MD for a cheesesteak. Dr. Katz is credited with being the first to describe sialendoscopy in 1991, and he was excited to see that Pat’s King of Steaks is on Wharton (duct) Street!



Mindy Rabinowitz, MD presented *“Nasal Malignancies Panel: Principles and Decision Making”* at the **American Rhinologic Society Meeting** on September 10, 2022 along with Kibwei McKinney, MD from the University of Oklahoma, Michael Rabinowitz, MD of Wills Eye Hospital, **Judd Fastenberg, MD (RF’19)** of Northwell Health and Benjamin Bleier, MD of Massachusetts Eye and Ear.



Christopher Fundakowski, MD served as course faculty for the ACS Ultrasound Course: **Thyroid, Parathyroid and Neck Ultrasound Skills-Oriented Course** which was held on September 10, 2022.

Maurits Boon, MD and **Colin Huntley, MD** served as program directors, along with Raj Dedhia, MD and Erica Thaler, MD, for the **International Surgical Sleep Society Meeting** held at the Loews Hotel in Philadelphia prior to the AAO-HNS Conference.



Richard Goldman, MD served as a co-director for the pre-AAO-HNS Conference Workshop *“Worst Case Scenarios: Managing OTO Emergencies in Practice.”*

Ryan Heffelfinger, MD served as lead instructor with instructors **Vanessa Christopher, MD (PGY5)** and **Howard Krein, MD, PhD** and **Lauren Schlegel (SKMC MS4)** for the Instruction Course: *Tap-tap! Learning Nasal Osteotomy Technique on 3D Printed Models* at the AAO-HNS conference on September 11, 2022.



Gurston Nyquist, MD created an Olfactory Dysfunction Working Group that met for the first time in Philadelphia on Sunday, September 11, 2022. In conjunction with colleagues at Monell Chemical Senses Center, the meeting consisted of 20 national leaders in smell and taste dysfunction. Goals for this working group include creating a multicenter, prospective trial in treatment for post-viral olfactory dysfunction, standardizing objective reporting on smell and taste loss and advocating for dedicated CPT codes for objective olfactory testing.

It was an honor to welcome **Kathleen Yaremchuk, MD**, newly installed President of the American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery, to Jefferson to present Otolaryngology Grand Rounds on September 14, 2022. Dr. Yaremchuk’s presentation, *“That Moment- Gender Equity in Otolaryngology,”* was well received by our Grand Rounds attendees.



2022 AAO-HNS Presentations

Pre-Conference Courses/Meetings

Saturday 9/10

5th Annual Jefferson Sialoendoscopy CME Course; Course Directors: **David Cognetti, MD** and **Joseph Curry, MD;** 8 a.m.–4 p.m., Thomas Jefferson University Campus

ACS Ultrasound Course: Thyroid, Parathyroid, and Neck Ultrasound Skills-Oriented Course; Course Faculty: **Christopher Fundakowski, MD;** 8 a.m.–4 p.m., Room 118BC

International Surgical Sleep Society Meeting; Program Directors: **Maurits Boon, MD, Colin Huntley, MD, Raj Dedhia, MD** and **Erica Thaler, MD;** Loews Philadelphia Hotel

Workshop

Monday 9/12

Worst Case Scenarios: Managing OTO Emergencies in Practice; Workshop Co-Directors: **Richard Goldman, MD, Ted Gomez, MD, Katherine Kavanagh, MD** and **Gene Liu, MD;** 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Thomas Jefferson University Campus

Expert Lectures, Oral Presentations and Panel Discussions

Sunday 9/11

Panel Discussion: **Advanced & Aggressive Thyroid Cancer – Evolving Diagnostic & Therapeutic Options;** Moderator: **Elizabeth Cottrill, MD,** Panelists: **Gregory Randolph, MD, David Shonka, MD, Mark Zafereo, MD, Lori Wirth, MD;** 10:45–11:45 a.m., Room 113B

Instruction Course: **Tap-tap! Learning Nasal Osteotomy Technique on 3D Printed Models;** Lead Instructor: **Ryan Heffelfinger, MD,** Instructors: **Vanessa Christopher, MD, Howard Krein, MD, PhD, Lauren Schlegel, MS4;** 10:45–11:45 a.m., Room 113A

