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CONFERENCE DESCRIPTION

This two day conference covers a broad variety of topics relevant to: Otolaryngology (ENT), Head & Neck Surgery, Medical Oncology, Radiation Oncology, Oral Surgery, Maxillofacial Prosthodontics, Ad-vance Practice Providers, Speech-Language Pathology, Residents, and Medical Students.

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FRIDAY 10/23/2026

8:00am **Registration**

8:25 **Welcome**

8:30 **Beyond survival - reconstruction as a tool in survivorship**

Alexandra Kejner, MD

Discuss the opportunities for improvement for patients who have survived head and neck cancer and the potential options for improving their quality of life via reconstruction; Distinguish which patients might benefit and how expectations should be set.

8:45 **Keynote: Scaling High Performance Head & Neck Microvascular Reconstruction: Strategies, Systems, Innovation, and Team Integration**

Matthew Old, MD

Describe the current evidence of reconstructive team-based strategies following head and neck cancer resection that optimize performance and outcomes; Discuss the role of multidisciplinary team performance in improving reconstructive outcomes, care coordination, and resource utilization in head and neck oncology; Describe practical approaches, examples and techniques that improve head and neck reconstruction quality, value, and resource utilization across different clinical care models.

9:30 **Q&A**

9:40 **Are Protons the New Standard of Care Radiation Therapy?**

Bhishamjit Chera, MD, FASTRO

Discuss and compare the results of two randomized Proton vs. IMRT Trials.

9:55 **Keynote: Novel Strategies to Mitigate Radiation Toxicities**

JKenneth Hu, MD

Identify Common Acute and Chronic Radiation Toxicities in patients undergoing head and neck cancer treatment; Describe Current Approaches to Decreasing Toxicities; Discuss Future Approaches to Ameliorating Radiation Associated Side Effects.

10:25 **Break with exhibitors**

10:45 **Updates in CTDNA for the Management of HNSCC**

John Kaczmar, MD

Identify areas where ctDNA could assist patient care and inform clinical trial design; Identify current applications and limitations of ctDNA in HPV+ and HPV- HNSCC.

11:00 **Keynote: Novel Therapeutics, Biomarkers, and Treatment Optimization in Head and Neck Cancer**

Ari J Rosenberg, MD

Characterize the emerging therapeutic landscape of novel drugs and targets in head and neck cancer; Describe the evolving role of immunotherapy in curative-intent head and neck cancer; Explain the emerging strategies to improve long term quality of life and function in head and neck cancer survivors.

11:30 **Q&A**

11:45 **Panel: Treatment of oral cavity cancer in 2026**

Jason Newan, MD

Panelists: Drs. Rosenberg, Kaczmar, Old, Kejner

Review current evidence-based treatment strategies for oral cavity cancer, including advances in surgical management, radiation

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therapy, systemic therapies, and reconstructive techniques; Evaluate multidisciplinary approaches to treatment planning and patient selection for localized, locally advanced, and recurrent oral cavity cancers; Discuss emerging therapies, clinical trials, and evolving standards of care that may influence the future management of oral cavity cancer.

12:30 **Lunch**

1:00 **From Algorithms to Outcomes: Deploying AI to Optimize Head and Neck Cancer Surgery**

Solymar Torres, MD

Describe the current landscape of AI applications across the perioperative continuum in head and neck cancer surgery, including preoperative detection of occult nodal metastasis and extranodal extension, intraoperative margin assessment and augmented-reality navigation, and postoperative prediction of complications and oncologic outcomes; Critically appraise the evidence supporting AI-driven predictive models for recurrence and survival after curative-intent head and neck cancer surgery, including their performance metrics (AUC, C-index), validation strategies, and comparison to traditional TNM-based prognostication; Identify the key barriers to clinical deployment of AI in head and neck surgical oncology — including data standardization, external validation, model interpretability, algorithmic bias, and regulatory/ethical considerations — and outline strategies to overcome them.

1:20 **Radiofrequency Ablation for Thyroid disease**

Chelsea Baldwin Teschner, MD

Define the indications for radiofrequency ablation for thyroid structural disease; Perform candidate selection for radiofrequency ablation in patients with thyroid structural disease; compare expected outcomes for radiofrequency ablation vs other management strategies.

1:35 **Anaplastic and Poorly Differentiated Thyroid Cancer: Advances and Current Challenges**

Michael Bobian, MD

Define anaplastic and poorly differentiated thyroid cancer and the different workup and diagnostic pathway from differentiated thyroid cancer; Identify current landscape of mutational signatures that influence treatment options in anaplastic and poorly differentiated thyroid cancers; Reflect on current diagnostic and treatment limitations in the immunotherapy and targeted therapy era.

1:50 **Cutaneous SCC Panel: Radiation, Surgery or Immunotherapy: A Debate**

William Albergotti, MD

Panelists: Drs. Kaczmar, Chera, Torres, Wilde, Bobian

Compare the indications, benefits, limitations, and outcomes associated with surgery, radiation therapy, and immunotherapy in the management of cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma (cSCC); Evaluate patient-, tumor-, and disease-specific factors that influence treatment selection for localized, locally advanced, and advanced cSCC; Apply multidisciplinary treatment strategies to optimize oncologic control, functional outcomes, and quality of life in patients with cSCC.

