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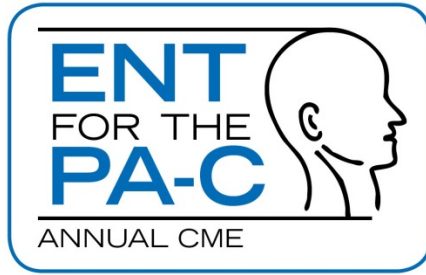
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This continuing medical education activity is specifically designed for physician assistants and other medical professionals working or interested in otolaryngology in primary care, urgent care, pediatric, and emergency room settings.

Lecture topics have been selected based on relevancy, practice need and audience requests from over ten years of lecture series. This program has been reviewed and is approved for a maximum of 102.00 hours (a maximum of 26 earnable by an individual) of AAPA Category 1 CME credit by the Physician Assistant Review Panel. Physician assistants should claim only those hours actually spent participating in the CME activity.



This program was planned in accordance with AAPA's CME Standards for Live Programs and for Commercial Support of Live Programs.

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Certificates

In order to receive your CME certificate as verification of attendance, you must complete the post-meeting survey that will be provided via e-mail following the conference. Upon completion, you may request an electronic certificate by emailing admin@entpa.org.

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Networking Reception

Join us for an opportunity to network with other attendees at the reception on Saturday evening. The reception will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Chicago Ballroom Foyer. We look forward to seeing you there for a drink and hors d'oeuvres!

Workshop Schedule

Workshops are optional and incur an additional fee for registration. All workshops held at hotel unless otherwise noted. Please note the workshop room name and floor. Lunch is on your own from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Friday, April 21

Airway Management Workshop: Adult

Sessions: 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., 6 – 8:00 p.m.

Room: Los Angeles – 5th Floor

Catherine Hart, MD

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Discuss and practice tracheostomy care techniques.
- Discuss and practice management for tracheostomy airway obstruction.
- Discuss and practice the management of tracheostomy airway leaks.
- Discuss and practice management for tracheostomy bleeding.
- Discuss indications for and practice cricothyrotomy.

Airway Management Workshop: Pediatric

Sessions: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Room: Los Angeles – 5th Floor

Catherine Hart, MD

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Discuss and practice pediatric tracheostomy care techniques
- Discuss and recognize differences in pediatric versus adult tracheostomy tubes
- Discuss and practice management for pediatric tracheostomy airway leaks
- Discuss and practice management for obstructed pediatric tracheostomy tubes
- Discuss indications for and practice tracheoscopy of pediatric tracheostomy tubes

Advanced Otology Workshop

Sessions: 7:30 – 9:30 a.m., 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 1- 3:00 p.m., 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Room: Houston/Kansas City – 5th Floor

Ryan Marovich, PA-C

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Practice removing cerumen impaction under microscope.
- Practice myringotomy.
- Practice ventilation tube insertion.
- Practice intra-tympanic membrane injection.

Basic Otology Workshop

Sessions: 10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., 1- 3:00 p.m., 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Room: Denver – 5th Floor

Jeff Fichera, PA-C

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Discuss normal, normal variant and abnormal otologic conditions.
- Demonstrate techniques for cerumen removal.
- Demonstrate techniques for foreign body removal from ear.
- Perform manual pneumatic otoscopy examination.

ENT Coding Workshop

Sessions: 1- 3:00 p.m., 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Room: Miami – 5th Floor

Marie Gilbert, PA-C

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Recognize the required components for ENT Specialty Evaluation and Management coding.
- Document appropriately to support medically necessary levels of E&M coding.
- Employ correct codes for ENT office procedures.

ENT Procedures Workshop

Sessions: 7:30 – 9:30 a.m., 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 1- 3:00 p.m., 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Room: Clark – 4th Floor

Nabilah Ali, PA-C

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Discuss indications for and practice removal nasal foreign body.
- Discuss indications for and practice control anterior epistaxis.
- Discuss indications for and practice control posterior epistaxis.
- Discuss indications for and practice fine needle aspiration.
- Discuss indications for and practice peritonsillar abscess drainage.
- Discuss indications for drainage auricular hematoma and practice splinting.

Flexible and Rigid Nasal Endoscopy Workshop: Advanced

Sessions: 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 1- 3:00 p.m., 3:30-5:30 p.m., 6 – 8:00 p.m.

