



# ASHNR

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Nancy J. Fischbein, MD, ASHNR President

Hello, ASHNR members! Well, it's hard for me to believe that the 55th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Head and Neck Radiology, held virtually from September 8-12, 2021, is now behind us. I am pleased to report that the meeting was a huge success, with well over 1000 registrants, including many international participants and members-in-training. Over 130 speakers and moderators contributed educational content to our meeting and kept the flow going. I thank everyone for their participation and for their help!

Our program for ASHNR 2021 included 18 Educational Sessions (5 of which were SA-CME sessions) and three Scientific Papers sessions, as well as sponsored lectures, the classic Game Show, and our challenging Case-of-the-Day sessions. Attendees could claim up to 36 hours of Category 1 CME credit, and as all of our meeting content is available On Demand until December 11, 2021, it's still not too late to register and/or to receive your CME/SA-CME credits. Educational sessions covered all areas of head and neck clinical practice, and special sessions were devoted to publishing, to medical-legal pitfalls, to professionalism and career development, and to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Our meeting also featured many fabulous Electronic Exhibits – check out our 2021 Award Winners on the ASHNR website at [ashnr.org](http://ashnr.org)!

Social events are always somewhat challenging on Zoom, but our Mentor Receptions attracted a great group of mentors and mentees, and our opening and closing virtual receptions were a nice time to catch up with old friends and to make new friends. We also celebrated our 2021 ASHNR Gold Medalist at the meeting – I offer my warmest and most heartfelt congratulations to Dr. C. Douglas Phillips of Weill Cornell Medical Center! Doug was gently roasted by Dr. Deborah Shatzkes, and it was a pleasure to join Debbie in thanking Doug for his numerous contributions to our society. We also thank ESI for helping to manage our meeting, and we thank our corporate sponsors (Siemens, Philips, GE, Guerbet, Bracco, Elsevier, and QGenda) for their generous support and for their excellent sponsored lectures.

With a successful annual meeting behind us, our thoughts can now turn to the future. The ASHNR Executive Committee just participated in its first annual retreat, held virtually on October 2, 2021. The pandemic has precipitated many changes in our lives and our practices, and it's a good time

to reassess many of our society's policies and practices. In the coming year, you can look forward to new initiatives and activities led by our newly formed ad hoc committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. An ad hoc Young Professionals Committee will also be convened to specifically look at ways in which we can support our junior members. Additionally, we are planning to leverage the resources in our Core Curriculum Fund to expand available grant funding – increased support will allow us to further encourage scientific inquiry by trainees and junior faculty members, so stay tuned for updated calls for grant proposals from our Research Committee. We will also be reevaluating our committee structure and our committee guidelines in order to provide maximal engagement and added value for our members, as well as aligning our by-laws with our actual practice.

All of these activities and action items indeed require the work of a village, and I am honored and proud to be a member of such a remarkable and generous community. Thank you for being a part of ASHNR and for supporting its mission. I wish you a healthy, safe, and productive year, and I look forward to seeing you in person when we convene in Denver for ASHNR 2022!



*Winter Memory: "A favorite family story is of a major blizzard when I was a kid in Massachusetts -- the storm was so massive that none of our outer doors or our garage door would open, and so my parents opened a first-floor window and I jumped out into the snow and shoveled paths so we could open the doors. I still remember the exhilaration of the cold and the snow and the perfection of that winter wonderland, with nothing to mar the quiet or the beauty."*

## ASHNR22 PROGRAM CHAIR'S INVITATION

Ashok Srinivasan, MD  
ASHNR President Elect/Program Chair



As we enter the fall season and prepare for the Holidays, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members, supporters and executive committee members of the ASHNR for their unwavering support of our society's missions. We have seen two very successful virtual meetings in 2020 and 2021 with highly supportive and engaged audiences. I would like to congratulate

Dr. Nancy Fischbein for the organization of the 2021 meeting that had a lot of meticulous attention to detail. I am sure you will agree that an in-person experience during our annual meeting will add another dimension to the overall experience and in that regard, I am hopeful

that we would be able to do so in Colorado next year! The planning for the ASHNR 2022 annual meeting is underway and we are working hard to create another great educational experience for everyone. I wish you all a peaceful Holiday season and hope to update you on our 2022 meeting in the Spring newsletter.



