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SUMMER MEETING

Chicago, IL | July 17-19, 2026

SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

6:00 AM	Registration	Foyer
6:30 AM	Breakfast	Board of Regents
7:00 AM	Welcome	Board of Regents
7:15 AM	Panel 1 & Panel 2	Board of Regents
8:45 AM	Break with Exhibitors	East Dining
9:00 AM	Panel 3	Board of Regents
9:45 AM	Quickshot Session 1: Airway	Board of Regents
10:10 AM	Podium Session 1: Comp Peds Oto	Board of Regents
11:05 AM	Eli Lilly Sponsored Lunch	Board of Regents
11:50 AM	Fireside Chat with Tali Lando	Board of Regents
6:05 PM	 Chicago Cubs Rooftop Experience	Wrigley Rooftops

SATURDAY

6:30 AM	Registration	Foyer
6:30 AM	Breakfast & Meet the Poster Authors	Board of Regents
7:00 AM	Panel 4 & Panel 5	Board of Regents
7:30 AM	APP Simulation Skills & Didactic Session	Northwestern
8:30 AM	Break with Exhibitors	East Dining
8:45 AM	Panel 6, Panel 7, & Panel 8	Board of Regents
11:00 AM	Podium Session 2: Airway	Board of Regents
11:30 AM	Smith & Nephew Sponsored Lunch	Board of Regents
12:15 PM	Panel 9	Board of Regents
1:00 PM	Quickshot Session 2: Rhinology, Head & Neck	Board of Regents
3:30 PM	 Chicago River Architecture Tour	River East Plaza
6:30 PM	Reception & Fireworks	Staple Hotel, Navy Pier

SUNDAY

6:30 AM	Registration	Foyer
6:30 AM	Breakfast & Meet the Poster Authors	Board of Regents
7:00 AM	Panel 10 & Panel 11	Board of Regents
8:30 AM	Break with Exhibitors	East Dining
8:45 AM	Panel 12 & Panel 13	Board of Regents
10:15 AM	Podium Session 3: Otology	Board of Regents
10:50 AM	Quickshot Session 3: Otology	Board of Regents
11:10 AM	Break with Exhibitors	East Dining
11:25 AM	Podium Session 4: Rhinology, Head & Neck	Board of Regents
11:40 AM	Quickshot session 4: General/Sleep	Board of Regents
12:15 PM	Closing	Board of Regents

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FRIDAY, JULY 17TH

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6:30 AM	Breakfast with Exhibitors	
7:00 AM	Welcome	Doug Johnston, MD
7:15 AM	Panel 1: Innovation in Pediatric Otolaryngology	Brian Hermann, MD*, Taher Valika, MD, Ken Lee, MD, PhD, Jeremy Prager, MD, MBA, Evan Propst, MD, MSc, FRCSC, Dave Zopf, MD, MS, MBAC
8:00 AM	Panel 2: Genetic Hearing Loss	Tom Ben Dov, MD*, Eliot Shearer, MD, PhD, Allegra Quadri, MS, CGC, Keiko Hirose, MD, Marci Lesperance, MD, FACS
8:45 AM	Break with Exhibitors	
9:00 AM	Panel 3: Pediatric Nasal Airway Obstruction Beyond Adenoid Hypertrophy	Matt Sitton, MD*, Sanjay Parikh, MD, FACS, Elton Lambert, MD, Binoy Chandy, MD

QUICKSHOT SESSION 1: AIRWAY

9:45 AM	Availability of Home Nursing Care for Pediatric Patients with Tracheostomy	Rebecca Compton, MD
9:48 AM	Airway Radiodensity on CT as a Surrogate Marker of Cartilage Viability and Mechanical Integrity After Pediatric Airway Reconstruction	Nathaniel Hochuli, BS
9:51 AM	Surgery-Induced Stress Alters Mucosecretory Cell Composition Following Airway Reconstruction	Yasmeen Fleifil, MS, BA
9:54 AM	Current Approaches to Treating Primary Pediatric Tracheomalacia: A Systematic Review	Jagjot Rakkar, BSc
9:57 AM	Alteration of the Cartilaginous to Membranous Tracheal Ratio Influences Dynamic Airway Collapse: An Ex Vivo Porcine Study	Olivia Lopes, BS
10:00 AM	What Do We Talk About? Exploring Perspectives and Values in Pediatric Pre-tracheostomy Conversations with Caregivers and Staff: A Qualitative Study	Laine DiNoto, CPNP-PC
10:03 AM	Q&A	Zahrah Taufique, MD, MBA*