Panel Discussion: **Non-opioid Pain Control Strategies Following Transoral Robotic Surgery (TORS) for Oropharyngeal Cancer;** Moderator: **Abie Mendelsohn, MD,** Panelists: **Joseph Curry, MD, Ron Karni, MD, Abie Mendelsohn, MD, Kathryn Van Abel, MD;** 1–2 p.m., Room 108A

Oral Presentation: **Nuances in COVID Related Olfactory Dysfunction – An Observational Study;** Presenting Author: **Glen D'Souza, MD,** Co-Authors: **Alexander Duffy, MD, Theodore Klug, MD, MPH, Mark Chaskes, MD, Gurston Nyquist, MD, David Rosen, MD;** 5:33–5:38 p.m., Room 108A

Monday 9/12

Oral Presentation: **Transfusion and Vasopressors Outcomes in Head and Neck Patients Undergoing Free Flap Reconstruction;** Presenting Author: **Maria Armache, MD,** Co-Authors: **Eric Mastrolonardo, MD, Vivian Xu, MD, Uche Nwagu, MD, Aameya Jategaonkar, MD,** Senior Author: **Joseph Curry, MD;** 8:18–8:23 a.m., Room 113A

Oral Presentation: **Gender Differences Among Microvascular Reconstruction Surgeons: The Myth of Having It All;** Presenting Author: **Sara Hobday, BA,** Co-Authors: **Ariel Frost, MD,** Senior Author: **Leila Mady, MD, PhD, MPH;** 8:24–8:29 a.m., Room 113A

Panel Discussion: **Hypoglossal Nerve Surgery: Which Patients and Which Procedure?** Moderators: **Martin Hopp, MD, Ph.D,** and **Maurits Boon, MD** Panelists: **Maria Suurna, MD, Mark D'Agostino, MD;** 9:15–10:15 a.m., Room 123

Oral Presentation: **The Effects of Multimodal Analgesia and Patient Education on Postoperative Opioid Consumption in Otolaryngology Surgery;** Presenting Author: **Joann Butkus, BS,** Co-Authors: **Samiat Awosanya, MS, E. Reilly Scott, BS, Natalie Perlov, Thomas Willcox, MD,** Senior Author: **Rebecca Chiffer, MD;** 9:45–9:50 a.m., Room 115B

Oral Presentation: **Treatment Outcomes of Expansion Sphincter Pharyngoplasty versus Continuous Positive Airway Pressure;** Presenting Author: **Michele Fiorella, MS,** Co-Authors: **Maria Armache, MD, Saad Bin Jamil, MD,** Presenting Author: **Maurits Boon, MD,** Senior Author: **Colin Huntley, MD;** 2:27–2:32 p.m., Room 123

Oral Presentation: **Patient Referral and Acceptance of Maxillomandibular Advancement for Obstructive Sleep Apnea;** Presenting Author: **Julianna Rodin, MD,** Co-Authors: **Michele Fiorella, MS, Arielle Best, Daniel Taub, MD, DDS, Maurits Boon, MD,** Senior Author: **Colin Huntley, MD;** 2:33–2:38 p.m., Room 123

Panel Discussion: **Technology Based Strategies for Optimizing Management of Hyperparathyroidism** Moderator: **Phillip Pellitteri, DO FACS,** Panelists: **David Shonka, MD, Julia Noet, MD, FACS, Elizabeth Cottrill, MD;** 3:45–4:45 p.m., Room 113B

Oral Presentation: **Evaluating Youtube Videos on Facelift Surgery for Facial Rejuvenation as a Resource for Patients;** Presenting Author: **Zachary Elliott, BS,** Co-Authors: **Joseph Lu, BS, Daniel Campbell, MD, Kevin Xiao, MD, Vanessa Christopher, MD,** Senior Author: **Ryan Heffelfinger, MD;** 3:57–4:03 p.m., Room 121AB

Oral Presentation: **Artificial Intelligence for Objectively Measuring Aesthetic Youthfulness After Facial Rejuvenation Surgery;** Presenting Author: **Zachary Elliott, BS,** Co-Authors: **Michele Fiorella, MS, Vanessa Christopher, MD, Alekya Bheemreddy, BA, Howard Krein, MD, PhD,** Senior Author: **Ryan Heffelfinger, MD;** 5–5:05 p.m., Room 121AB

