



# ANNOUNCEMENT

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## A Message from the Chief:

Welcome to the first issue of AnnouncemENT. This will be a quarterly email that provides updates in the field of otolaryngology and shares news about the Division of Otolaryngology at Yale. The last few months have been a tremendously challenging time in healthcare and in otolaryngology specifically. I'm proud of how otolaryngologists across the country and region have risen to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. As we get back to caring for patients while also keeping our staff and ourselves safe, things will continue to evolve and will require that we continue to be creative and disciplined. With the pandemic taking so much of our attention, it's easy to forget some of the other big news and changes from the last year. Here are a few:



- **Top 20 in the Nation:** Otolaryngology at Yale New Haven Hospital was ranked number 19 nationally by the US News & World Report. This recognition is the result of a tremendous amount of work over years by all of the faculty, residents and fellows, advanced practice providers, audiologists, speech and language pathologists, nurses, and staff. [Read more...](#)
- **New faculty:** The Division of Otolaryngology welcomed new faculty in 2019 including Drs. Nikita Kohli, Kiley Trott, and Michael Lerner. We are also looking forward to the arrival of additional new faculty later this summer. Please see their profiles below in this episode.

- **Cutting Edge Research:** The Yale Otolaryngology medical students, residents, and faculty continue to perform cutting edge research and published 65 peer reviewed manuscripts in 2019. This is a terrific demonstration of academic curiosity and dedication to advancing the science of our field. Please see below for some recent publications.

Please let us know if you have suggestions about what you would like to see in future issues of AnnouncemENT or if you have other feedback. I look forward to working with you and to an exciting rest of 2020.

***Benjamin L. Judson, MD***

***Chief, Division of Otolaryngology***

## Faculty Updates:

### *New Faculty in 2019*



Nikita Kohli, MD joined our team in August 2019 as an Assistant Professor. She currently practices in the Yale Physicians Building and is expanding to the Old Saybrook Medical Center. Dr. Kohli specializes in Laryngology.



Kiley Trott, MD joined our team in August 2019 as an Assistant Professor. He currently practices in the Pediatric Specialty centers in New Haven and Norwalk, with plans to expand to the Old Saybrook Medical Center this summer. Dr. Trott specializes in Pediatric Otolaryngology.



Michael Lerner, MD join our team in October 2019 as an Assistant Professor. He is the Director of the Voice Center at Greenwich Hospital and sees patients at the Holly Hill Medical Center. Dr. Lerner specializes in Laryngology.

*Coming in 2020...*



Dr. Michael Weinstock  
Pediatric Otolaryngology  
Starting 8/1



Dr. Nofrat Schwartz  
Otology/Neurotology  
Starting 8/1



Dr. Avanti Verma  
Head & Neck Surgery  
Starting 8/3



Dr. Bruno Cardoso  
General Otolaryngology  
Starting 8/10



Dr. Sarah Maurrasse  
Pediatric Otolaryngology  
Starting 9/1

## Retirement:

*Dr. Louis Wang, who has been a valued member of our team for the past year, has retired as of May 31, 2020. Dr. Wang has played a vital role taking care of our patients in the Old Saybrook Medical Center and specializing in comprehensive ear, nose, and throat diagnoses. We want to express our sincere gratitude for the success of his practice and wish him well in this next step.*



## New Trainees Joining:

### *Residents*



Darpan Kayastha, MD  
University of Maryland



Donovan Lockwood, MD  
University of Arizona



Allison Reeder, MD  
University of Vermont

## Audiology Externs



Shannon O'Rourke, Au.D  
University of Connecticut



Olivia Piper, Au.D  
University of Utah

## Congratulations!



### **Residency Program Director**

*Congratulations to Dr. R. Peter Manes on his graduation from the 2019-2020 Medical Education Fellowship (MEF) with the Yale Teaching and Learning Center. Even more congratulations to him for his appointment as the new Otolaryngology Residency Program Director! Dr. Manes has worked side by side with Dr. Yan Lee as Associate Residency Program Directors and Dr. Benjamin L. Judson who has been the Program Director for the past few years. Together, this team makes sure residents get the tools and perspective that they need for a successful career in Otolaryngology. We would like to sincerely thank both Drs. Yan Lee and Benjamin Judson for their support and passion that makes this program so great. We look forward to the success and advancement of many more residents under the direction of Dr. Manes!*

### **Section Chief of Head & Neck Surgery**

A new Section of Head & Neck Surgery has been created within the Division of Otolaryngology, and we are excited to announce Dr. Saral Mehra as the inaugural Chief of this Section. This team focuses on the multidisciplinary care of head and neck cancer and tumor patients. We are also excited to announce that Dr. Saral Mehra has been nominated as one of the inaugural appointees to the Faculty Champions Program in the Department of Surgery. This department initiative serves as an incubator for budding system leaders, by providing leadership appointments and training to support their success. We would like to congratulate Dr. Mehra on this recognition!

