

ASHNR NEWS Spring 2024

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Kristine Mosier, DMD, PhD, ASHNR President

As we "spring" into this new year, I want to take a moment and reflect on the accomplishments of our society this past year that you — our members and our supporters – have made possible. Your contributions, participation and engagement made our 57th Annual meeting a great success and a lot of fun! Thanks to the excellent education provided at our annual meeting and our virtual "Talking Heads" programming throughout the year, our membership has steadily grown. We successfully initiated our joint programming with ESHNR at the annual meeting forming new partnerships and friendships "across the pond". We look forward to our continuing relationship with ESHNR, new initiatives with the British Soci-

ety of Head and Neck Imaging (BSHNI) and our other educational outreach endeavors. We have funding and new mentoring initiatives to support grant awardees so please apply for the Hanafee and Seed Grants and help to grow head and neck imaging! In our world of ever increasing workloads and less time, your commitment to excellence in clinical practice, education and research in head and neck imaging is both inspiring



and promising for the future of our society and our specialty.

# **58TH ANNUAL MEETING PREVIEW**

Christine Glastonbury, MBBS ASHNR President Elect/Program Chair



Our ASHNR24 meeting is shaping up to be the première **head and neck** education and research forum for radiologists in academic and in private practice. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to engage with and learn from expert HN radiologists who want to share their interest in HN imaging, improving patient care and coming together to learn and connect.

To lead off day 1, we've incorporated the

traditional 'pre-meeting' ASHNR early bird session, with the help of Mohit Agarwal and **The Cortex Club**, for a trainee-present-ers-only wild excerpta extraordinaire session. Then I will introduce you to our fearless **ASHNR Boot Camp Leaders** (Paul Bunch, Hillary Kelly, Cynthia Wu, Bill O'Brien, Niky Farid & Marin Macdonald) who are going to steer 5 sessions over day 1 and 2. This **Boot Camp** will refresh your memory and help you to really understand the ground 'rules' for interpreting H&N scans. There will be lectures covering anatomy, pathology, and critical points of image interpretation of the HN spaces, lymph nodes, skull base, temporal bones & paranasal sinuses. Each session has dedicated rapid fire case presentations to test and solidify your knowledge. Our **Case of the Day** posters lead by Amy Juliano also start on Day 1, with the answers and prizes presented the following mornings.

On day 2 we will celebrate our terrific society collaboration with the **ESHNR** with the first of three combined sessions, where ASH-NR experts and the European experts in HN imaging share the podium and share their knowledge on three critical topics of HN imaging. This year we introduce two **Masterclass sessions** with experts in gland imaging, neuroendocrine tumors and the soon-to-be-released AJCC9 NPC chapter, presenting more in-depth lectures. The **Valvassori lecture** this year is a must-see, must-learn,

Imaging of Otalgia presented by Jen Gillespie.

Throughout the meeting we will also have multiple **Scientific sessions** where the latest HN research is presented, and these sessions will include **Keynote lectures** on Radiomics, Photon Counting CT and MR neurography by imaging experts. We have an afternoon [day 3] devoted to furthering your **career development** TED-Talk style, sponsored by our Young Professionals committee, followed by a roundtable **Happy Hour mentoring** session.

We have a whole day [day 4] dedicated to **HN Cancer imaging** and the critical elements for tumor staging, imaging surveillance, best use of imaging modalities, and the integration of cutting-edge clinical tools. Our final day 5 Sunday morning sessions are all things **orbit** and the imaging of **cranial neuropathies**.



No ASHNR meeting is complete without our Quiz Show hosts making learning fun. This year we have prior Gold Medalists of the ASHNR competing in an **Expert Image Interpretation panel**: The Mamas versus the Papas. Our ASHNR Gala on Saturday night will have you packing your dancing shoes, but don't forget there are **three other nights** that our local San Diego program committee team has planned for you to enjoy!

SAVE THE DATE \*September 4-8\* and I look forward to welcoming you to San Diego and some California Dreamin'!

## ASHNR-BSHNI VISITING PROFESSORSHIP PROGRAM

Announcement of a New Joint Program of the American Society of Head and Neck Radiology and the British Society of Head and Neck Imaging



We are pleased to announce this new visiting professorship program between our societies. The program involves exchange of faculty between institutions in the United States and the United Kingdom. The goal of the program is to broaden interest and education in Head and Neck Radiology.