Panel Discussion: **Biologics for CRS: What Every Otolaryngologist Needs to Know;** Moderator: **Amber Luong, MD, PhD,** Panelists: **John Bosso, MD, Marc Dubin, MD, Elina Toskala, MD, PhD, MBA;** 5–6 p.m., Room 122AB

Panel Discussion: **Selecting the Correct Palate Procedure for OSA and Its Role in Optimizing Upper Airway Stimulation Therapy;** Moderator: **Colin Huntley, MD,** Panelists: **Maurits Boon, MD, David Kent, MD, Clemens Heiser, MD, PhD;** 5–6 p.m., Room 123

Oral Presentation: **Topical Platelet Rich Plasma – A Novel Delivery Method for an Emerging Treatment of Olfactory Dysfunction;** Presenting Author: **Alexander Duffy, MD,** Co-Authors: **Glen D'Souza, MD, Mark Chaskes, MD, Theodore Klug, MD, MPH, Gurston Nyquist, MD,** Senior Author: **David Rosen, MD;** 5:24–5:29 p.m., Room 111AB

Oral Presentation: **Recovery Benefit with Total Intravenous Anesthesia in Patients Receiving Rhinoplasty;** Presenting Author: **Emily Sagalow, MD,** Co-Authors: **Leonard Estephan, BS, Ayan Kumar, MD, Michelle Hwang, MD, Howard Krein, MD, PhD,** Senior Author: **Ryan Heffelfinger, MD;** 5:36–5:41 p.m., Room 121AB

Tuesday 9/13

Panel Discussion: **Multi-modality Therapy for OSA Disease Management;** Personalizing Patient Care Moderator: **Maurits Boon, MD,** Panelists: **Colin Huntley, MD, Edward Weaver, MD, MPH, David Kent, MD;** 1–2 p.m., Room 123

Panel Discussion: **Debating Cost-Effective Head and Neck Surgery;** Moderator: **Larissa Sweeny, MD,** Panelists: **Mark Wax, MD, Joseph Curry, MD, Eric Genden, MD;** 1–2 p.m., Room 121AB

Panel Discussion: **Cancer Immunotherapy 102;** Moderator: **Larissa Sweeny, MD,** Panelists: **Joseph Curry, MD, Ravindra Uppaluri, MD, PhD, Raj Mandal, MD;** 2:15–3:15 p.m., Room 113A

Expert Lecture: **Eagle's Syndrome: Simplifying a Pain in the Neck;** Lead Presenter: **David Cognetti, MD;** 2:15–3:15 p.m., Room 113B

Oral Presentation: **Factors Associated with Cognitive Improvement After Surgery for Obstructive Sleep Apnea;** Presenting Author: **Michele Fiorella, MS,** Co-Authors: **Nicolas Zingas, BS, Emily Sagalow, MD, Zachary Elliott, BS, Maurits Boon, MD,** Senior Author: **Colin Huntley, MD;** 2:15–2:20 p.m., Room 123

Oral Presentation: **Predictors of Success of Expansion Sphincter Pharyngoplasty for Management of Obstructive Sleep Apnea;** Presenting Author: **Maria Armache, MD,** Co-Authors: **Kevin Xiao, MD, Daniel Campbell, MD,** Senior Authors: **Maurits Boon, MD, Colin Huntley, MD;** 2:57–3:02 p.m., Room 123

Panel Discussion: **Indeterminate Thyroid Nodules: Operate or Observe?;** Moderator: **Elizabeth Cottrill, MD,** Panelists: **David Goldenberg, MD, David Cohen, MD, Julia Noet, MD, FACS;** 3:45–4:45 p.m., Room 120BC

Panel Discussion: **What Every Otolaryngologist Needs to Know About Parotid Tumor Management;** Moderator: **Christopher Rassekh, MD,** Panelists: **David Cognetti, MD, Wojciech Mydlarz, MD, Robert Witt, MD;** 5–6 p.m., Room 113A

Panel Discussion: **Chronic Cough: Addressing Multifactorial Sources;** Moderator: **Angela Donaldson, MD,** Panelists: **Joseph Han, MD, Elina Toskala, MD, PhD, MBA, Jonathan Bock, MD;** 5–6 p.m., Room 111AB

Expert Lecture: **Hernias, Heartburn and Hoarseness: When Reflux Needs a Knife;** Lead Presenter: **Olugbenga Okusanya, MD,** Co-Presenter: **Joseph Spiegel, MD;** 5–6 p.m., Room 119A