Room: Armitage – 4th Floor

Marti Evans, PA-C

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Identify normal anatomy, normal variants and abnormal findings visible via flexible nasopharyngoscopy.
- Understand indications and perform flexible and rigid scope examination of the adult.
- Understand indications and perform flexible scope examination of a child/infant mannequin.
- Perform intranasal culture and sinus debridement using rigid scope for the adult.

Flexible Nasal Endoscopy Workshop: Basic

Sessions: 7:30 – 9:30 a.m., 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 1- 3:00 p.m.

Room: Belmont – 4th Floor

Cheryl Parnell, PA-C

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Discuss normal anatomy on flexible nasopharyngoscopy.
- Practice the use of the flexible nasopharyngoscope on mannequins.
- Practice the use of the flexible nasopharyngoscope on simulated patient.
- Understand and practice proper endoscope use and care.

Vertigo Workshop

Sessions: 7:30 – 9:30 a.m., 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 1- 3:00 p.m.

Room: Scottsdale – 5th Floor

Mike Valdez, PA-C

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Discuss and demonstrate these components of the vertigo examination:
 - Neurological examination.
 - Romberg Test.
 - Fukada Stepping Test.
 - Dix-Hallpike.
- Demonstrate and practice canalith repositioning.

Videostroboscopy

Sessions: 7:30 – 9:30 a.m., 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Room: Miami – 5th Floor

Jeffrey Lehman, MD

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Recognize the usage and care of videostroboscopy equipment.
- Discuss indications for videostroboscopy examination of the adult.
- Identify normal anatomy, normal variants and abnormal findings visible via videostroboscopy
- Practice performing and recording a videostroboscopy exam on a simulated adult patient.

Lecture Schedule

LOCATION: General Sessions and Primary Track lectures will be held in rooms EFGH. Advanced Track lectures will be held in Los Angeles/Miami/Scottsdale. All lecture halls and registration are located on the 5th floor.

Saturday, April 22

6:30-7:30 a.m. **Registration and Continental Breakfast in Foyer**

7:30-8 a.m. **Opening Remarks (General Session)**
• Learn how to log your CME, and optimize your conference experience.

8-9 a.m. **Medical Diseases Associated with Rhinosinusitis (General Session)**

Anju Peters, MD

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Discuss the association between allergic rhinitis and chronic rhinosinusitis
- Discuss the association between asthma and chronic rhinosinusitis
- Discuss immunodeficiencies associated with chronic rhinosinusitis

9-10 a.m. **Rhinology Imaging: Case Studies (Primary Track)**

Kevin Welch, MD

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Understand the technology behind CT vs. MR imaging.
- Understand the anatomy of the nasal cavity and sinuses as viewed on CT and MR imaging.
- Learn from specific rhinology cases by reviewing CT and MRI scans.

9-10 a.m. **Biologics in the Tx of Sinusitis (Advanced Track)**

Anju Peters, MD

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Describe the monoclonal antibodies being studied in the treatment of chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyps
- Understand adverse effects associated with the biologics utilized in the treatment of chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyps
- Identify the ideal patient for biologics.

10-10:30 a.m. **Break and Exhibit Hall Open**

10:30-11:30 a.m. CRS - Adult and Peds (Primary Track)

Robert Kern, MD

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Define chronic rhinosinusitis.
- Recognize the causes and treatments of chronic rhinosinusitis .
- Explain the natural history of the disease and the goals of treatment.

10:30-11:30 a.m. Smell and Taste Disorders (Advanced Track)

Bruce Tan, MD

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Describe the physiology of smell and taste perception.
- Recognize the possible causes of smell or taste dysfunction.
- Employ available therapies for dysosmia and dysgeusia.

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Can You Hear Me? Interpretation of Audiograms (Primary Track)

Lindsay Weberling, AuD

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Explain the physiological processes of hearing and how they relate to the audiogram.
- Analyze audiograms to identify the type of hearing loss and possible etiologies and treatments associated with each type of hearing loss.
- Describe the different types of test measures that can be performed for different patient populations based on age and cognitive abilities.

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Current Management of LPR (Advanced Track)

Miguel Valdez, PA-C

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Learn normal vs abnormal upper aerodigestive physiology.
- Recognize those symptoms that are typical of LPR.
- Offer a management plan for those identified as having LPR.

