

Agenda
 AHNS-ES Business Meeting
 April 26, 2022
 Dallas, TX

Opening

Brendan Stack and Michael Singer

Chair and Co-Chair called the meeting to order, and introductions were made.

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Committee Reports

International

Mark Zafereo and Claudio Cernea

Pre-Pandemic the international committee had joint meetings with sister societies. One of the notable meetings was with the Brazilian Head and Neck society, which Dr. Claudio Cernea coordinated; this was well attended by AHNS members. More recently, the committee had a virtual collaboration with LATS and would like to collaborate with other international societies. The committee plans on attending the Brazilian head and neck society and the LATS meeting next year and hopes to have more joint sessions. Committee would like to re-engage APTS. Other Societies to engage with: Middle Eastern Society and European Head and Neck Society.

International Graves' disease paper:

The committee has been brainstorming to reinstate efforts for this project. The committee is currently considering potential leads for the project. Several international societies have already committed to the project.

The Committee would like the paper to focus primarily on perioperative issues around Graves' disease. Jennifer Shin will assist with the statistics component of the paper.

Action items:

Solicit volunteers/leads for this project.

Suggestions for other international societies that the committee can/should collaborate with in the future.

Research

Nishant Agrawal and Julia Noel

The research committee currently consists of 10 members. The committee's primary goal is to facilitate high impact, multi-institutional studies. Ideally, the committee would like to eventually move away from single institutional studies across the board. The committee has established a process for introducing, discussing, and formalizing study ideas.

The committee also provides opportunity for participation from section members (either as PI or collaborator). The committee is also working to create an infrastructure for streamlined collaboration across institutions through central agreements, institutional approval and agreements, data collection resources, data storage and sharing.

Current Projects:

Parathyroid Disease study:

This project builds upon the work of Louise Davies, Mirabelle Sajisevi and Lisa Caulley who did a study on the mode of thyroid nodule detection last year. The purpose of this study is to assess the mode of detection for patients with parathyroid disease that go on to surgery.

PIs: Mirabelle Sajisevi & Antoine Eskander

Thyroid Cancer study:

The purpose of this study is to describe outcomes in patients with recurrent Hurthle cell carcinoma and the efficacy of treatment with surgery, radioactive iodine, external beam radiation, chemotherapy, and immunotherapy.

The committee hopes that the protocols that come out of this study can be generalized to papillary, follicular and any other clinical outcomes others might be interested in for thyroid cancer prognosis.

PI: Dan Rocke

QOL in thyroid surgery:

This project is to be conducted in collaboration with the patient education committee. This project will look at pre-operative expectations in thyroid cancer patients and relation to post-operative quality of life. The purpose of this study is to describe prospectively preoperative HRQOL (QOL-CS Thyroid) and treatment-expectations in patients undergoing thyroid surgery using ThyroidEx across multiple institutions. Evaluate the impact of ThyroidEx on post-operative QOL.

PIs: Vaninder Dhillon, Amanda Silver, Miriam Lango (collaboration with Patient Education committee)

Action Items:

Solicit volunteers as these projects become more formalized.

Members are encouraged to submit their study ideas to the committee chairs.

Technology

Jon Russell and David Shonka

The technology committee members have actively been involved in respective projects and technologies that have come along from other committees. The majority of the committee's projects have been done by individual members of the committee i.e. radio frequency ablation, genetic and medical oncology drugs for thyroid cancer, parathyroid autofluorescence. The chairs would like the committee to develop projects as a unit, as opposed to individual projects.

The committee is currently working on the idea of having vendor tents at the International meeting; where vendors can display all their different medical devices and attendees will be able to try out displayed devices. The committee plans on developing proposals for a written program, oral program, hands-on program for the international meeting.

Professional Education

Joseph Scharpf and Marika Russell

Projects that the committee is working on include:

- Agenda for the Thyroid/Parathyroid course for residents at COSM 2022.
- Webinar schedule for 2022-2023. 3 webinar topics for this year: Locally advanced thyroid cancer (May), Parathyroid conference with LATS (September), an update for treatment for anaplastic cancers (December)
- Joint meeting program with international colleagues and international outreach committee.
- Involved with the Journal club- September 14th

Action Item:

Members are encouraged to submit ideas for four upcoming webinars in 2023 to committee chairs.

Patient Education

Miriam Lango and Beth Cotrill

The committee has been working on a manuscript that describes the unmet needs of patients as they have gone through thyroid surgery. Dr. Silver, Dr. Lango and Dr. Dhillon created a survey, which had about 1400 responses. They published an initial manuscript outlining unmet needs. The second manuscript focuses on mixed method analysis evaluating the textual comments; outlining the unmet needs from a patient focused perspective. The committee would like to have a multi-institutional approach for the project as well and would potentially like to have other centers involved.

Action Item:

Members are encouraged to volunteer their respective institutions.

Social Media

Allen Ho and David Shonka

The committee hosts Twitter chats and collaborates with ThyCa. The collaboration with ThyCa allows survivors to share their experiences and ask medically related questions. The committee continues to monitor the different online communities and forums and have had great response to some of the social media posts. The American college of Surgeons endocrine community has the most social media interactions among members and individuals. The committee encourages members to participate in these social media interactions. The committee would like to host a webinar in collaboration with ThyCa. (*Pending approval*)

Pediatrics

Ken Kazahaya and Jeff Rastatter

The committee currently has 13 full members (ACS and AHNS), 8 future members (lacking either ACS or AHNS), 3 trainee members (ped-ENT fellows). The committee is currently focused on advocacy. The committee has advocated for appropriate guidelines for children with thyroid nodules and differentiated thyroid cancer.

Committee's research efforts:

- Research award at AHNS meeting
- Utilized a multi-institutional outcomes database created by our group
- International Neural Monitoring Study Group
- American Thyroid Association – Pediatric thyroid nodule guidelines team
- American Association of Clinical Endocrinology

The committee also has also worked on educational efforts via webinar.

Writing Projects

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Active Projects

Substernal goiters webinar in February was well attended. A paper is anticipated to follow. **Parathyroid Autofluorescence**- has gone through society approval and getting ready to be submitted to the publisher.

Upcoming activities

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Webinars

May 18th

September – Pending approval

December - Pending approval

Twitter:

June 6th Twitter Chat at 8PM EST

2023 International Head and Neck Conference, Montreal

Tentative Endocrine section Program:

July 8th: The section has been given 6 hours to develop a program for the international meeting.

2 hours will be designated for a vendor/industry activity.

6 hours CME

2 hours Non-CME

The section chairs are currently working on a proposal with meeting leaders.

*Subject to change***

Concerns/questions: COI, what are the benefits for vendors?

Please forward any questions or concerns to Brendan C. Stack, Jr., MD, section chair at bcstackjr@gmail.com or Michael Singer, MD, section Co-Chair, msinger1@HFHS.org