Wednesday 9/14

Panel Discussion: **Care Giver Burden, Social and Economic Disparities and Palliation in the Pediatric Tracheostomy Population;** Moderator: **Allison Tobey, MD,** Panelists: **Kaitlin Ostrander, MD, Jeffrey Simons, MD, MMM, Leila Mady, MD, PhD, MPH,** 8–9 a.m., Room 105AB

Oral Presentation: **Rates of Recurrent Laryngeal Nerve Injury in Open Cricopharyngeal Myotomy and Zenker Diverticulum Repair;** Presenting Author: **Michele Fiorella, MS,** Co-Authors: **Sana Siddiqui, MD, Joseph Spiegel, MD, Maurits Boon, MD,** Senior Author: **Colin Huntley, MD;** 9:15–9:20 a.m., Room 119B

Panel Discussion: **Frontal Sinus Surgery for the General Otolaryngologist;** Moderator: **Abtin Tabae, MD,** Panelists: **Gurston Nyquist, MD, Jeffrey Suh, MD, Richard Harvey, MD,** PhD; 9:15–10:15 a.m., Room 103AB

Oral Presentation: **A Comparison of Oral Steroid Use in AERD Patients Treated with Sinus Surgery, Aspirin Sensitization, and Biologics;** Presenting Author: **Rahul Alapati, BS,** Senior Author: **Elina Toskala, MD, PhD, MBA,** Co-Authors: **Glen D'Souza, MD, Gurston Nyquist, MD, Mindy Rabinowitz, MD, Marc Rosen, MD;** 10:09–10:14 a.m., Room 107AB

Panel Discussion: **Role of Biologics and Surgery in Difficult to Treat CRSwNP: Who, What, When?;** Moderator: **Gurston Nyquist, MD,** Panelists: **Stella Lee, MD, Joseph Han, MD, Elina Toskala, MD, PhD, MBA;** 10:30–11:30 a.m., Room 126A

Panel Discussion: **The Not So Silent Sinus Syndrome;** Moderator: **Blair Barton, MD,** Panelists: **Edward McCoull, MD, MPH, Gurston Nyquist, MD, Marc Rosen, MD;** 11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m., Room 111AB

Poster Presentations

Poster Pavilion

Sunday 9/11

Postoperative Opioid Guidelines Reduce Prescription Size and Use without Impact on Patient Satisfaction; Authors: **Sophia Dang, MD; Rana T, Daniels K, Li JC, Duffy A, Cognetti D;** 12–1 p.m.

Impact of Nutritional Status on Free Flap Outcomes via a Large Cohort Database; Authors: **Michelle Fiorella, MS; Elliott Z, Valentini C, Kumar A, Schlegel L, Krein H, Heffelfinger R;** 2:15–3:15 p.m.

Trial in Progress: Preliminary Data on Impact of a Virtual Reality 3D Modeling Protocol on Surgeon Task Load Burden; Authors: **Richard Wu, MPH; Fiorella, M, Jegede, V, Kumar, A, Siddiqui, S, Curry, J;** 2:15–3:15 p.m.

Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy for Orbital Adnexal Melanoma; Authors: **Sana Siddiqui, MD; Elliot Z, Duffy A, Fiorella M, Corr A, Curry J;** 2:15–3:15 p.m.

BMI and Soft Tissue Infection after Parotidectomy – A Large Database Study; Authors: **Zachary Urdang, MD PhD; Heffelfinger, R;** 2:15–3:15 p.m.

Clinical Significance of Incidental Head and Neck Findings in a Large Community-based Lung Cancer Screening Cohort; Authors: **Lauren Schlegel, BS; Bertoni, D, Armache, M, Cottrill, E;** 2:15–3:15 p.m.

Laryngotracheal Reconstruction by Osteocutaneous Radial Forearm Free Flap form Invasive Papillary Thyroid Carcinoma; Authors: **Ayan Kumar, MD; Hjelm, N, Swenseid, B, Curry, J, Luginbuhl, A;** 2:15–3:15 p.m.

Monday 9/12

Diagnosing Midline Neck Masses: Comparing Clinical Exam, the SIST Score, and the 4S Algorithm; Authors: **Dylan Bertoni, MD, Saul, D, May L, Kim, S, Aaronson, N;** 2:45–3:30 p.m.