12:30 -1:30 p.m. Lunch & Exhibit Hall Open in Foyer

1:30-2:30 p.m. Facial Trauma (Primary Track)

Grant Needham, PA-C

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Perform the proper workup of a suspected facial fracture.
- Recognize the various types of facial fractures.
- Manage postop care of facial fractures appropriately.

1:30-2:30 p.m.

Pediatric Feeding and Swallowing Problems (Advanced Track)

James Schroeder, MD

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Explain the 4 phases of a normal swallow.
- Discuss the indications for and limitations of a Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES) and Video Fluoroscopic Swallowing Study (VFSS).
- Appropriately refer a patient for breastfeeding FEES exam.

2:30-3:30 p.m.

Sudden SNHL - CPG (Primary Track)

Alan Micco, MD

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Recognize the signs and symptoms of a sudden hearing loss.
- Appropriately work up a patient with sudden hearing loss.
- Provide appropriate therapy for patients with sudden hearing loss.

2:30-3:30 p.m.

Evaluation and Decision for Tracheostomy (Advanced Track)

Catherine Hart, MD

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Describe the indications for tracheostomy in pediatric and adult patients.
- Identify patient factors that influence the decision regarding tracheostomy.
- Discuss alternatives to tracheostomy.

3:30-4 p.m.

Break & Exhibit Hall Open

4-5 p.m.

Pediatric Tonsillectomy – Safe Care and CPG (Primary Track)

David Tunkel, MD

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Recognize the risk factors for respiratory compromise after adenotonsillectomy in young children.
- Discuss the controversies concerning use of narcotic medications in young children after adenotonsillectomy.
- Explain the indications for tonsillectomy in children as advanced by the AAO-HNS clinical practice guideline on tonsillectomy in children.

4-5 p.m.

Implantable Hearing Devices (Advanced Track)

Alan Micco, MD

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Differentiate the types of implantable hearing devices that are available.
- Identify patients that may be able to benefit from this technology.
- Recognize the potential benefits of these devices.

5-6 p.m.

Aspirin Exacerbated Respiratory Disease (General Session)

Whitney Stevens, MD

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Define the triad of symptoms that comprise Aspirin Exacerbated Respiratory Disease (AERD)
- Clinically differentiate between AERD and chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyps (CRSwNP)
- Explain treatment options to patients with AERD

6:30 – 8 p.m.

Reception in Chicago Ballroom Foyer

Sunday, April 23

6:30-7:30 a.m.

Registration

- Breakfast and lecture provided by Shire Rare Diseases. This lecture is not approved for CME.
- SPAO-HNS Membership meeting will be held in Los Angeles/Miami/Scottsdale

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

The Abnormal Ear - Otorrhea, RAOM, and Other Issues (Primary Track)

Jeffrey Fichera, PA-C

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Describe the differential diagnosis and initial management of the draining ear.
- Describe the natural history of Acute Otitis Media and its differential diagnosis.
- Correctly diagnose the abnormal ear, and develop and initiate a treatment plan.

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Postop Management of Transoral Robotic Surgery Patients (Advanced Track)

Brittany Gunville, PA-C

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Provide an overview of Transoral Robotic Surgery (TORS)
- Discuss the risk and benefits of undergoing TORS
- Perform appropriate post op management of TORS patients

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Basic E&M Coding in ENT (Primary Track)

Marie Gilbert, PA-C

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Recognize the three required components for Evaluation and Management coding.
- Utilize ENT specialty requirements instead of general requirements when indicated.
- Document to support appropriate level of coding.

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

**Sialendoscopy, Sialadenitis
(Advanced Track)**

Jay Pinto, MD

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Understand the pathophysiology underlying sialoadenitis
- Recognize the clinical presentation of sialoadenitis
- Identify medical and surgical treatment options, including sialendoscopy, for patients with sialoadenitis

9-10:00 a.m.

Break and Exhibit Hall Open

10:00 a.m.

Bidding for Silent Auction will Close

10:00-11:00 a.m.

Thyroid for the Novice (Primary Track)

James Gunn, PA-C

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Describe the laboratory and the diagnostic testing workup for patients with suspected thyroid dysfunction.
- Identify appropriate treatments options for patients with thyroid dysfunction.
- Apply current clinical practice guidelines for the initial evaluation and management of thyroid nodules.