*My favorite winter destination so far has been Mont Tremblant in Quebec with awesome ice sculptures and ski slopes (although I don't ski, I like to watch!).*

## UPCOMING MEETING

### 56th Annual Meeting:

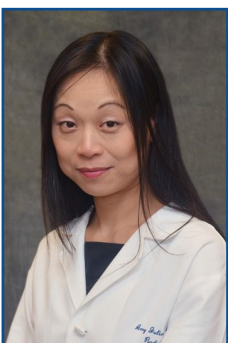
September 6 -10, 2022, Gaylord Rockies Resort, Aurora, Colorado

*I am sure that next year's ASHNR 2022 meeting at Gaylord Rockies Resort in Denver Colorado will provide incredible memories that last a lifetime. Please come join us!"*



## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

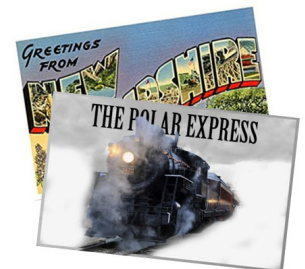
Amy Juliano, MD  
ASHNR International Relations Committee Chair



The ASHNR International Relations Committee (IRC) is excited for the 2021-2022 year! Prachi Dubey, Valeria Potigailo, and Amit Agarwal continue their tenure on the committee, and we are so fortunate to have Debbie Shatzkes join us with her experience and insight as ASHNR past president, along with Hugo Tames from Brazil and Ram Vaidhyathan from the UK. What a team!

Committee Chairs Christine, then Phil Chapman, and now Char Branstetter in the coming year along with IRC Chair Amy Juliano. On the social and networking side, we are happy to report that the inaugural Zoom social with BSHNI this past summer was a big hit! We look forward to continuing expansion of our reach, collaboration, and friendships with many more parts of the world in the coming year. Stay tuned!

*"My Favorite winter memory: going on the Polar Express in New Hampshire - actually magical even for the jaded!"*



The coming year will see a fresh new format to the popular ASHNR-ESHNR webinar series founded by Debbie, Christine Glastonbury, and Cally Robson along with Bert De Foer and Salman Qureshi. This educational series was successfully shepherded by ASHNR Education

The members of the Education Committee, under the leadership of my predecessor, Dr. Philip Chapman, was tasked with choosing the best scientific and educational material at the 2021 Annual Meeting. Phil and I extend our thanks to the entire committee for completing a difficult job – there was so much great content at the meeting, it was almost impossible to select winners.



### In-Training Oral Presentation Award:

Jun Lee, MD, a fellow at Emory University for *Imaging Pitfalls: Contralateral FDG Avid Lymph nodes after TORS, Nivolumab and Radiation Therapy*.

### Electronic Exhibit Winners:

GOLD: **Joseph Lang**: *Horner Syndrome and the Ocul sympathetic Pathway: A Case Based Review*

SILVER: **Bradley Otto**: *Infographics and Head and Neck Curriculum*

BRONZE: **Neomir Fabris**: *Imaging aspects, affected anatomical subsites and differential diagnosis in IgG4-related disease in the Head and Neck*

