

2026 Ogura Lectureship & Resident Research Day

Friday, June 26, 2026

MORNING SESSION*Location: EPNEC Seminar Room B, 2nd Floor*

- 7:30AM CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
- 8:00AM WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
Sidharth V. Puram, MD, PhD, FACS
Lindburg Professor and Chairman of Otolaryngology
- 8:05AM REMARKS CONCERNING DEPARTMENTAL RESEARCH
Jay F. Piccirillo, MD, FACS
Professor and Vice Chairman of Research
- 8:15AM **MY JOURNEY WITH ENDOLYMPHATIC HYDROPS**
2026 OGURA LECTURER- **Cliff A. Megerian, MD, FACS**
Chief Executive Officer
University Hospitals Health System
Jane and Henry Meyer Chief Executive Officer, Distinguished Chair
Professor, Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery
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CHIEF RESIDENT CAPSTONE PRESENTATIONS

- 9:00AM **ANDREW CHARAP, MD**
- 9:10AM **DAVID LEE, MD, MSCI**
- 9:20AM **JOSEPH ROH, MD**
- 9:30AM **THERESA THARAKAN, MD, MSCI**
- 9:45AM COFFEE BREAK

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

- 10:00AM **CHAD A. NIERI, MD**
Mentors: Jay F. Piccirillo, MD, FACS, Miranda Lindburg, MD, Dorina Kallogjeri, MD, MPH
Comorbidity Burden and Mortality in OSA: Development of the COSA-13

- 10:10AM **PRITHWIJIT ROYCHOWDHURY, MD**
Mentors: Lavina Sheets, PhD & Jinkyung Kim, PhD
Live Imaging Excitotoxic Injury of Auditory Nerves
- 10:20AM **MATTHEW WU, MD**
Mentors: Jay F. Piccirillo, MD, FACS & Emily A. Spataro, MD
Autologous vs Cadaveric Rib Cartilage Grafting in Rhinoplasty: A Target Trial Emulation
- 10:30AM **SAMUEL CLER, MD**
Mentor: Cameron Wick, MD
Direct Comparison of Vestibular Schwannoma Quality of Life Surveys
- 10:40AM **AMRITA HARI-RAJ, MD, MSCl**
Mentors: Jay F. Piccirillo, MD, FACS & Emily A. Spataro, MD
Rhinoplasty Techniques and Outcomes in Obstructive Sleep Apnea Patients
- 10:50AM **DANIEL ROMANO, MD**
Mentors: Keiko Hirose, MD, Sidharth V. Puram, MD, PhD, FACS
Single-Cell RNA Sequencing Reveals Heterogeneity and Cell-Cell Interactions of Cholesteatoma Keratinocytes
- 11:00AM **ANDREW M. PETERSON, MD, MSCl**
Mentors: Jay F. Piccirillo, MD, FACS, Paul Zolkind, MD
Immunotherapy Prescribing Patterns and Immune-Related Adverse Events in Patients with Head and Neck Cancer
- 11:10AM **JORDAN J. VARGHESE, MD, MSCl**
Mentor: Jacques A. Herzog, MD
Comparing Low-Frequency Threshold Functions of Intracochlear Electrocochleography and Perioperative Pure Tone Audiometry
- 11:20AM **ASH ASHOK, BS**
Mentor: Sidharth V. Puram, MD, PhD, FACS
Use of Intraoperative Frozen Sections in Upfront vs. Salvage Laryngectomy
- 11:30AM **KEVIN CHEN**
Mentors: Matthew A. Shew, MD & Paul Zolkind, MD
Machine Learning Prediction of Recurrence and Survival in HNSCC
- 11:38AM **DANE FERNANDEZ, MS**
Mentor: R. Alex Harbison, MD, MS, FACS
T Cell Functional State as a Predictor of Age-Associated Outcomes in Papillary Thyroid Cancer

11:46AM **JAKE O. RAMMELL, BS**
Mentors: Jay F. Piccirillo, MD, FACS, Dorina Kallogjeri, MD, MPH
Measuring What Matters: Rethinking ACE-27 Using 30 Years of Cancer Data

11:54AM **LUNCH**
Location: EPNEC Great Rooms

AFTERNOON SESSION

Location: Seminar Room B, EPNEC, 2nd Floor

1:00PM **WHAT WE GIVE NEXT: LEADERSHIP, HUMANITY, AND THE PROLOGUE TO MEDICINE'S FUTURE**
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1:45PM **KHAI M. NGUYEN, PhD**
Mentor: Lauren Roland, MD, MSCI
Invasive fungal sinusitis is characterized by deficient adaptive immunity

1:53PM **SOPHIA TANG**
Mentor: Sidharth V. Puram, MD, PhD, FACS
Impact of an Integrated Head and Neck Tumor Center on Oncologic Treatment Timelines in Head and Neck Cancer

2:01PM **ANDREW BELLAS, BS**
Mentors: Jay F. Piccirillo, MD, FACS, Jason T. Rich, MD, FACS
Comparison of Local Flaps and Free Flaps for Reconstruction of Cutaneous Head and Neck Defects: Complication Rates and Treatment Burden

2:09PM **MOHAMED ALI JAMA**
Mentors: Jay F. Piccirillo, MD, FACS, Dorina Kallogjeri, MD, MPH
Comorbidity and Adjuvant Chemoradiation in Resected HPV+ Oropharyngeal Cancer: A Target Trial Emulation

- 2:17PM **NEVA BERGEMANN**
Mentor: Lavinia Sheets, PhD
Cross-Species Insights into Mechanisms of Cisplatin-Induced Delayed Hearing Loss
- 2:24PM **MARK A. PRESKER JR., PhD**
Mentor: Jinkyung Kim, PhD
The Cellular Basis of Hearing Sensitivity: In Vivo 2-Photon Imaging of Inner Hair Cells in the Intact Cochlea
- 2:32PM **JING WU, PhD**
Mentor: R. Alex Harbison, MD, MS, FACS
Improving TCR-T cell therapy in tumor microenvironment by arginine uptake modulation
- 2:40PM **MAYA FERRELL**
Mentors: Ananya Pal PhD, Sidharth V. Puram, MD, PhD, FACS
Patient Derived Models Characterize Cholesterol Biosynthesis Enzymes as Regulators of the HNSCC Tumor Microenvironment
- 2:48PM **YOYO DING, MSPH**
Mentors: Kate McClannahan, AuD, PhD, Dorina Kallogjeri, MD, MPH, Susan Stark, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, Jay F. Piccirillo, MD, FACS
Sensory Abnormalities as Potential Predictors of Pre-clinical Alzheimer's Disease
- 2:56PM Closing remarks
- 3:00PM Adjourn

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