

AAO-HNS Supports Reauthorization of the Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act

On February 15, the Academy along with 58 health organizations, sent a letter to Congressional leaders expressing strong support for the reauthorization of the Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act (H.R. 7153 / S. 3679). As a result of this law that honors Dr. Lorna Breen's life and legacy, health care workers have had better access to education and training on preventing stress and burnout before the need becomes dire. Reauthorization of the Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act will provide federal funding for mental health education and awareness campaigns aimed at protecting the well-being of health care workers. This will help ensure patients and communities continue to have access to high-quality, compassionate, and accessible care.

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New Position Statement: Universal Newborn Congenital Cytomegalovirus (cCMV) Screening

Following initial drafting and editing by the Hearing Committee, and review by the Physician Payment Policy (3P) Workgroup, the AAO-HNS Executive Committee approved a new Academy Position Statement on February 15. As outlined, delayed identification of congenital cytomegalovirus cCMV in newborns precludes timely intervention to mitigate sequelae of the infection such as hearing loss and other neurological complications. Newborn testing for cCMV enables appropriate diagnosis and intervention by multidisciplinary teams to properly manage the immediate consequences of cCMV, avoid unnecessary additional testing that can result from delayed diagnosis, and monitor for future complications. It is the position of the Academy that universal newborn cCMV screening is necessary to best accomplish these goals.

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OTO FORUM Hotel Deadline Quickly Approaching

The inaugural AAO-HNS/F OTO FORUM will be held April 5 – 6, 2024, at The Westin Alexandria Old Town in Alexandria, Virginia. The AAO-HNS/F has negotiated reduced hotel rates at the Westin. The deadline to access the group rate is Monday, March 4. Space is limited. Register today to secure your spot!



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New Grant Program for Otolaryngologists Working in Low-Income Countries – Now Accepting Applications

The AAO-HNSF is pleased to announce that the inaugural application cycle for the Eugene N. Myers, MD Global Education Fund is now open. If you are an international otolaryngologist-head and neck surgeon working full-time in a low-income / low resource country, you may be eligible to apply to the AAO-HNSF's new international grant program. The Eugene N. Myers, MD Global Education Fund was established to provide grant funds to offset costs associated with AAO-HNSF education resources and opportunities to physicians with limited or no access to otolaryngology professional development.



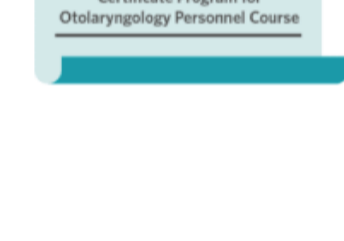
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Calling All OTO Techs: Certificate Program for Otolaryngology Personnel

The AAO-HNSF Certificate Program for Otolaryngology Personnel (CPOP) Workshop is a three-phase training program designed to teach otolaryngology office personnel basic hearing testing, which allows audiologists to focus on complex audiometric testing as well as advanced hearing and balance services. The Spring 2024 Workshop, presented by the Michigan Ear Institute and Ear, Nose & Throat Consultants, will be held May 3-5, at the Providence Park Medical Center, VESIC Educational Center in Novi, Michigan. Sign up your OTO tech today to secure your spot and start the precourse self-study module.



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New OTO Journal Podcast

Editor in Chief Cecelia E. Schmalbach, MD, MSc, is joined by Associate Editor Michael J. Brenner, MD and Associate Editor and senior author John P. Dahl, MD, PhD, MBA for a discussion of the article "Reducing Pediatric Posttonsillectomy Opioid Prescribing: A Quality Improvement Initiative," which published in the February 2024 issue of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. They discuss how the researchers were able to reduce the numbers of opioid doses given to pediatric patients after adenotonsillectomy through standardized processes for prescribing.



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Leading News

FDA Approves First Cellular Therapy to Treat Patients with Unresectable or Metastatic Melanoma

The FDA recently approved Amtagvi (lifileucel) for patients with certain types of melanoma that are unresectable or metastatic and have already been treated using other therapies. Amtagvi is a tumor-derived immunotherapy using the patient's T cells.

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Access the #OTOMTG23 Session Recordings in OTO Logic Now!

The AAO-HNSF 2023 Annual Meeting & OTO Experience, held in Nashville, Tennessee, September 30 – October 4, delivered groundbreaking education. The learning continues as Full 2023 Annual Meeting registrants now have access to 400 Annual Meeting Webcasts made available by the presenters for the next three years. Log in to www.OTOLogic.org, the AAO-HNSF's Otolaryngology Learning Network, with your AAO-HNS ID number and password for access to the session recordings. The 2023 Annual Meeting Webcast package is also available for purchase.

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OTO News Links

- **Most Sudden Infant Death Cases Had Multiple Unsafe Sleep Factors**
Source: MedPage Today
- **Asthma Medication Now Approved to Help with Food Allergies**
Source: The Hill
- **The Hottest New Bedtime for 20-Somethings Is 9 p.m.**
Source: The Wall Street Journal
- **Medical Mysteries: How a Sore Throat Led to Life-threatening Bleeding**
Source: Washington Post

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Editors' Choice

- Bulletin: **Sensorineural Hearing Loss in Children: The First Visit with Caregivers**
- OTO Journal: **The Toxicological Effects of e-Cigarette Use in the Upper Airway: A Scoping Review**
- OTO Open: **High Altitude Head and Neck Paragangliomas: A First Sub-Himalayan Experience**

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- Today: **Donate to the Eugene N. Myers, MD Global Education Fund**

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