10:00-11:00 a.m.

Syndrome Spotting (Advanced Track)

Laura Rosenthal, MD

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Name 10 syndromes often seen by otolaryngologists.
- Identify common otolaryngological manifestations of craniofacial syndromes.
- Recall which syndromes commonly affect the airway.
- Recall which syndromes are associated with hearing loss.

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Oral Lesions: Malignant or Benign?
(Primary Track)**

Sandeep Samant, MD

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Identify the clinical appearance and steps and initial management of benign lesions of oral cavity.
- Identify the clinical presentation and diagnostic workup of common malignant lesions affecting the oral cavity and oropharynx.
- Explain management of cancer of oral cavity and oropharynx.

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Thyroid Cancer Controversies
(Advanced Track)**

Jeffrey Lehman, MD

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Develop a systematic structured approach to the evaluation of the thyroid nodule.
- Understand the utility of genetic testing (Afirma gene) in the thyroid nodule biopsy.
- Develop a treatment plan and understand the role of surgery in the patient with thyroid nodules.

12:00 p.m.

Silent Auction Winners Announced

12:00-1:30 p.m.

Relationship-Centered Communication in Otolaryngology (Lunch & Learn)

Laura Kirk, PA-C

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Understand the importance and value of effective communication.
- Acknowledge communication barriers, with special attention to the computer, time limitations, and surgical specialty dynamics.
- Practice negotiating an agenda for a patient encounter, listening and responding with empathy, and collaborating with patients on a treatment plan.

1:30-2:30 p.m.

HPV and Head & Neck Cancer: Discussing it with your patients (Primary Track)

Trina Sheedy, PA-C

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Discuss epidemiology, transmission, and risk factors of HPV-related head & neck cancer.
- Identify the clinical presentation, workup, and treatment options for HPV-related head & neck cancer.
- Differentiate other oral lesions and other head & neck cancers from HPV-related head & neck cancer.

1:30-2:30 p.m.

VNG Interpretation (Advanced Track)

Ryan Marovich, PA-C

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Acquire a basic understanding of anatomy and physiology necessary to interpret vestibular testing.
- List the indications for obtaining a VNG and recognize limitations when interpreting these tests.
- Interpret properly each component of the VNG and effectively utilize these studies to aid in the diagnosis and treatment of the vertiginous patient.

2:30-3:30 p.m.

Managing Complications of Nasal Surgery (Primary Track)

David Conley, MD

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Recognize the immediate complications of Endoscopic Sinus Surgery

- Recognize the delayed complications of Endoscopic Sinus Surgery
- Triage and manage complications of Endoscopic Sinus Surgery

2:30-3:30 p.m. Pediatric Neck Masses (Advanced Track)

Stacey Ishman, MD

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Discuss the differential for neck masses in children.
- Distinguish between common neck masses in children.
- Examine the utility of imaging and laboratory studies in the workup of neck masses in children.

3:30-4:30 p.m. Roundtable Discussions on Practice Issues (General Session)

Jeffrey Fichera, PA-C, Laura Kirk, PA-C, Marie Gilbert, PA-C, Stacey Ishman, MD

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Discuss practice issues affecting PAs in Otolaryngology.
- Develop insight into solving issues in the Otolaryngology workplace.
- Cultivate a support system for medical and non-medical practice issues.

4:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Speakers

David Conley, MD

Dr. David Conley is an ENT-otolaryngologist in Chicago, Illinois and is affiliated with multiple hospitals in the area, including John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital of Cook County and Northwestern Memorial Hospital. He received his medical degree from University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine and has been in practice for more than 20 years.

Jeffrey S. Fichera, MS, PA-C, DFAAPA

Jeff Fichera is a PA with the Ear, Nose, and Throat Surgical Associates in Winter Park, Fla., where he has practiced since 1993. He received his PA degree from Alderson Broaddus College in West Virginia. Upon graduation he practiced rural medicine for several years prior to returning back to Florida in pursuit of Otolaryngology as a specialty. He is an adjunct instructor at the University of Central Florida since 2005 where he is an instructor of head and neck anatomy and physiology. His PhD is in Epidemiology.