Faculty from the ASHNR or BSHNI selected for this program will spend 1-2 weeks in the UK (ASHNR) or the USA (BSHNI) and will lecture at different institutions through the UK, or within a geographical region of the USA. Travel costs and accommodations will be supported in part by the sponsoring society. The program will begin with the first BSHNI speaker in 2024 and the first ASHNR speaker in 2025 and will occur annually thereafter.

We are excited to welcome Dr. Gitta Madani from the Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, London, UK as the first BSHNI visiting professor!

Requirements and Additional Information:

- ASHNR member in good standing
- Interested ASHNR faculty should submit a CV along with 5 lecture titles and a cover letter with commitment to teach. Materials should be submitted to the Chair of the ASHNR International Relations Committee Mai-Lan Ho M.D by July 12, 2024: <a href="mailanho@gmail.com">mailanho@gmail.com</a>





- One ASHNR Faculty will be selected by the International Relations Committee and approved by the Executive Committee prior to the annual meeting in September 2024. Selections will be based on demonstrated expertise in HN and expertise as a speaker, including previous experience lecturing at ASHNR/ASNR/RSNA or other equivalent national or international meeting.
- BSHNI Faculty will be selected following a call for interest from Full Members of the society. The selection criteria will broadly follow that set out by ASHNR & approved by the BSHNI Council.
- Participating UK Institutions include London (Kings/ Imperial/ Northwick Park/ Great Ormond Street/Southampton/Oxford/Cambridge/Birmingham/ East Midlands/Manchester/Newcastle and Edinburgh, Scotland.
- Participating USA regions include Northeast (Boston University, Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Massachusetts General Brigham, Yale University), Midwest (Indiana University, University of Iowa, University of Michigan, University of Missouri, University of Pittsburgh, University of Wisconsin), Southeast (Duke University, Emory University, Texas Children's Hospital, Vanderbilt University), and West (Stanford University, UCSF, UCSD, USC, Oregon Health Sciences University, and University of Utah). Geographic regions will be rotated every year.

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The members of the Education Committee, under the leadership of my predecessor, Dr. Ashley Aiken, were tasked with choosing the best scientific and educational material at the 2023 Annual Meeting. Ashley and I extend our thanks to the entire committee for reviewing and selecting the winners.

- The <u>Gold Medal Scientific Presentation Award</u> went to Danielli Matsura, Is Radiologic Depth of Invasion a Reliable Estimate for Pathologic Depth of Invasion in Oral Squamous Cell Carcinoma?
- Electronic Exhibit Winners
  - o **GOLD: Hugo Tames**. Beauty and the Beast
  - <u>SILVER</u>: Sarah Pettyjohn. Better Together Radiologic and Clinical Imaging Correlation For Accurate Staging Of Head And Neck Carcinoma
  - SILVER: Thomas Stirrat. The Tale of Two Pupils: Exploring Anisocoria
  - <u>BRONZE</u>: Ngoc-Anh Tran. Pitfalls of Four-Dimensional Computed Tomography (4DCT) parathyroid imaging
  - <u>BRONZE</u>: Madhavi Duvvuri. Venous malformation of HN: imaging features, characteristics, treatment modalities
- Electronic Exhibits Certificates of Merit
  - Greg Avey. Photon Counting CT in the Head and Neck: A Comprehensive Review of Technology and Image Demonstration
  - **Brianna Damadian.** Smoking Guns In The Head And Neck: Clues To Diagnosis

- Ali Morshid. Minor Salivary Gland Tumors: Imaging, Pitfalls, And Mimics
- Jeanie Choi. Imaging Spectrum Of Cancer Treatment Side Effects And Complications In The Head And Neck
- Parth Patel. Evaluation and Management of Nodal Disease in Thyroid Carcinomas: A Primer for the Neuroradiologist
- Christopher Husson. Don't Cry! A Case-Based Review of Neoplastic Processes Affecting the Lacrimal Gland
- Joseph Yetto. A Crick in the Neck: Update on Craniovertebral Junction Pathology
- Sterling Lee. Temporal Bone CT Utilizing Spectral Beam Shaping with a Tin Filter: A Lower-Dose Improvement in Imaging Quality Over Conventional Multidetector CT
- Stephen Little. Middle Ear Arterial Variations in Phaces
- Joyce Hsu. PNTS of Vi: Hockey stick