Comparison of Telemedicine versus In-Person Postoperative Appointments following Drug-Induced Sleep Endoscopy; Authors: **Kevin Xiao, MD, Campbell D, Awosanya S, Boon M, Huntley, C;** 2:45–3:30 p.m.

Analyzing Jefferson ENT Specialty Clinic in Partnership with the Sleep Medicine Clinic for Patient Follow Up; Authors: **Talar Kachechian, DO; Doghranji, K, Huntley, C;** 2:45–3:30 p.m.

Jefferson Oto in the News



Congratulations to **Natalie Perlov (SKMC MS3)**, who has been working with our audiology team, on receiving a grant from the Goldman Humanism Society for her efforts on her project, DEAFMed: Deaf Education and Awareness For Medical Students. Read more about her project in the Nexus by clicking the photo or this link [Medical Student Aims to Increase Health Professionals' Understanding of Deaf Patients](#), or go to <https://bit.ly/3MrIIOK>.

Doximity recently ranked Jefferson Otolaryngology residency training program #14 in the nation out of 128 programs for reputation. Kudos to Program Director **Maurits Boon, MD**, Associate Program Directors **Elizabeth Cottrill, MD** and **Colin Huntley, MD** as well as Education Coordinator **Karen Keane** and all of our faculty for their dedication to providing the highest quality of education and training to our residents.



AAO-HNSF 2022: Forward Together and Back Together

 **David Cognetti, MD, FACS** • Otolaryngology (ENT)
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David Cognetti, MD wrote an article for Op-Med reflecting on the theme of the AAO-HNSF 2022 Annual Meeting and OTO Experience, "*Forward Together*," which was hosted in Philadelphia from 9/10 - 9/14. This year's meeting was a great success after the pandemic forced the 2020 meeting to be done virtually and significantly impacted the in-person attendance during the 2021 meeting. Click to read the full article at [AAO-HNSF 2022: Forward Together and Back Together](#) or go to <https://bit.ly/3ComJOn>.

Spotlight On Research



Congratulations to **Laila Mady, MD, PhD, MPH**! Her application, "*Understanding Financial Toxicity in Oncology Care and Implications on Symptom Burden*" was selected as the awardee for the American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grant for a one-year cycle that began on August 1, 2022 and ends on July 31, 2023.

Audiology Updates

Jefferson Otolaryngology's audiology division has been growing rapidly and we are happy to announce that three of our audiologists have been promoted into leadership roles to facilitate continued success of the division.



Irina Middleton, AuD, has been named **Audiology Research and Ototoxicity Monitoring Program Coordinator** and is currently spearheading two audiology research studies and the audiology team is involved in multiple research studies within the department as well as in studies collaborating with other Jefferson departments. Dr. Middleton was also instrumental in the creation and implementation of our ototoxicity monitoring (OTM) program for our head and neck cancer patients. As the Audiology Research and Ototoxicity Monitoring Program Coordinator, Dr. Middleton will help facilitate continued growth and improvement of our research and OTM program endeavors.



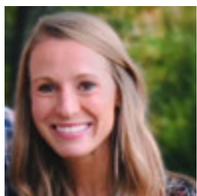
Anna Bixler, AuD, will serve as **Audiology Amplification and Tinnitus Program Coordinator**. In addition to her clinical responsibilities, Dr. Bixler has been influential in enhancing our hearing aid and tinnitus programs by successfully combining best clinical practice with fiscally responsible business models. The world of amplification and tinnitus is growing exponentially and as this market continues to evolve, both in terms of technology and patient needs/preferences, Dr. Bixler is the ideal candidate to spearhead efforts surrounding these important rehabilitative services which will not only differentiate us from our competitors but will also ensure optimal patient care as well as sound fiscal health of the program.



Jennifer Poston, PhD will serve as **Audiology Operations Manager**. She has been instrumental in day-to-day audiology operations including creating standard operating procedures for several audiology processes, creating and maintaining all provider schedules to ensure proper staff allocation, and promoting quality and performance standards for improved patient care. As the Audiology Operations Manager, Dr. Poston will serve as leader in day-to-day audiology activities and liaison to other parts of our department, both of which will undoubtedly allow our audiologists, students, and audiology technicians to provide better patient care.