### Electronic Exhibits Certificates of Merit

**Ana Arriola**: *Bringing Blurry Vision into Focus: A systematic approach to visual pathologies*

**Brian Graner**: *The Sinus Tympani Epiphany*

**Caitlin Henry**: *Orbit Lymphoproliferative disorders*

**Jacqueline Junn**: *Non-epithelial Masses of the Oral Cavity*

**Aparna Madhavan**: *Orbital Proptosis*

**Shreya Patel**: *Seeing is believing: Lesions of the Optic Nerve and Sheath*

**David Zander**: *The "Hamantaschen Sign:" A Unique Appearance of Lesions Arising from the Sphenoid Greater Wing*

### Case Reports

GOLD: **Nikita Deshpande**: *Intraosseous SCCa of Face*

SILVER: **Triet Do**: *Multiple Symmetric Lipomatosis*

BRONZE: **Carlos Neto**: *Branchio-Otic Syndrome*

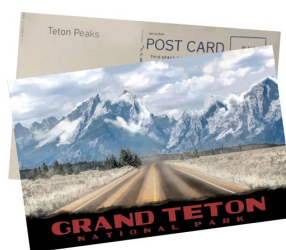
Certificate of Merit: **Taylor Schweigert**: *Malignant Proliferating Trichilemmal Tumor*

I want to personally thank all the authors who contributed to the Case of the Day: Alok Bhatt, Chris Emery, Akinrinola Famuyide, Elizabeth George, Brian Graner, Srikala Narayanan, Gopi Nayak, Kalen Riley, and David Zander. The cases ranged from difficult to nigh impossible, yet two people managed to get 7 of the 9 cases correct: **Shehanaz Ellika** and **Katie Traylor**. Our other winners, chosen at random from among the correct answers, were **Lukas Boomgaert**, **Mary Muthukumarasamy**, and **Ritu Tiwari**. 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 2021.

### ABSTRACTS for the 2022 Annual Meeting

We hope to see you all in person for the 2022 Annual Meeting. The deadline for abstract submission will be determined in early 2022 and will be available in later newsletters and on the ASHNR web site.



*"My favorite winter pastime is snowshoeing. The world is never as quiet as it is when you are on snowshoes in the Grand Teton National Park."*





As your American College of Radiology councilor, I would like to bring you some updates on the college's activities this year.

Again, this year due to the SARS-COVID 19 pandemic, the ACR held its annual meeting virtually in May 2021. The meeting was a great success, with approximately 600 attendees. The council discussed 49 resolutions, including the statements on supporting parental, caregiver, and medical leave during pregnancy and start date for radiology fellowships. The college plans to be back in person for the 2022 annual meeting.

During the 2021 annual virtual meeting, the ACR held the convocation to the new fellows of the ACR. Congratulations to the ASHNR members awarded the ACR fellowship:

**Yoshimi Anzai, MD**  
**Nafi Aygun, MD**  
**Jonathan Daniel Clemente, MD**  
**E. Michael Harned, MD**  
**Andrew C. Mancall, MD**  
**Ashok Srinivasan, MD**  
**Richard H. Wiggins III, MD**  
**Robert James Witte, MD**  
**Paul W. Wong, 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 significant contributions to literature; and/or provided outstanding work as a teacher of radiology. Only 10 percent of College members have been awarded this honor.

Radiology and medicine practices are undergoing rapid changes. A vital function of the ACR is advocacy. The ACR advocacy group was very active during 2021. Evaluation and management codes are still an issue. The proposed rule released by CMS would result in further Medicare cuts in 2022. The conversion factor (CF) is proposed to be \$33.58, down from the current CF of \$34.89. This is due to the 3.75% bump that was provided in last year's bill plus the Congressionally-mandated requirement of budget neutrality; if Congress does not offset the 3.75% bump from last year, it will result in more significant cuts.

I also want to take this opportunity to share a new ACR initiative, Health Equity Coalition for radiology. The pandemic has underscored the asymmetry of health care access and outcomes in our country. The ACR goal is to reach out to radiology societies to form a sustainable approach for Radiology and Health Equity. This will not be an ACR branded program, but instead, ACR will be the convener. Through the coalition, we will raise our collective voice and raise the profile of radiology. With the enthusiasm we have realized so far, health equity promises to be a call that we can all support and rally around.

Finally, I highly encourage each member of the ASHNR to join the ACR as a member if you are not one. There are many opportunities to be involved in ACR functions, serve on committees and contribute to the RAD-PAC campaign. It is imperative to have a high level of engagement on the national legislative level to ensure our profession's future. This is vital to allow us to continue to provide the highest level of care to our patients and communities.