I want to personally thank all the authors who contributed to the Case of the Day: Charlotte Taylor, Ian Mark, Anh Tran, Danny Comer, Shruti Mishra, Jeff Sachs, Kevin Hiatt, Billy Malouf, Jaclyn Thiessen and Bhagya Sannananja. The cases ranged from difficult to near impossible! Our overall winner (with the most correct cases for the week) was Manu Gupta. Our other daily winners, , were Bindu Setty, Michael Lee and Blair Winegar. Each of the winners received a Head and Neck Radiology book of their choice from Elsevier.

A big congratulations to everyone who tried their hand at the Case of the Day, and to everyone who shared their knowledge at ASHNR 2023.

#### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

**Philip R. Chapman, MD**ASHNR Vice President/Membership Committee Chair

The ASHNR has continued to grow and sustain an active and robust membership. As we enter into spring of 2024, our society has more than 1000 members including over 300 members in training. We continue to look for innovative ways to recruit and maintain new members. Recent initiatives put forth by Christine Glastonbury, for example, make it easier for individuals to transition from members-in-training to junior members. Being an ASHNR member offers a core of great benefits, including reduced fees for meeting attendance, subscription to AJNR at member rate, member mailings, and access to exclusive content on the ASHNR website.

Your membership dollars also help support the society and its core mission of providing the unparalleled educational benefits and opportunities that we are known for. The Membership Committee is actively engaged in developing new ideas and initiatives to enhance member experience and we welcome input from the members at large. Please feel free to send



comments and ideas to philrchapman@gmail.com. And don't forget to renew your membership for 2024!

Over the last few years, the ASHNR executive committee has strengthened the society's support of head and neck imaging research. The Hanafee and CCF award amounts were substantially increased last year and the number of available awards was increased.

This year brings exciting new efforts. First, the research abstract presentation sessions now include Keynote Lectures on important topics by established faculty members. We hope that these Keynote Lectures attract a larger audience for the research sessions, which typically contain very useful and practical findings yet often have low attendance.

In addition, the Research Committee will assume responsibility for reviewing scientific abstracts submitted for the ASHNR24 annual meeting and will assign oral presentations and research poster exhibits. The Research Committee will also score and award research presentations. The Education Committee will continue to oversee evaluation of the highly successful education exhibit abstract and presentation program.

Finally, we are transforming the Hanafee award, our premier research award, into a longitudinally mentored award, inspired in large part by the highly successful AUR CERRAF

award. Hanafee recipients will present their study plans and mid-award progress to a standing board of funded ASHNR faculty for critical feedback. The board will also be available to Hanafee recipients for 1:1 mentoring sessions throughout the year, will meet socially with Hanafee awardees at national meetings, and will facilitate the Research Committee's review of Hanafee award applications. This mentorship component will help awardees navigate challenges at their home institutions, plan next steps in their research careers, and establish national relationships important for career advancement. Please contact me if you are an ASH-NR faculty with a history of research funding (ideally federal funding) and would have interest in potentially joining this mentorship board.

The call for Hanafee and CCF award letters of intent is open until April 1! https://ashnr.org/hanafee-grant/ and https://ashnr.org/ashnr-core-curriculum-fund-seed-grant/. We particularly and strongly encourage junior faculty and trainees to apply – letters of intent are one page abstracts, so the effort required to submit an idea is low. Full applications will be solicited after review of the letters of intent. Potential applicants can contact me directly with any questions.

# **CORE CURRICULUM FUND COMMITTEE**

Yoshimi Anzai, MD, MPH, FACR ASHNR CCF Committee Chair

I am thrilled to serve as the chair of the ASHNR Core Curriculum Fund Committee. ASHNR CCF was created in 2008 under the visionary leadership of the ASHNR leadership. The mission of ASHNR CCF is to support research and educational activities that advance the field of Head & Neck Radiology.

Since its inception, ASHNR CCF has funded the William N Hanafee MD Research Grant starting in 2010. Please see the remarkable <u>list of people</u> who have received the ASHNR Hanafee Grant in the last 13 years.