Welcome to the Team

We would like to welcome our newest audiologist in Center City, **Jacob Hulswit, AuD**. Jake earned his doctoral degree in audiology in 2021 from the University of Washington.



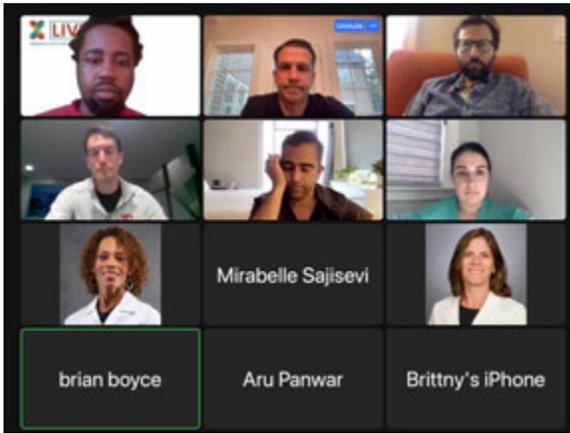
Alexandra Shugarts, AuD recently joined Jefferson Otolaryngology and will see patients in Center City and Meadowbrook. Alex completed her graduate degree at the University of Tennessee and most recently worked at Charleston ENT.

Congratulations Paula Marcinkevich, AuD on her retirement

Dr. Marcinkevich's service (nearly 30 years!) and dedication to providing the highest quality of patient care was recently celebrated on the occasion of her retirement from the department. We wish Paula the best in retirement and will miss her greatly!



Alumni News



When the Head and Neck Surgery Education Committee of American Academy of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery Foundation had its Focused Lifelong Education Xperience (FLEX) kickoff meeting in July, 2022, Jefferson was well represented. In addition to **David Cognetti, MD**, alumni **Patrick Tassone, MD (R '18)**, **Larissa Sweeny, MD (H&N F '18)**, and **Brian Boyce, MD (H&N F '15)** also serve on the committee.

We had the honor of welcoming back **Michael Topf, MD (R'19)**, Assistant Professor of Otolaryngology at Vanderbilt University along with **Kayvon Sharif (MS4 at Vanderbilt)** to the department to deliver a Ground Rounds presentation on July 20, 2022 entitled *"The CAD Margin: Ex Vivo 3D Specimen Mapping to Improve Communication Between Surgeons and Pathologists."*



It was a privilege to welcome back **Ryan Rimmer, MD (R'20)**, Assistant Professor of Otolaryngology at Yale School of Medicine to the department to present Grand Rounds on September 7, 2022. His presentation, *"Endoscopic Skull Base Surgery: Evolution and Future Directions,"* was well received by our Grand Rounds attendees.



HEY –
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What are you up to?
What's the good news?

We want to
hear from you!

Email your news
and happenings to
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Achievements and Congratulations



On September 22, 2022, **Danielle DeMaio-DeAngelis, MHA, COPM**, Department Administrator was presented with the **Patrick Connolly Lifetime Achievement Award** at the Annual Meeting of ASCENT, the Administrator Support Community for ENT. Danielle was presented the prestigious award for her significant contributions to the association in a variety of volunteer roles including having served as a past president, program chair, deputy and chair of the education committee and COPM advisory board. The Connolly award was established in 2005 to honor a member of ASCENT who had dedicated significant time and energy in volunteer hours to the organization to help advance it's mission and to recognize the member's lifelong contributions to move the association forward. Since its inception, the Patrick Connolly Lifetime Achievement Award has only been awarded seven times. This is a huge honor and we are extremely proud of Danielle and this well-deserved recognition of her contributions to our department and specialty!

Congratulations to **Christopher Fundakowski, MD** for being selected for a three-year term on the American College of Surgeon's Cancer Surgery Standards Program Content Development Committee. As part of the committee, he will be responsible for developing standards for the technical conduct of oncologic surgery and providing recommendations to National Cancer Data Base on surgical data items and quality measures.