Mr. Fichera practices with a large 10 physician ENT group where he practices general otolaryngology and head and neck surgery with a special interest in Trans Oral Robotic Surgery (TORS) as well as otitis media in children. In 2012 he was invited by the AAPA to represent PAs as a panel member with the AAO-HNSF developing the 2013 AAO-HNS Guidelines for Tympanostomy Tubes in Children, accepted for publication and presented at the 2013 annual AAO-HNS meeting.

Marie Gilbert, PA-C, DFAAPA

Marie Gilbert has been a PA for 36 years, all but two spent in Otolaryngology. She has worked in private practice as a PA and an office administrator, and is now semi-retired. She has been a preceptor, and continues as a lecturer for PAs. She is a Certified Professional Medical Auditor.

Mrs. Gilbert has been a SPAO member since its inception. She has served as SPAO's and AAPA's Liaison to AAO-HNSF, and on AAO-HNSF General Otolaryngology Education Committee and Physician Resource Committee. She is Medical Co-Director of this conference.

James Gunn, PA-C

James Gunn, MMS, PA-C is an instructor in the Physician Assistant program at Midwestern University's School of Medicine. He has received the New Faculty Award for Professional Excellence by the Physician Assistant Education Association. He has published in the Laryngoscope and is a member of the Society of Physician Assistants in Otorhinolaryngology/Head & Neck Surgery.

Brittany Gunville, PA-C

Brittany is a PA at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia and has been practicing in ENT for over 2 years. She works in a large practice

with 15 surgeons, who perform over 100 TORS operations a year. She graduated from Philadelphia University and began her career in ENT after developing a passion for caring for head and neck cancer patients. Her daily responsibilities include caring for ENT patients admitted to the hospital.

Catherine Hart, MD

Catherine is the newest addition to the faculty at Cincinnati Children's. She has specialized training in pediatric airway reconstruction through her fellowship at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center under the guidance of Dr. Robin Cotton. She is pursuing additional training in quality improvement and outcomes research through the Quality Scholars Program at the James M. Anderson Center for Health Systems Excellence. Her research focus is on improving electronic data management to facilitate effective outcomes research and to improve healthcare delivery and outcomes for pediatric airway patients.

Stacey Ishman, MD

Stacey Ishman, MD, MPH is Surgical Director of the Upper Airway Center at the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and associate professor with the Divisions of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery and Pulmonary Medicine. She is also the Director of Otolaryngology Outcomes Research at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and Residency Research Director for the Department of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Cincinnati. She earned her medical degree from Rush Medical College and completed a residency in Otolaryngology at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Dr. Ishman then completed a fellowship in pediatric otolaryngology at Johns Hopkins and underwent advanced sleep training after she was a member of the faculty from 2005 through 2013. She served as the Director for the Center for Snoring and Sleep Apnea there. She obtained her MPH from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, is board certified in Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery and Sleep Medicine. She moved to Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center in and currently serves as the Surgical Director of the Upper Airway Center and is focused on treating children with persistent pediatric sleep apnea and adults with obstructive sleep apnea. Her research is centered on outcomes in adults and children after treatment for OSA. She also serves as the Chair for the Board of Governors and on the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery. In addition, she is the Annual Meeting Program Chair for the American Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology and Vice-President of the International Surgical Sleep Society.

SPAO-HNS would like to thank Dr. Ishman for all her support and work as Medical Co-Director of this conference.

Robert Kern, MD

Dr. Kern is the Chairman of the Department of Otolaryngology at Northwestern with a large clinical practice specializing in disorders of the nose and paranasal sinuses. He has a long history of clinical, translational

and collaborative basic science research in the area of chronic rhinosinusitis. In addition, he serves as the clinical director of NIH/NIAID, U19AI106683 (Title: Chronic Rhinosinusitis Integrative Studies Program (CRISP); Clinical, Laboratory and Data Management Core).

SPAO-HNS would like to thank Dr. Kern and the Department of Otolaryngology at Northwestern for hosting us!

Laura Kirk, PA-C

Laura A. Kirk, MSPAS, PA-C is the Senior Physician Assistant Supervisor in the University of California at San Francisco, Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery. She has been a PA for 17 years, working in general otolaryngology for 9 years. She has served as speaker liaison for this conference.