In addition, ASHNR CCF provided seed grants to aspiring investigators, including trainees. The deadline for submitting a letter of Intent for the Hanafee and Seed grants is **due on April 1**. Please check the website for more details and the <u>application</u>.

At te heart of the ASHNR CCF's mission lies the belief that today's research is tomorrow's practice. We are at the forefront of fostering innovation in head and neck radiology research.

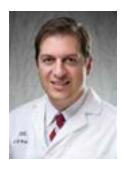
The grant support by ASHNR CCF is not just purely research. It is critical career development for those junior faculty in our field. We are committed to nurturing the next generation of head and neck radiologists.

Furthermore, ASHNR CCF is crucial in enriching our fantastic annual programming, including outstanding educational programs that are designed to enhance your clinical practice. Additionally, through ASHNR CCF, we enhance international outreach programs and aim to share knowledge, expertise, and resources with colleagues around the globe, fostering collaboration and advancements in head and neck radiology worldwide.



As we gaze towards the future, we invite you to join us in supporting the ASHNR CCF. Your generous contribuitions will enable us to continue our core mission of driving innovation, fostering talent, and expanding the depth and breadth of head and neck radiology research and education. Together, we can make a lasting impact on the future of Head and Neck radiology.

I look forward to seeing you all in San Diego in September 2024.



As your American College of Radiology councilor, I would like to update you on the college's activities this past year:

During the 2023 annual meeting, the ACR held the convocation for the new fellows of the ACR. Congratulations to the ASHNR members awarded the ACR fellowship: Bernadette Koch, MD, Karen Salzman, MD and Deborah R. Shatzkes MD. This honor is awarded to college members who

have demonstrated service to the ACR, evidenced by significant accomplishments in scientific or clinical research in the field of radiology; made substantial contributions to literature; and/or provided outstanding work as a radiology teacher. Only 10 percent of college members have been awarded this honor.

#### **Medicare Reimbursement**

The efforts of the ACR-led coalition of over 100 physician and non-physician organizations resulted in a savings to radiology of \$437 million for 2023. From 2021–2023 ACR successfully led a coalition against scheduled Medicare cuts saving the radiologic profession \$1.637 billion.

#### CMS Final Rule for 2024

CMS finalizes the MPFS conversion factor (CF) for 2024 at \$32.7442, which represents a 3.37% decrease from 2023.

- CMS estimates an overall 3% decrease in payment rates to radiology.
- Interventional radiology (-4%)
- Nuclear medicine (-3%)
- Radiation oncology (-2%)
- Estimated impact will be approximately 1-2 percent greater when the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) payment supplements for 2023 and 2024 are allocated.
- PAMA AUC program paused indefinitely. However, the final rule emphasizes the agency's support of the PAMA AUC program. CMS recognizes the value of AUC and the ACR strongly encouraging those who have adopted clinical decision support to continue using it for the benefit of patients and to ensure readiness when the PAMA program moves forward.
- ACR developed a 21-page detailed summary of the rule which can be found online at acr.org.
- Rule effective for services provided after January 1, 2024.

# **Legislative MPFS Payment Reform**

The ACR led coalition continues to advocate for both short and long-term reform to the MPFS.

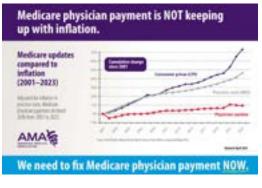
**Short term reform:** Urge Congress to act to mitigate the 3.37% reduction to the CF to provide fiscal relief and stability for our members and the patients they serve.

**Long term reform:** MPFS the only major fee schedule lacking an inflationary update.

- Policy has support from the entire provider community.
- H.R. 2474, the Strengthening Medicare for Patients and

Providers Act introduced in April.

Broad coalition letter of support sent to Hill with over a hundred organizational signatures.



 Bipartisan legislation adds a permanent MEI based update to the MFPS which will require significant monetary investment from Congress, likely to be multi-Congress effort needing support of all.

# No Surprises Act (NSA) Implementation

Bipartisan legislation passed in 2020 to protect patients from surprise medical bills; established an Independent Dispute Resolution (IDR) process.