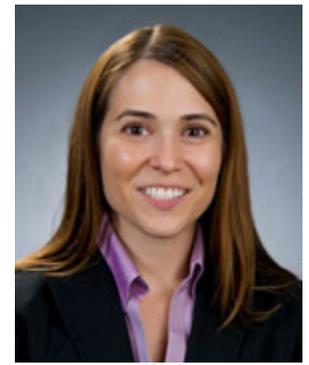
Congratulations to **Marc Rosen, MD, Gurston Nyquist, MD** and **Mindy Rabinowitz, MD** for their paper with the Department of Neurosurgery at Jefferson, *Postoperative Oral Antibiotics and Sinonasal Outcomes Following Endoscopic Transsphenoidal*

Surgery for Pituitary Tumors Study: A Multicenter, Prospective, Randomized, Double-Blinded, Placebo-Controlled Study, which was named the 2022 Neurosurgery Paper of the Year by the Congress of Neurological Surgeons. The paper was presented at the Annual Congress of Neurological Surgeons in San Francisco in October, 2022.

The Pennsylvania Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Society (PAO-HNS) was the recipient of the American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery Foundation (AAO-HNSF) **2022 Board of Governors (BOG) Model Society Award**. This prestigious honor recognizes an outstanding society that exhibits effective leadership, institutes Academy and Foundation programs, and furthers Academy goals through active participation in the BOG. The award was presented to **David Cognetti, MD**, the current President of the PAO-HNS and **Jessyka Lighthall, MD**, President-Elect of PAO-HNS at the 126th Annual Meeting of the AAO-HNSF by **Troy Woodard, MD**, the Chair of the BOG.



Congratulations to **Heather Nardone, MD** for being recognized by The American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery as an Honor Award recipient for 2022. Dr. Nardone is one of only 60 members being so recognized, out of approximately 14,000 total Academy members. The award recognizes her for meritorious service, over a long period of time, in advancing the academic, research, educational and advocacy missions of the Academy, most notably through her leadership in committee roles.



Congratulations to **Adam Luginbuhl, MD** and **Ryan Heffelfinger, MD** who were promoted to the rank of Professor of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery this summer.

Otolaryngology Events: Looking Back



Leila Mady, MD, MPH virtually presented at the Head and Neck Cancer Survivorship Symposium on August 18, 2022. Her presentation, "*Financial Burden of Head and Neck Cancer,*" touched on how head and neck cancer patients carry a large financial burden with their treatment and how healthcare providers can help with this aspect in patient care.

On August 4, 2022, **Mindy Rabinowitz, MD** virtually presented on Endoscopic Approaches to Orbital Pathology at the 4th IndoRhino conference hosted in Makassar, Indonesia.



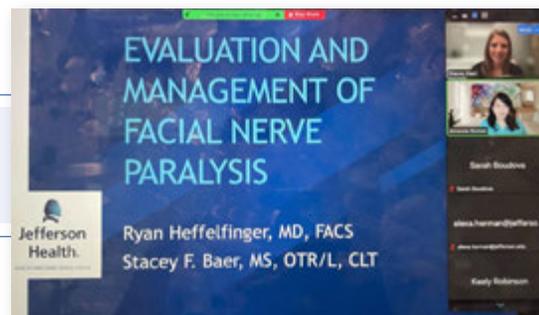
Elina Toskala, MD, PhD, MBA, the Chair for Women in Rhinology, hosted a Networking Event and also participated in a panel on the topic "*Non-Biologic Medical Management of Sinonasal Polyposis*" on July 29, 2022.

David's Dream and Believe Cancer Foundation (DDBCF) hosted its Summer Soiree at Long Beach Island on August 12, 2022. The event raised \$115,000 for its mission to provide financial assistance, wellness resources and patient support to families affected by a cancer diagnosis. We are very grateful to the DDBCF for the support provided to our department that directly benefits our patients. Present at the event (pictured l to r) were **David Cognetti, MD**, Missy Cognetti, MD, David Caldarella, Aimee Peirce, Michelle Phillip, and Gabi Stankosh.



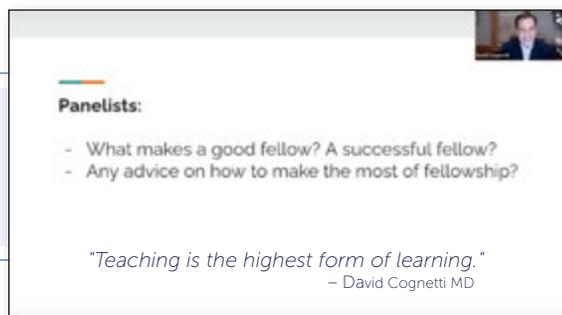
Leila Mady, MD, PhD, MPH attended the *"Survivorship After Cancer of the Head and Neck: A Multidisciplinary Symposium"* which was held in Pittsburgh, PA on August 1 and 2, 2022. This symposium provided fundamental information for clinicians to deliver comprehensive survivorship care for their head and neck cancer patients. Dr. Mady ran into a familiar face at the symposium as well -- **Susan McCammon, MD**, who was the visiting professor at our annual research symposium in May of this year.