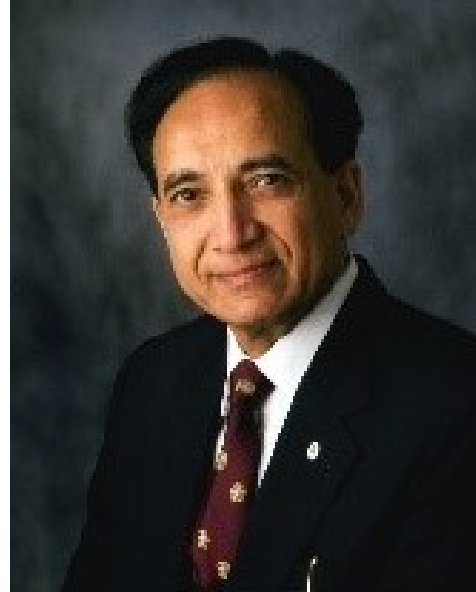


### **Medical Student Clerkship Director**

Dr. Yan Lee, who is the Associate Residency Program Director, has also been appointed the Medical Student Clerkship Director. In her new role, Dr. Lee will be managing our incoming medical students and organizing the evaluation program. We want to thank Dr. Lee for her work with the clerkship over the past few months and we look forward to seeing her and our students thrive. We'd also like to thank Dr. Mehra, who has managed our clerkship for the past 5 years.

# Visiting Lecturers

We would like to extend our most sincere gratitude to Dr. Jatin P Shah, Dr. Clarence T. Sasaki, and the Department of Surgery for hosting a very special Grand Rounds presentation for the second annual Clarence T. Sasaki Lectureship on Friday, May 22. We are so honored to have had the privilege of welcoming such a commendable speaker, and we are proud of our involvement in the first ever virtual lectureship hosted by the department. Thank you to all who made this possible and to everyone who tuned in!



The C. T. Lee Lectureship on Humanistic Compassionate Care welcomed guest speakers, Jonas T. Johnson, MD and Marci Lee Nilsen, PhD, RN from the University of Pittsburgh on March 6, 2020. Their presentation, *“A New Vision for Comprehensive Care for Head and Neck Cancer Survivors”* emulated the concepts that we should treat every patient as if we are that patient, and that healing comes from a power greater than ourselves. We are so thankful to our speakers, and to Dr. Lee for making this day possible.





***Thank you so much to all of our colleagues for your relentless service and dedication to our department during the COVID-19 Pandemic.***

## News & Events:



### **Greenwich Hospital Welcomes Yale ENT...**

Yale ENT and Greenwich Hospital has partnered to open an ambulatory clinic at 55 Holly Hill Lane in Greenwich, CT. The new location offers comprehensive otolaryngology services along with audiology and voice services.

In addition, Yale ENT is proud to announce the creation of the Yale Voice Center at Greenwich Hospital, under the directorship of Michael Lerner, MD who specializes in Laryngology.

### **Yale ENT in the News...**

- Dr. Benjamin L. Judson discusses cancer treatment during the COVID-19 pandemic in



The New York Times article. [Click here to read more.](#)

- Dr. Benjamin L. Judson discusses HPV and the rise of throat cancers in the Yale Medicine article [Click here to read more.](#)

**The  
New York  
Times**

## Recent Publications:

### **From the Deep-Plane Rhytidectomy to the Vertical Platysma Advancement.**

Gordon NA, Tower JI, Paskhover B.

*Facial Plast Surg Clin North Am.* 2020 Aug.

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### **Assessing National Utilization Trends and Outcomes of Robotic and Endoscopic Thyroidectomy in the United States.**

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### **Botulinum Toxin for the Treatment of Motor and Phonic Tics: A Case Report.**

Kohli N, Blitzer A.

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### **Margins in Sinonasal Squamous Cell Carcinoma: Predictors, Outcomes, and the Endoscopic Approach.**

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### **Screenshot Photography: Optimizing Photo-Documentation While Using Telehealth Video Platforms.**

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