Laura models and teaches communication skills in the patient-encounter to PA and NP students and colleagues. Laura advocates for optimization of AHP practice broadly at UCSF and supervises her AHP colleagues in the Otolaryngology department. In these roles, she has found communication skills such as delivering difficult news, feedback and remediation coaching conversations, and conflict transformation techniques to be invaluable and well-worth cultivating in others. She is a facilitator in the Center for Enhancement of Communication in Healthcare at UCSF and enrolled in the American Academy for Communication in Healthcare national fellowship training as a Relationship-Centered Communication Facilitator.

Jeffrey J. Lehman, MD, FACS

Dr. Jeffrey J. Lehman serves as the Medical Director of The Voice Care Center at The Ear, Nose, Throat and Plastic Surgery Associates. His practice focuses on adult and pediatric otolaryngology and professional voice care as well as head and neck, sleep apnea, robotic and endoscopic sinus surgeries.

Throughout his career he has held several notable administrative appointments. From 1992-1993, 2002-2004 and 2008-2011 he served as the Chairman of the Otolaryngology Department for Florida Hospital. From 1996-1997, he was appointed the Chairman of the Otolaryngology Section of Winter Park Memorial Hospital and in 1998, he was on the Board of Directors at Celebration Health. In 2010-2011, he served as Chairman of Surgical Service Line Peer Review for Florida Hospital. Dr. Lehman was recently elected to be the Secretary/Treasurer of the Florida Hospital Medical Staff.

Over the course of his career he has won various awards, including being consistently named on "The Best Doctor in America" list, most recently 2009-2011. Throughout his career he has been involved in various research projects with numerous publications and presentations around the country to his credit. Dr. Lehman currently serves as a clinical professor for the University of Central Florida (UCF) College of Health and

Public Affairs and an associate clinical professor for both the UCF Medical School and the Florida State University College of Medicine.

He is board certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology and a fellow of the American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, the American College of Surgeons and the Florida Society of Otolaryngology; he is a member of Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society.

Ryan Marovich, PA-C

Ryan Marovich is a Physician Assistant at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center with a specific interest in treating patients with otology and balance disorders. Graduated from Gannon University with a masters degree in physician assistant sciences in 2009. Board member and student scholarship chairman for the Society of physician assistants in otolaryngology and head and neck surgery (SPO-HNS) since 2013.

Alan Micco, MD

Dr. Micco is a board certified Otolaryngologist, with subspecialty certification in Neurotology. He completed a fellowship in Otology and Neurotology, which is a subspecialty in Otolaryngology that deals with disorders and surgery of the ear and ear related skull base structures. His interests are in cochlear implants, cochlear implant research, middle ear implants, diseases of ear, skull base surgery, skull base tumors, Gamma Knife surgery, acoustic neuromas, neurofibromatosis type II, otosclerosis and facial nerve disorders.

Grant Needham, PA-C

Grant attended the University of Utah, where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Behavioral Science and Health in 1997 and his certification as a physician assistant in 2000. Grant joined Southern Utah Ear, Nose, Throat, Allergy and Facial Plastics in June 2003. He also worked for Night Light Pediatrics Urgent Care from 2004 to 2013.

In his free time, Grant enjoys playing racquetball, lifting weights, cooking, reading, and spending time with his wife and children.

Anju Peters, MD

Dr. Anju Peters is an allergist-immunologist in Chicago, Illinois and is affiliated with Northwestern Memorial Hospital. She received her medical degree from University of Michigan Medical School and has been in practice for more than 20 years.

Jay Pinto, MD

Jayant Pinto, MD, is a specialist in sinus and nasal diseases, including chronic sinusitis, allergic rhinitis and olfactory dysfunction. He is also an expert in minimally invasive sinus surgery and endoscopic treatments of related eye diseases (e.g., excessive tearing, Grave's disease) as well as tumors of the nose and anterior skull base. Dr. Pinto treats common conditions of the head and neck, such as sleep apnea, deviated nasal septum, enlarged turbinates, and snoring.

Dr. Pinto's research focuses on microbial, environmental, genetic and demographic factors that underlie susceptibility to nasal diseases. He directs innovative clinical trials for chronic sinusitis, allergies, olfactory disorders, and aging of the ear, nose and throat. His research represents a first step toward designing new diagnostic tests and improved treatments for these difficult conditions. His research is funded by the National Institute on Aging.

Dr. Pinto is a regular speaker at national conferences on otolaryngology, genetics, allergy, and aging of the nose.

Laura Rosenthal, MD

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Bruce Tan, MD

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