Stacey F. Baer, MS, OTR/L, CLT presented at the Jefferson Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology lecture series on *"Evaluation and Management of Facial Nerve Paralysis"* on July 27, 2022.

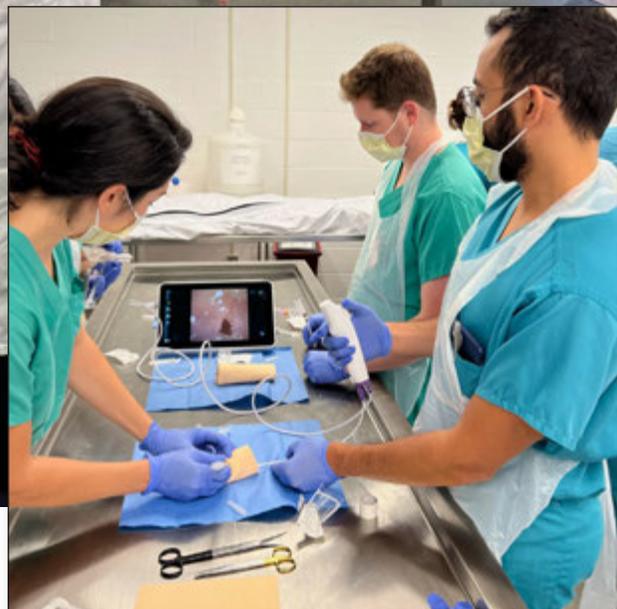
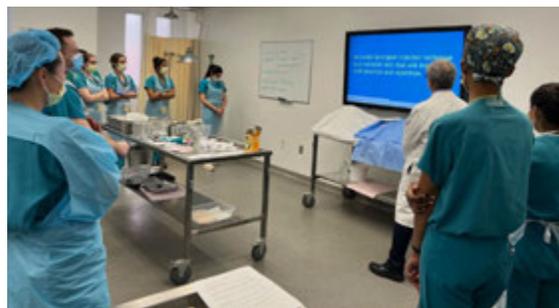


David Cognetti, MD presented at the Harvard Medical School 2022 Sialendoscopy Symposium on July 16, 2022. He moderated the section Sialendoscopy, What's Next? and presented a talk entitled *"Avoiding Complications."*

David Cognetti, MD participated in the American Head and Neck Society Virtual Tumor Board on July 6, 2022 which discussed important information for head and neck fellows in preparation for their careers as attending head and neck surgeons.



Our residents participated in a laryngeal injection cadaver course on September 21, 2022 led by **Maurits Boon, MD** and **Joseph Spiegel, MD**. They had the opportunity to experience hands-on demonstrations of transcutaneous injections and vocal cord medialization, also known as thyroplasty.





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Elina Toskala, MD, PhD, MBA was invited to speak virtually at the ENT Allergy Grand Rounds at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center on **September 16, 2022**. Her presentation, *"Allergy and Biologics for Otolaryngologist - What Do You Need to Know?"* was well received by the attendees of the virtual Grand Rounds.

Upcoming Events

APRIL 12, 2023

Annual Louis Clerf Lecture in Otolaryngology

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Giving Back



Our team took part in the **Mi Salud Head and Neck Cancer Screening** on **August 30, 2022**. The team was able to complete 36 screenings with four patients referred for follow up care.



Zachary Urdang, MD, PhD and **Leila Mady, MD, PhD, MPH** organized a head and neck cancer education and screening event at the Lansdale Health and Wellness Festival on August 27, 2022. This is the first of several planned Jefferson Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center Head and Neck Cancer Screening Events made possible by generous support from the Philadelphia 76ers. It was a beautiful day for community impact! Thank you to our volunteers pictured above including medical students **Lauren, Mengyi, Bryce,** and **Keirnan,** Dr. Mady, research fellows **Victor Jegede** and **Zachary Urdang, MD** and **David Cognetti, MD**.



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