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PODIUM SESSION 1: COMP PEDS OTO

10:10 AM	Clinical Experience with AK-OTOF Gene Therapy for Otoferlin Gene (OTOF)-mediated Hearing Loss	Eliot Shearer, MD, PhD
10:16 AM	Comprehensive Genetic Testing for Hearing Loss in a Large, Diverse U.S. Patient Population	Eliot Shearer, MD, PhD
10:19 AM	Predictors of Residual Obstructive Sleep Apnea After Mandibular Distraction Osteogenesis in Infants with Pierre Robin Sequence	Michael Oca, M.A.S.
10:25 AM	Management of Refractory Sleep Apnea in Obese Kids	Adham Aljariri, MD
10:31 AM	Perception of Pill Swallowing Difficulty Among the Pediatric Population	Adi Syn Hershko, MD
10:37 AM	Predictors of Surgical Outcomes in Pediatric Lymphatic Malformations: A Single-Institution Series	Daron Excel, BS
10:43 AM	Histologic Ductules in Preauricular Cysts	Annik Lupieri, MD, MSc
10:49 AM	Glucagon-like Peptide-1 Receptor Agonist Use Association with Pediatric Postoperative Tonsillectomy Bleeding: A Matched Cohort Study	Andrew Kim, BA
10:55 AM	Reconstructing TI-RADS From Routine Pediatric Thyroid Ultrasound Reports: Feasibility and Preliminary Utility in a Surgical Cohort	Nathan Lu, MD, MPH
11:01 AM	Q&A	Sam Daniel, MD*
11:05 AM	Sponsored Lunch	Eli Lilly
11:50 AM	Narrative Story Telling in Medicine	Tali Lando, MD & Julie Wei, MD, MMM*

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BREAKFAST: MEET THE POSTER AUTHORS & EXHIBITORS

6:30 AM	Parinaud Oculoglandular Syndrome Presenting as Recurrent Parotitis in a Child	Kara McHalfey, OMS IV
	Pediatric Floor-of-Mouth Lesions: Diagnostic Spectrum in a 10-Year Single-Center Case Series	Nandita Vegesna, BS
	Intraosseous Lipoma of the Sphenoid Intersinus Septum: A Pediatric Case Report	Evan McMahan, BS
	Intramassestic Mass in a Pediatric Patient	Andrew Zhang, MD
	Advancing Surgical Excellence: The Impact of APP Education on Intracapsular Tonsillectomy Care	Tobie O'Brien, MSN, APRN, CPNP-PC, Trisha Williams, MSN, APRN, CPNP-PC
7:00 AM	Panel 4: Medical Missions	Tom Ben Dov, MD*, Josh Wiedermann, MD, MGSC, FACS, Zahrah Taufique, MD, MBA, Rajanya Petersson, MD, MS, Charlie Lin, MSN, APRN-CNP, FNP-C, CRNFA, CNOR-PEDS, CNAMB, FCN, FAORN
7:45 AM	Panel 5: Surgical Coaching in Otolaryngology	Reema Padia, MD*, Jane Lea, MD FRCSC, ACC, Cynthia Wang, MD
8:30 AM	Break with Exhibitors	
8:45 AM	Panel 6: Finding Meaning Beyond Clinical Practice	Brooke Su Velez, MD, MPH*, Cynthia Wang, MD, Matt Smith, MD, MPH, Ashley Soaper, MD, MEd
9:30 AM	Panel 7: Building a Sleep Program: Perspectives from Pediatric ENT and Sleep Medicine	Carol Li, MD, MPH*, Saied Ghadersohi, MD, FACS, Raouf Amin, Mary Musso, DO
10:15 AM	Panel 8: The Early Career Playbook - Priorities and Pearls	Carol Li, MD, MPH*, Catherine Hart, MD, Julie Wei, MD, MMM, Ashley Soaper, MD, MEd, Zahrah Taufique, MD, MBA