2:40 **Break with Exhibitors**

3:00 **Optimizing Care for Older Adults with HPV-related Oropharynx Cancer**

Evan M Graboyes, MD

Explain how priorities and preferences for treatment of older adults with HPV-related oropharynx cancer differ from those of younger adults with HPV-related oropharynx cancer

3:20 **Management of Head and Neck Cancer in an Indigent Patient Population**

David C Wilde, MD

Describe differences in disease biology and stage of presentation; Explain barriers to delivery of guidelines-based treatment; Identify strategies to optimize care.

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3:35 **Maximizing clinical access and outcomes through collaboration**

Julie A Blair, MA, CCC-SLP, BCS-S

Describe SLP protocols integrated into NCCN guidelines; Identify benefits of collaboration with graduate programs for expanding access for patient care.

3:50 **Q&A**

4:15 **Awards**

4:25 **Adjourn/Reception**

SATURDAY 10/24/2026

8:00am **Registration**

8:25 **Welcome**

8:30 **Beyond the Ulcer: Early Diagnosis in Oral Oncology**

Natalia Trehan, DMD

Identify common clinical presentations and risk factors associated with oral and head and neck cancers; Distinguish benign oral lesions from potentially malignant disorders requiring further investigation; Describe appropriate diagnostic and referral pathways for suspicious oral lesions; Apply case-based clinical reasoning to the early detection of oral malignancies; Discuss the role of multidisciplinary collaboration in oral oncology care.

8:50 **Incisional Biopsies of Oral Dysplasias and Carcinomas: A Pathologist's Perspective**

Tina R Woods, DMD

Perform representative incisional biopsies of neoplastic tissue; Compare clinical differential diagnoses with reported pathology diagnoses; Discuss a pathologist's comments in final reports.

9:10 **Surgical Management of MRONJ - Where Are We Now?**

Martin B Steed, DDS

Discuss the current evidence of pathophysiology of MRONJ; Recall the staging of MRONJ and clinical implications of staging; Distinguish the treatment modalities between MRONJ and ORN; Describe the treatment algorithms for MRONJ.

9:30 **Soft Tissue Management After Mandibular Reconstruction**

Andrea Bordoy, DDS

Describe the soft tissue challenges commonly encountered following mandibular reconstruction and their impact on prosthetic rehabilitation; Compare different soft tissue management techniques used to optimize peri-implant tissue health and prosthetic outcomes in reconstructed mandibles; Develop a treatment planning approach for soft tissue augmentation and contouring to facilitate functional and esthetic oral rehabilitation after mandibular reconstruction.

9:50 **Q&A**

10:10 **Break with exhibitors**

10:30 **Zygomatic and Remote Anchorage Implants in Oncologic Maxillofacial Rehabilitation**

Byung Joo Lee, DDS

Describe the indications and contraindications for zygomatic and remote anchorage implants in patients undergoing maxillofacial oncologic rehabilitation; Differentiate among various remote anchorage implant approaches used in maxillofacial rehabilitation; Explain surgical planning considerations for remote anchorage implants in oncologic patients; Discuss the impact of prior oncologic

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treatment on implant survival and rehabilitation outcomes; Identify prosthodontic principles involved in restoring zygomatic and remote anchorage implants; Recognize common complications associated with remote anchorage implant rehabilitation and strategies for management; Evaluate functional and quality-of-life outcomes associated with remote anchorage implant rehabilitation; Describe the role of multidisciplinary collaboration in complex oncologic implant rehabilitation.

10:50 Expert Panel Discussion: Contemporary Challenges in Oral Oncology and Maxillofacial Reconstruction

Panelists: Drs. Trehan, Woods, Steed, Bordoy, & Lee

Review evolving strategies for addressing complex clinical challenges in oral oncology; Evaluate reconstructive options for maxillofacial defects and their impact on quality of life and functional recovery.

11:40 Lunch

12:10 From Traditional to Digital: How Advanced Design Technology is Reshaping Maxillofacial Prosthodontics

Jacqueline Medina, DDS, FAAMP

Provide an overview of innovation and technology resources available on today's market; Identify how technology can assist in patient care.

12:30 Balancing Cure, Growth, and Function: Reconstruction of Aggressive Neoplasms in the Growing Patient

Mark A Miller, MD, FACS

Describe the unique biologic and developmental considerations that influence reconstruction following resection of aggressive craniofacial neoplasms in children; Compare reconstructive options for osseous and soft tissue defects in the growing craniofacial skeleton, including local, regional, and microvascular techniques; Discuss the impact of craniofacial growth on timing, technique selection, and long-term outcomes following pediatric oncologic reconstruction; Distinguish indications for autologous tissue reconstruction, alloplastic reconstruction, and staged reconstructive approaches in the pediatric patient Formulate a reconstructive treatment strategy that balances oncologic control, craniofacial growth, function, and aesthetics.

12:50 Case-Based Multidisciplinary Reconstruction Pearls: Integrating Surgery, Radiation, Prosthodontics, and Rehabilitation

Panelists: Drs. Trehan, Woods, Steed, Bordoy, Lee, Medina, & Miller

Describe multidisciplinary approaches to complex reconstructive cases involving surgery, radiation, prosthodontics, and rehabilitation Apply case-based strategies to improve coordination and outcomes in reconstructive patient care.

1:10 Q&A

1:25 Closing Panel: Future Directions in Oral Oncology & Maxillofacial Rehabilitation

Panelists: Drs. Trehan, Woods, Steed, Bordoy, Lee, Medina, & Miller

Discuss emerging trends and innovations in oral oncology and maxillofacial rehabilitation; Identify future opportunities to improve multidisciplinary care and patient outcomes.

1:45 Adjourn till 2027

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