Congratulations to the 2021 recipient of the William N. Hanafee M.D. Research Grant:

**R. Scott Widemon, MD**  
**Department of Radiology, Columbia University**  
**Columbia University Irving Medical Center**

For his project entitled:

***Microstructural Abnormalities of the Olfactory Tracts in Recovered COVID-19 Patients with Persistent Olfactory Dysfunction***

On behalf of the ASHNR and the member-funded Core Curriculum Foundation, the ASHNR Research Committee supports innovative research in head and neck imaging by bestowing the annual William N. Hanafee Research Grant as well as smaller seed grants. The named grant honors Dr. William Hanafee (1926-2009), a founding member of the American Society of Head and Neck Radiology and a pioneering head and neck radiologist. The Hanafee Research Grant enables investigators to conduct a one- to two-year scientific or teaching project that may subsequently lead to external grant funding. Priority consideration is given to young investigators with projects having potential for generating a noteworthy publication or external grant funding. Seed grants have generally been focused on more limited project goals, and we hope to expand opportunities for both grants in the coming years. The deadline for Letters of Intent for the Hanafee Research Grant is May 1, 2022, and the deadline for the complete proposals is June 1, 2022. The deadline for full proposal submissions for Seed Grants is May 1, 2022.

Please note that grant eligibility requires the Applicant to be a member of the ASHNR -- if applicant is an In-Training member, then the scientific advisor/co-investigator must be a dues-paying member. The applicant or sponsor must hold a position in a Department of Radiology or Nuclear Medicine in the United States or Canada and must not be an agent of a for-profit commercial company in radiological science. Acceptance of an award from another source for the same project in the same year is prohibited unless that source provides only salary support.

Full details of the ASHNR grant opportunities are available at: <https://ashnr.org/awards/>. Grant recipients will be notified in writing prior to the ASHNR 56th Annual Meeting and will be publicly announced during the meeting.



*"Every winter - we take traditional picture with our dogs and we explore new places - for example Vietnam, Chili, Cuba, Malaysia. One of our favorites - Vietnam in 2015!!"*

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The Core Curriculum Fund of the ASHNR was created in 2008 with the specific mission of supporting research and educational activities that advance the field of Head & Neck imaging. Over the past 13 years, the CCF has reinvested nearly \$250,000 into our society by annually funding the William N Hanafee MD Research Grant, ASHNR Core Curriculum Research Seed Grant and special educational sessions at our annual meeting.

The CCF has already supported the careers of 16 junior faculty and trainees who have pursued projects focused on diffusion, perfusion imaging in the head and neck, PET-CT, zero TE MRI and MR neurography. The CCF also supported advancements in evidence-based medicine by partnering with the National Lung Cancer Screening Trial to evaluate incidental thyroid nodules detected in this landmark study and to integrate these findings into the ACR TI-RADS Score.

Over the next year, the CCF Committee will identify ways to increase the reinvestment within our society through expansion of our trainee and junior faculty awards and by helping to grow our educational mission.

The goals of the CCF mirror the fundamental mission of the ASHNR. We ask you to consider donating to the CCF, knowing that 100% of your donation will go to funding the research and educational mission of the ASHNR and to ensuring continued progress in head and neck imaging.



*"Our family's favorite winter destination is San Diego which is my wife's home. We have spent at least 1 week every winter visiting my in-laws and cousins over the past 20+*

*years. It is always wonderful seeing my extended family, reminiscing the past and knowing our future is bright as we watch the amazing accomplishments of the nieces and nephews."*

### Ways to make a tax deductible contribution:

1. Online at [www.ashnr.org](http://www.ashnr.org)
2. Check, payable to ASHNR Core Curriculum Fund, to:  
ASHNR Core Curriculum Fund, 800 Enterprise Drive, Suite 205, Oak Brook, Illinois 60523-4216
3. Phone 630-574-0220 ext.234
4. From a donor-advised charitable fund (Coming soon! Stay tuned for details.)

*Help support your future, contribute today!*

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