PODIUM SESSION 2: AIRWAY

11:00 AM	Microvascular Perfusion Enhanced by Endothelial Hydrogel Correlates with Improvement of Regional Microvascular Patterns	Olivia Chan, BS
11:06 AM	Be Sweet to Babies: Sucrose Administration during Flexible Nasolaryngoscopy, a Randomized Control Trial	Mary-Elizabeth Vanderpost, RN, BScN

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11:12 AM	Reducing Skin Breakdown Under Tracheostomy Ties During the Fresh Tracheostomy Period in Tracheostomy Dependent Pediatric Patients	Jessie Marcet-Gonzalez, DNP, APRN, CPNP-PC
11:18 AM	Predictors of Early Discharge Following Infant Tracheostomy: A Single-Center Experience	Rui En Lim, MBBS
11:24 AM	Q&A	James Schroeder, MD*
11:30 AM	Sponsored Lunch	Smith & Nephew
12:15 PM	Panel 9: Emerging Trends for the Advanced Practice Provider in Pediatric Otolaryngology	Charlie Lin, MSN, APRN-CNP, FNP-C, CRNFA, CNOR-PEDS, CNAMB, FCN, FAORN*, Stephanie Jeffery, FNP/PNP-C, Samantha Mussell, DNP, ARNP, RN-BSN, RNFA, Rachael Masterson, PA-C

QUICKSHOT SESSION 2: RHINOLOGY, HEAD & NECK

1:00 PM	Inaccuracy of Medical Illustrations of Thyroglossal Duct Cysts Compared to Radiographic Studies	Lekha Yesantharao, BS, MD
1:03 PM	Management Strategies and Outcomes in Pediatric Atypical Mycobacterial Cervical Lymphadenopathy	Jinny Choi, BSc
1:06 PM	Trends in Pediatric Thyroid Cancer and Thyroidectomy Incidence, 2005–2023	Abraham Kassem, BS
1:09 PM	Health Equity in Pediatric Thyroglossal Duct Cyst Surgery: An NSQIP-Peds Analysis	Dimple Gajjar, BS
1:12 PM	Lund-Mackay Scores and Treatment Decisions in Pediatric Patients with Acute Sinusitis and Intracranial Complications.	Aleesha Sheikh, BHSc
1:15 PM	Long-term quality of life after adenoidectomy and endoscopic sinus surgery in children with medically refractory chronic rhinosinusitis	Je Yi Kim, BScN
1:18 PM	Isolated Hypoglossal Nerve Palsy in Children: A Case Report and Systematic Review of the Literature	Ahlam Tarik, MS3
1:21 PM	Q&A	Sanjay Parikh, MD, FACS*

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6:30 AM	Preoperative Use of Hybrid DynaCleft and Conventional Nasoalveolar Molding Prior to Cleft Lip and Palate Repair: A Case Report	Olivia Lopes, BS
	A Novel Endoscopic Surgical Technique for Congenital Nasal Pyriform Aperture Stenosis	Mack Tempero, MPH
	Temporal and Geographic Factors Associated with Missed Appointments in Pediatric Otolaryngology Clinics	Darshan Danak, BA
7:00 AM	Panel 10: Principles of Surgical Education	Matt Sitton, MD*, Gi Soo Lee, MD, EdM, Eric Ganwerker, MD, MMSc(MedEd), FACS, MAMSE
7:45 AM	Panel 11: The Role of a Multidisciplinary Approach to Hypoglossal Nerve Stimulation in Children with Obstructive Sleep Apnea	Swathi Appachi, MD*, Brandon Hopkins, MD, Vaishal Shah, MD, MPH, FAAP, FAASM, Brian Chen, MD
8:30 AM	Break with Exhibitors	
8:45 AM	Panel 12: Advancing Pediatric Tracheostomy Care Through Quality Improvement, Standardization, and Multidisciplinary Collaboration	Erin Hamersley, DO, FAAP*, Steven Tomasi, PA-C, Cecelia Kattan, PA-C, Lyndy Wilcox, MD, MMHC, Monica Deshpande, FNP, Anita Deshpande, MD, Jeff Criswell, CPNP-AC, Linda Maldonado, FNP-C
9:30 AM	Panel 13: Infant Tongue Base Obstruction: Innovation and Emerging Paradigms in Robin Sequence	Sheng Zhou, MD*, Brianne Roby, MD, Marielena Layuno Matos, DMD, Sergio Henrique Kiemle Trindade, MD, PhD