# **Problematic NSA Regulations**

- NSA directs arbiter to consider all information submitted by the physician and insurer; QPA could be one of many equally weighted factors.
- The rules made the QPA primary factor in the IDR process—an artificially low benchmark.
- December 2022: amendment to IDR fee guidance, ↑ \$50 fee it set in October to \$350, successful TMA lawsuit - now \$115.
- Even with final CMS fee of \$115, IDR process cost prohibitive and inaccessible for radiologists for many claims (HPI Research)
- Restrictive rules on batching addressed in a proposed rule released in October. Comment period ended in February and final rule will likely be published later this year.

# **ACR Advocacy in Court: NSA**

- December 2021: ACR sued Federal Government for first time.
- The ACR supports patients getting out of middle, seek fairer claims process.
- ACR sued jointly with American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) and American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP)

I highly encourage each member of the ASHNR to become an ACR member if you are not one. There are many opportunities to be involved in ACR functions and serve on committees. You can also contribute to the RAD- PAC campaign, individually or as a part of your group practice. We must continue to have a high level of engagement on the national legislative level to ensure our profession's future. This is critical to allow us to continue to provide the highest level of care to our patients and communities.

# Announcement of the Passing of Dr. Anton (Tony) N. Hasso, MD, Former President of ASHNR and Gold Medal Recipient

Dear ASHNR Family,

We are greatly saddened to share with you the news of the passing of Dr. Anton Hasso. Dr. Hasso served as President of the ASHNR 2000-2001. His contributions to Head and Neck Radiology are numerous and significant; truly he has had a profound influence on our field, perhaps most importantly in those whom he mentored. He was a strong supporter and champion of the careers of those around him. His knowledge, experience, warm smile and collegiality will be greatly missed.



# The following was shared with us by Dan Chow MD, Chief of Neuroradiology, UC Irvine

Dear Esteemed Colleagues,

It is with profound sadness that we share the news of Dr. Anton (Tony) N. Hasso, MD, Emeritus Professor, and former Chair of Radiology, who peacefully departed on March 6, 2024, at the age of 83.

Dr. Hasso became an integral part of the UCI family in 1996, leaving an indelible mark as Chair of Radiological Sciences, following a distinguished career at Loma Linda. His legacy is one of philanthropy, leadership, and profound influence on the growth of the Radiological Sciences Department.

Throughout his illustrious career, Dr. Hasso held esteemed positions, including serving as president of the American Society of Neuroradiology (ASNR), the American Society of Head and Neck Radiology (ASHNR), and the Western Neuroradiological Society (WNRS). He was a founding member of the World Federation of Neuroradiological Societies (WFNRS) and its inaugural treasurer. Additionally, he contributed significantly to the American Roentgen Ray Society and held the presidency of the California Radiological Society.

A pioneer in Neuroradiology, Dr. Hasso's influence extended beyond academic achievements. His expertise in Head and Neck and MR Imaging is evident in six authored textbooks, over 140 peer-reviewed publications, and contributions to over 70 book chapters. He served on the Diagnostic Imaging Study Section at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and represented the Council of Medical Education of the American Medical Association (AMA) on the Diagnostic Radiology Residency Review Committee. Later in his career and into retirement, Dr. Hasso took a keen interest in vascular lesions, contributing significantly to the Vascular Birthmark Foundation.

Dr. Hasso was not only a distinguished professional but also a cherished mentor and educator, A reflection from a former trainee and now faculty member captures Dr. Hasso's teaching style: "As a third-year medical student looking for any project, Dr. Hasso gave me a book chapter to write. I had asked for a case report, of course. As I spent three months in a small office next to his, he guided me through this project that I was sure was beyond me. Every meeting was a smile and a laugh and a point towards a reference to fix my mistakes. That is how he taught. A smile, a laugh, and advice."

Beyond his professional achievements, Dr. Hasso was a warm and compassionate individual, always willing to share his wealth of information and time generously. His untimely departure leaves a void in our community, and he will be dearly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Dr. Hasso received his BSc degree from La Sierra University and his MD from Loma Linda University School of Medicine in California. His academic journey included an internship at the University of Southern California Medical Center, a radiology residency at the White Memorial Medical Center in Los Angeles, and a cardiovascular radiology fellowship at Loma Linda University. Notably, he furthered his expertise through a National Institute of Neurologic Diseases and Stroke Special Fellowship in Neuroradiology at the University of California Los Angeles Center for Health Sciences and a postdoctoral fellowship in orbital and ear-nose-throat radiology at the Foundation A. De Rothschild in Paris, France.