PODIUM SESSION 3: OTOTOLOGY

10:15 AM	Repeat Tympanostomy Tube Placement Before Versus After Age 8: Comorbidity and Complication Profiles Across the Balloon Dilation Eligibility Threshold	Faeq Zaman, BS
10:21 AM	A Scoping Review of the Intracranial Complications of Pediatric Mastoiditis	Mariya Ahmed, BS
10:27 AM	Surgical Outcomes and Adverse Events Associated with Minimally Invasive Ponto Surgery in Pediatric Patients Undergoing Bone-anchored Hearing Implant Placement	Je Yi Kim, BScN

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10:33 AM	Length of Hospitalization in Pediatric Tympanoplasty and Mastoidectomy: Analysis of Institutional NSQIP Database	Ruobing Han, MBBS, MRCS (Edin)
10:39 AM	A Promising Antiviral Agent for Congenital Cytomegalovirus-Related Hearing Loss: Insights from a Murine Model	Peter Kfoury, MD
10:45 AM	Q&A	David Chi, MD*

QUICKSHOT SESSION 3: OTOLOGY

10:50 AM	Trends in the Treatment of Pediatric Acute Mastoiditis: A 20-Year Retrospective Cohort Study	Alyssa Li, MD
10:53 AM	Pediatric Obesity and Risk of Otitis Media	Abigail Contello, BS
10:56 AM	Over-Under Tympanoplasty Outcomes in a Pediatric Tertiary Care Cohort	Alina Zgardau, MSc
10:59 AM	Inborn Errors of Immunity in Children with Post-Tympanostomy Otorrhea	Andrew Sopchak, BA
11:02 AM	The Utility of Advanced Practice Providers in the Early Diagnosis and Treatment of Newborn Hearing Loss	Courtney McDonough, PA-C
11:05 AM	Q&A	Brianne Roby, MD*
11:10 AM	Break	

PODIUM SESSION 4: RHINOLOGY, HEAD & NECK

11:25 AM	Patterns of Postoperative Pediatric Opioid Prescription After Common Elective ENT Procedures.	Michael Berler, BA
11:31 AM	Predictors of Management Strategies in Children with Intracranial Abscesses Secondary to Acute Rhinosinusitis	Emily He, BHSc
11:36 AM	Q&A	Sharon Cushing, MD*

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QUICKSHOT SESSION 4: GENERAL/SLEEP

11:40 AM	Pediatric Otolaryngologic Disease Patterns in Pakistan: A Scoping Review and Implications for Global Pediatric ENT Care	Hifsa Abbasi, BS, MS
11:43 AM	Performance of Large Language Model-Based Vision Systems for Pediatric Tympanic Membrane Image Classification: A Comparative Analysis	Sruthi Surapaneni, BS
11:46 AM	The Role of Palliative Medicine in Pediatric Otolaryngology: A Case Series	Shreyas Krishnapura, MD
11:49 AM	Application of Transcervical Epiglottopexy for the Treatment of Severe and Refractory Pediatric Obstructive Sleep Apnea	Evan Schwalbach, BS
11:52 AM	A Multidisciplinary Approach to Complex Dysphagia: A 10 Year Window	Melysiane Marcotte, BSc, MDc
11:55 AM	Tonsillectomy Outcomes in PFAPA	Abraham Kassem, BS
11:58 AM	Surgical Intervention in PANDAS: Assessing the Benefits of Tonsillectomy	Abigail Contello, BS
12:01 PM	Obesity and Respiratory Complications After Pediatric Adenotonsillectomy: A National Analysis of Effect Modification by High-Risk Comorbidities	Jacob Surma, BS
12:04 PM	Reduction of Perioperative Antibiotic Usage for "Clean" Pediatric Otolaryngology Procedures	Jeffery Hyzer, MD
12:07 PM	Q&A	Margo McKenna, MD*
12:15 PM	Closing Remarks	Doug Johnston

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