Dr. Hasso was preceded in death by his wife, Peggy F. Fritzsche M.D., also a visionary and leader in Radiology and Mammography and recipient of an RSNA gold medal, in 2009. Together, they raised two sons. Dr. Hasso is survived by his significant other, Jean Tonn.

In the coming days, we will provide information about arrangements for our community to gather and remember this extraordinary, courageous, and remarkable human being.

# The following was shared with us by Karen Tong, MD, Associate Professor, Neuroradiology, Loma Linda University Health

I have fond memories of Dr. Tony Hasso, who first taught me Head and Neck Radiology during my Diagnostic Radiology residency at Loma Linda University Medical Center (LLUMC), many years ago. As a first-year resident, I thought the subject was daunting, but Tony gave such superb lectures and one-on-one teaching, that I was no longer scared of the Temporal Bone, and eventually became an academic neuroradiologist with a great interest in Head and Neck imaging! Dr. Hasso received his MD from Loma Linda University School of Medicine, did his residency training at White Memorial Medical Center in Los Angeles, and obtained a fellowship in Orbit and Ear-Nose-Throat radiology at the Foundation A. De Rothschild in Paris, France. When I began my residency, Tony was the Director of Neuroradiology at LLUMC, and was

professor of Radiology and of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery. He was well-respected throughout the University, and was sought out by ENT, neurosurgeons, neurologists, and oncologists, for his astute knowledge. In later years, I felt privileged to be treated as a colleague and friend of Tony's. Dr. Hasso was also the loving husband of the esteemed Dr. Peggy Fritzsche-Hasso, who taught me GU radiology, and who was an incredible mentor to all the women in my residency years. Together, they were the "Power Couple" of LLU Radiology, and inspired many trainees in their years at Loma Linda University. Although I am very sad that they are both no longer with us, it is a sweet and comforting thought that they are now together again.











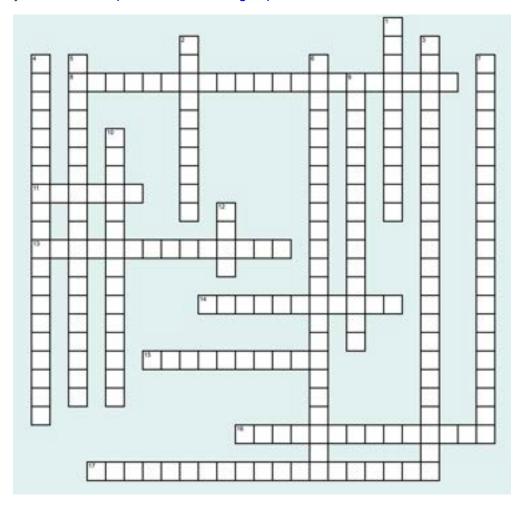








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#### Across

- 8 Not looking so good! (1st place EE)
- 11 Problems Happen Arterially Causing Ear Swooshes - in this disorder (HM EE)
- 13 Keeping track of those EM waves! (HM EE)
- 14 Don't go sticking your neck out or sideways! (HM EE)

- 15 When therapy doesn't go as planned (HM EE)
- 16 When the "butterfly gland" gets out of hand I( HM EE)
- 17 Bringing tears to my eyes (HM EE)

#### Down

- 1 We are talking about this! (2nd place oral scientific)
- 2 Unequal students! (2nd place EE)
- 3 A slightly less bad taste (HMEE)
- 4 Do you see what I see ? How low does OCSCAA go? (1st place oral scientific)
- 5 Not going with the flow (3rd place EE)

- 6 Looking for the gland, ain't so grand! (3rd place EE)
- A little metal to get the "stakes/steaks" right! (HM EE)
- 9 You need a combo x-ray vision and why to avoid "stage fright" and get this (2nd place EE)
- 10 Looking for answers, and seeking out... (HM EE)
- 12 It's bad when this gets on my nerves! (HM EE)

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